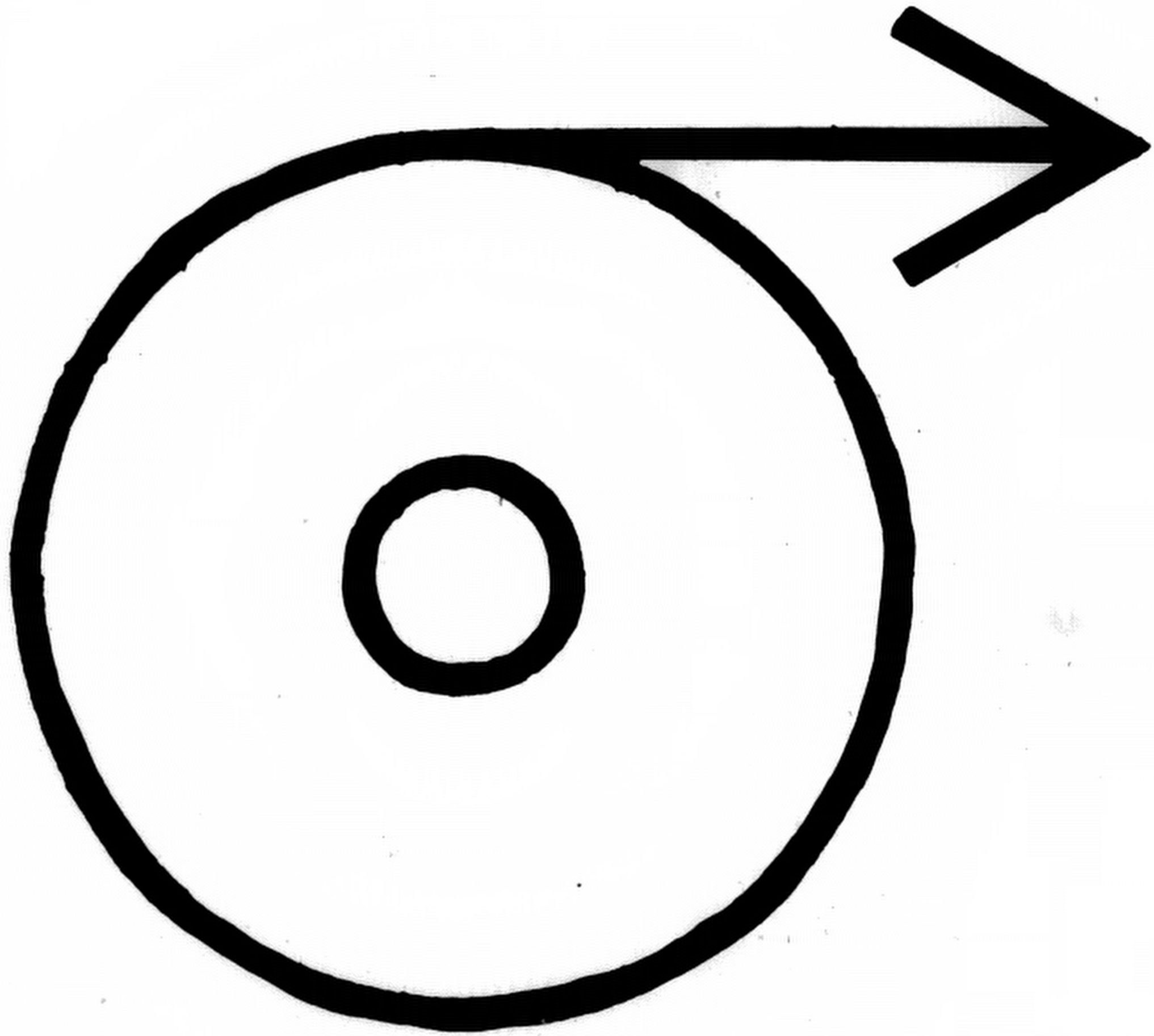

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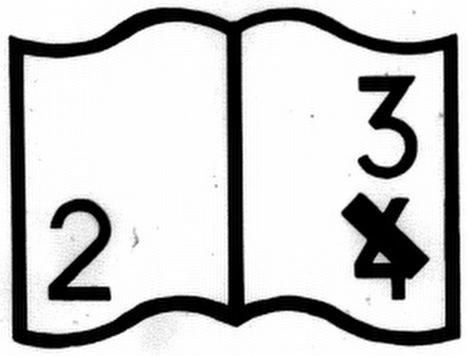

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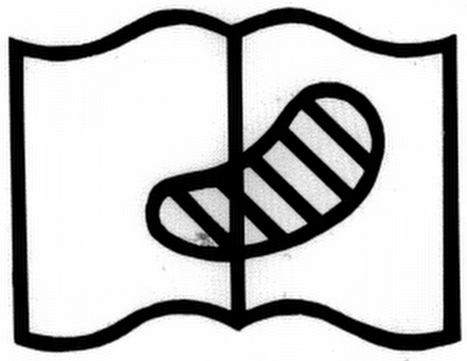

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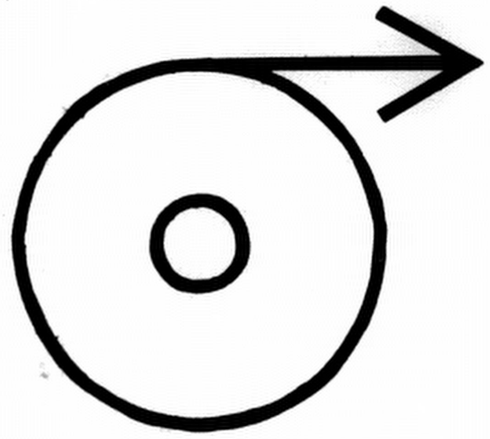

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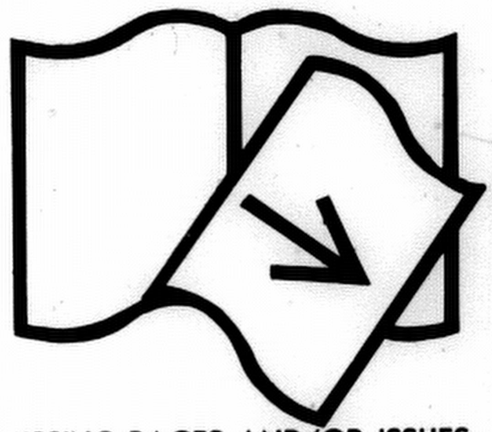

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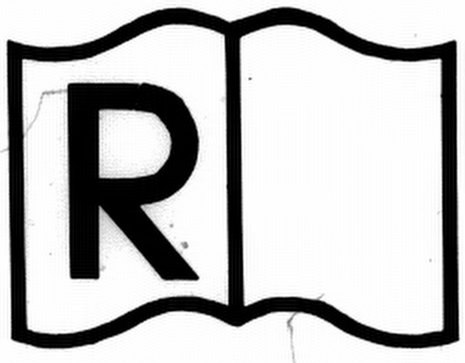

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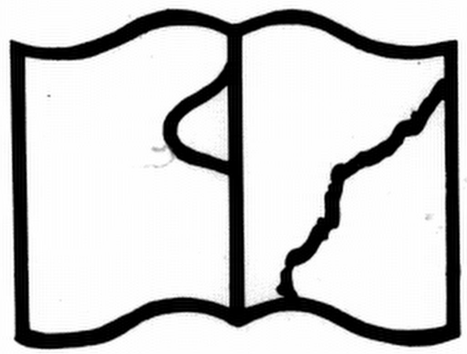

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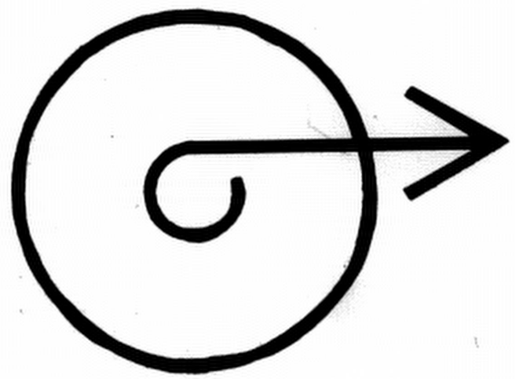

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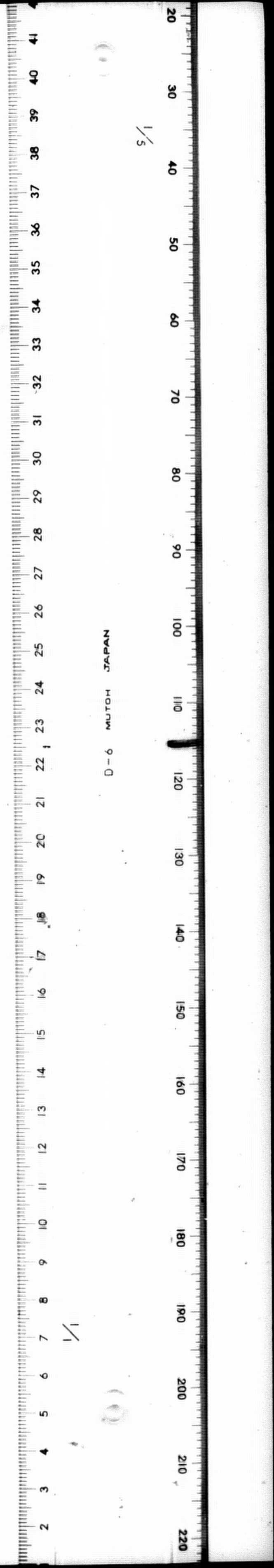

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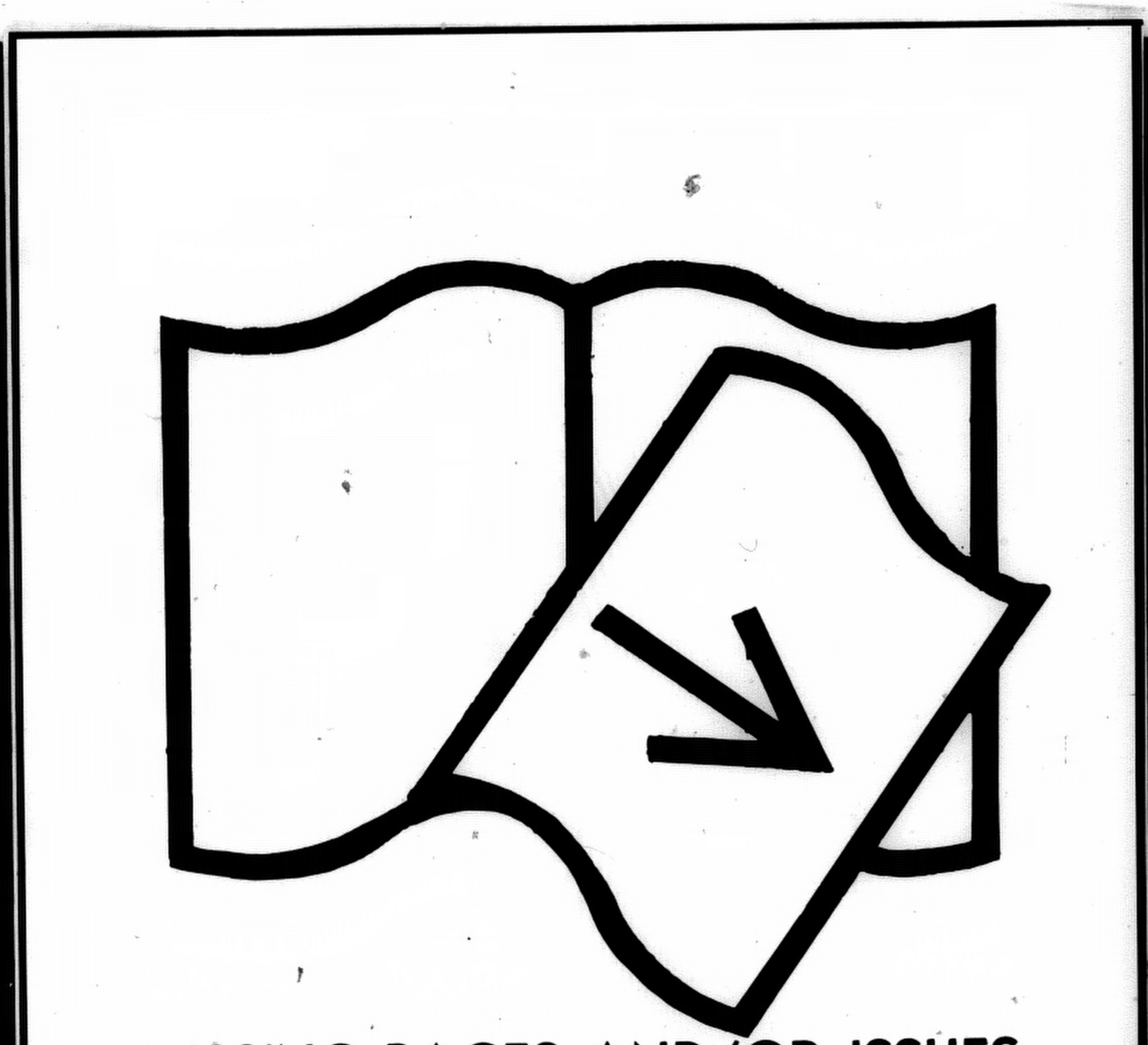

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PEOPLE DYING OF HUNGER IN THE STREETS

A FORCE THE NAZIS CAN NEVER DESTROY

Sometimes the Nazis must shudder when they think of the future. Those of them who find themselves in the occupied countries, especially, must wake up in the middle of the night and wonder, desperately, what is going to happen; for sooner or later, there must come a day of wrath, a very dreadful day!

No words can tell what the Nazis have done in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Even a moving picture, conveying direct to your eyes a very tiny fragment of what passes for life in Nazi-occupied territory, would be too disgusting to watch without a twist of the heart and a heave of the stomach.

The Nazi-Fascists are fighting to make men slaves. They employ a certain principle in their efforts to subjugate the people they have conquered.

The principle is this: No revolt can come out of a literally starving people; a man whose stomach is sticking to his backbone will obey, for the sake of a mouthful of food.

STARVATION THAT BEGETS MADNESS.

Nothing is so awful as long drawn-out hunger. It produces a misery such as you cannot imagine. It brings a weakness more dreadful than the crying weakness of a child after a terrible fever.

Your knees tremble and won't support you; your inside parts ache with a frightful gnawing ache; your will goes out of you, and you are in pain, real pain.

Every nerve shrieks "Food! Food!" Every vein, in which the blood has thinned out, seems to sob and throb. Such hunger brings a kind of madness. You eat earth, to allay the pangs of it. You swallow carrion that a jackal would not touch.

More! you fight to get a chance of swallowing carrion. You eat leather boots and belts, and think yourself the luckiest person alive to be able to grab a mouthful of acorns or grass!

What is even worse, you see, under your eyes, those whom you love suffering like yourself; and the sight of their suffering multiplies your own; you know the sight of your suffering adds to theirs.

And there is nothing you can do. Over everything hangs an atrocious sense of fate, of doom, of utter desolation and helplessness.

Meanwhile your conqueror, the Nazi, struts past, plump-faced, sure of himself, well fed and clothed.

I have said it before; I am going to say it again. A thousand Athenians die every day of starvation. Men see their wives lie down, living skeletons, and watch them sighing out their last breath.

Women see their children, terribly wasted, crouching like animals, their eyes twice as large as they should be, their limbs like pipestems.

And the Fascists and the Nazis swagger in the streets, blown out with meat and drink.

It is better to do before submitting to the Nazis.

PHILOSOPHY OF PAST AGES.

The story I offer you to-day comes out of Athens. It was written on some blank pages of an old exercise book, and it concerns an aged Greek gentleman whose surname was Nikolides.

His Christian names included the name Socrates. There is a coincidence about this. For on some of the pages in the book there were some students' exercises, taken down from dictation perhaps.

They were transcriptions of some chapters by the great ancient Greek Plato, in which he reports the last speech of the philosopher Socrates, 399 years before the birth of Christ.

Socrates was on trial for his life. He had been unjustly accused of various crimes, including the corruption of youth. The fact of the matter was that the ancient Socrates had sought the truth, and given offence to a corrupt power.

[illegible] who condemned him:

"You are depriving me of a very few years of life: and it is for this that you will incur the blame of putting me to death.

"You thought in geting rid of me to free yourselves from those who made you give an account of your way of life, but others will arrive harsher than I in that they will be younger: and they will make you feel more keenly.

"If you think by killing men you can escape censure, you are mistaken. There is but one way—not that of suppressing your mentors, but seeing to it that your lives are right."

Then, having spoken nobly of death, he concludes:

"Now it is time to depart: I to death, and you to life; but which of these is the better lot is hidden from all but God."

That was said in Athens more than 2300 years ago.

Nikolides might aptly have repeated it, word for word, when the Nazis shot him only a few months ago.

FRAIL, AGED AND GENEROUS.

I don't know who wrote this. It is one of those anonymous documents that come, like little cries of anguish, down the black corridor of Nazi oppression. Read it, and remember:

N. S. Nikolides was a Greek of Greeks and a good man. He had been wealthy, but never greedy or mean. He had lived in Athens all his life. His business was the tobacco trade. He was a dealer in Macedonian tobacco, other kinds of tobacco, and other commodities of all kinds, but mostly tobacco.

He had a fairly large family. When the war began his wife was still alive. He was an old man, more than seventy-five years old, and very thin and frail-looking.

His wife was a big, rather fat woman. They were both loved by everybody for their generosity and kindness, and their house was always open to a guest. They had four sons and two daughters, and a number of grandchildren.

First, this is what happened to the family of Nikolides:—

The three younger sons were killed in the fighting. The eldest, being sick with a weak stomach, could not go to fight. But his two sons were killed. He himself was, for no reason at all, killed by two Germans. They kicked him until he died; it amused them to do so.

When Mrs. Nikolides heard of this—I mean the aged mother—she said nothing, but sat down, and did not speak nor eat. In three days she died.

The eldest son was a widower. The three others had wives. Two of these were young, and good-looking women. The Germans took them away. Nobody has seen or heard of them.

The third, who was the wife of the youngest son, was not good-looking; she was a woman of charm, but not beautiful. She was left with her son aged sixteen.

There were several other grandchildren of the old people. They simply disappeared. Either the Nazis took them away or they killed them. They were not seen again.

There were left in the house the following people:—The old man, N. S. Nikolides; the daughter-in-law, Xenia; her son, Nicholas; and a little boy named Philip.

The daughters of Nikolides were in different parts of Greece with their husbands, and have not been heard of since. It is good for them if they are dead.

FORCED INTO BONDAGE.

The house was ransacked. Everything was taken. Old Nikolides was shattered with grief at the death of his wife, whom he had always devoutly loved; they had never spent a night apart in fifty years.

The conquerors in Athens spread death and misery at once.

They took away all the ablebodied men for forced labour. There were things to rebuild, and so they made our remaining ablebodied men into slaves. They took the boy Nicholas, though he was only sixteen. I have since learned that he poisoned his hand, and was made to work on, and became very ill so that his arm turned black; but there were no doctors for him, and he was allowed to die, with great suffering.

He was only sixteen years and two months old, and very handsome.

DYING IN THE STREETS.

[illegible] peared. Famine broke out immediately, and with it disease. But there were no doctors left.

Weeks passed; many weeks. People were dying of hunger, lying down in the streets and dying there, too feeble to get up. Dogs, cats, rats, mice, sparrows—everything was eaten. There was no life left.

I saw a woman sitting in a doorway, dead of cold and hunger, and her baby still alive and screaming piteously, tried to take milk from her, who was shrivelled and starved to death.

This was nothing. People became desperate and robbed graves for linen winding-sheets. There was nothing, at all left. The Nazis seemed to grow fatter: they laughed at us.

You could not walk along a street without finding somebody who had fallen out of weakness and died where they lay.

Once I found five children, all dead. They had been trying to keep themselves warm by clustering together.

Rations were available, but only enough to keep one from falling dead of hunger, but then only if you could manage to buy them. Most people could not. They are dropping dead of hunger every day, still.

The Nikolides suffered with the rest. Old Nikolides gave away all he could, and then he also had nothing. All that had been his was confiscated; he had been wealthy. The six-year-old boy Philip had a suit of clothes and a coat, but he was wasting away to a ghost.

Nikolides said nothing, but he had grown calm. He would not eat, but gave all he had to the child. His daughter-in-law, Xenia, out of her sufferings, became demented.

She went out into the street and screamed and screamed, until she was taken away. The old man tried to do what he could for the little boy Philip.

GERMANS TAKE CHILDREN.

Then the Germans began to collect Greek children. They did not say what for. I think that, feeling their future man power was being drained away by heavy losses everywhere on the battlefronts, they wanted to build up an army of slaves for the future.

They have been taking children away in France and everywhere—to train them in abject obedience and slavishness.

They called for Philip. It was pitiful to see the masses of starving children in the vans. I was with Nikolides when they came for Philip.

The old man said this: "Philip, I thought I would like to kill you before letting you fall into their hands. But it is too late. Listen, you are an intelligent child. Listen and remember. You are Greek. You have been Greek for three thousand years. Remember that, whatever they try and do to make you forget it. Remember, Philip. The glorious dead of Greece are watching you!"

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

A German hit the old man with his clenched fist, and the old man Nikolides (he was seventy-five) fell down, but talked from where he lay prostrate, with blood on his white beard:

"You have seen this, Philip; you whom I love and who loves me."

The child struggled and kicked in the hands of the soldier who was holding him. He sobbed: "I'll kill them, I'll kill them, I'll kill them!"

He loved the old man.

Nikolides said: "It is bad to hate; but it is better to hate evil than not to hate it. Still love good, but hate evil always. What you see is evil, Philip. Remember me, and them! Do what your heart says always, always."

They took the child away. They took the old man Nikolides before a little group of officers in judgment. He was accused of inciting to disobedience, of seditious talk, of corrupting youth.

He was sentenced to be shot.

He said: "I shall be in better company, among the good dead. But they watch you, they look on; and you shall see that the old heroes of Greece can come back!"

Before he had time to say more he was hustled out and shot in the yard. I found strength enough to bury him, and have planted a laurel tree over his grave. He was of the old spirit that no Nazi can kill.

So ends, or perhaps only begins, the simple story of the Nikolides.

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

(Daylight Saving Time, 1942-3)

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Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to all Regionals.

a.m. WEEK DAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
7.00—State News.
7.45—Australian News
7.50—Overseas News
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News
1.20—Australian News.
12.50—Overseas News.
5.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.13—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME
(Relayed from No. 2 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals)
p.m.
12.30—Australian News (Week Days).
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JANUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
16	6.05	6.04	——	12.12
17	6.59	7.00	12.11	1.12
18	7.46	7.50	12.58	2.05
19	8.27	8.38	1.43	2.51
20	9.05	9.15	2.25	3.34
21	9.41	9.54	3.05	4.13
22	10.15	10.31	3.42	4.50
23	10.47	11.05	4.20	5.27
24	11.19	11.39	4.56	6.00
25	11.49	——	5.31	6.34
26	12.14	12.21	6.08	7.09
27	12.50	12.56	6.52	7.47
28	1.35	1.39	7.46	8.35
29	2.31	2.33	8.55	9.32
30	3.44	3.41	10.11	10.36
31	5.04	5.06	11.27	11.39

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... January 21
Last Quarter ... January 29

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.19	6.26	——	12.38
2	7.20	7.30	12.38	1.44
3	8.14	8.26	1.35	2.41
4	9.04	9.18	2.29	3.35
17	8.02	8.16	1.18	2.25
18	8.40	8.56	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	——	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... February 5
First Quarter ... February 12
Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

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"When I look back on the perils overcome and "on the mountain waves in which the gallant "ship has driven; when I remember all that has "gone wrong, and remember all that has gone "right, I feel sure that we have no need to fear "the tempest. Let it roar, let it rage,

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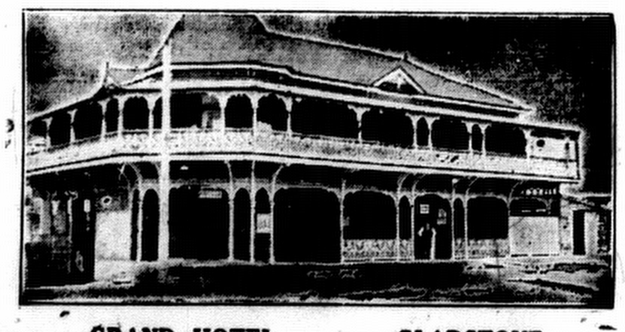

GRAND HOTEL — GLADSTONE

Engagement

RIGBY-BURDON.—The engagement is announced of Joan Eva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rigby, Roseberry Street, Gladstone, to Maxwell Harold Robert, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burdon, "Quontur," Welsden Street, Walkenville, S.A.

Death

CLAYTON. On Wednesday, December 23rd, 1942, at Mitchell, Mrs. Grace Clayton, late of Gladstone. Aged 84 years.

Deeply Regretted.

ALLISON.—On Tuesday, January 5th, 1943, at the Gladstone District Hospital, Jeanie Gow Allison, wife of the late Andrew Allison. Aged 82 years.

"Rest in Peace."

Thanks

THE Family of the late James Wright, of Calliope, wish to thank all kind friends who sent domes wreaths, and otherwise expressed sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

MR. H. E. JONES desires to sincerely thank Dr. Skinner, Dr. Byrne, Matron and Nursing Staff of the Gladstone District Hospital for their kind attention to his late beloved wife; also Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, Mr. J. Briais, relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes in his recent sad bereavement.

Please accept this as my personal thanks.

MR. and Mrs. A. T. POWER and Family desire to sincerely thank Dr. Skinner, Dr. Byrne, Matron and Nursing Staff of the Gladstone District Hospital for their kind attention to their late beloved daughter and sister; also Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders and Mr. J. Briais, relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their sad bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

MRS. R. J. RYALLS and Family wish to thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kind attention to her late husband and their father while an inmate of the institution.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

MRS. R. J. RYALLS and Family wish to thank all members of the Gladstone Meatworks, the A.M.I.E. Union, the H.A.C.B. Society, anll all relatives and kind friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

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THE FAMILY of the late Mrs. Jeanie Gow Allison wish to sincerely thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron and Nursing Staff of the Gladstone District Hospital for their kindness and attention to their mother whilst an inmate of the institution; also all kind friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

LOWE.—In loving memory of my dear husband, father and grandfather, Walter William Lowe, who departed this 28th day of December, 1940.

What would I give your hand to clasp,
Your dear sweet face to see;
To hear again that loving voice
That meant so much to me.
When days are long and friends are few
Dear Walter, how we think of you.
Flowers may wither, leaves fade and die;
Some may forget you, but never shall I.

(Inserted by his loving wife, sons John, Ernie, William and Tom (overseas), and daughter-in-law and little grandaughter Carmel.)

COASE.—In loving memory of our dear father, Joseph William Coase, who passed away on January 14th, 1942.

Lovingly Remembered

(Inserted by his son and daughters.)

OLZARD.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth, who passed away on 29th of January, 1940.

God saw the road was too rough,
The hill too hard to climb.
He gently closed her weary eyes
And whispered come with Me and rest.

(Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Violet and Tom.)

SMALL.—In loving membory of our dear mather, who died on January 31st, 1937.

Gone, but not forgotten.

(Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1943

CURRENT TOPICS

ACCIDENT.

Harry Ibbotsen (54), farmer, sustained a fracture of the wrist when he fell from his horse at the 10 chain road. After attention by the Ambulance he was taken to the District Hospital.

scheme. It was decided to give Mrs. Coppin more assistance and to make a strong drive immediately to cover the whole of the town. Messrs. V. A. Summers and D. J. Connellan were appointed co-organisers to assist with the scheme. It was also decided to endeavour to have the Prisoners of War Appeal fund included in future in any combined patriotic appeal in the town and district. The Secretary (Mr. Hallam) was authorised to telegraph for 1000 house tags for attachment to gates of donors to the P.O.W. street adoption scheme.

TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

Allied Works Council

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

Leave of absence was extended to Aldermen Smith and Anderson.

MAYOR'S ACTION CONFIRMED.

The Mayor reported on the recent deputation to Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., concerning Gladstone's request to have the Boyne River water scheme completed by the Allied Works Council.

The Mayor's action in forwarding telegrams to Mr. F. M. Forde, M.H.R., and the Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp) was confirmed.

LAYING OF PIPES.

It was decided to take up with the Allied Works Council to see what plant was available for trenching in connection with the laying of pipes for the first section of the water scheme.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council to go fully into details concerning the first section of the scheme, viz., the connection between the present reservoir at Tondoon Creek dam and the town, and the laying of larger mains locally.

At this meeting an alderman will be appointed to go to Brisbane and make personal contact with Mr. Kemp.

AIR RAID SHELTERS.

Advice was received from the Civil Defence Organisation that the Council was liable for its half share of the cost of construction of public concrete air raid shelters, and that a loan of the amount £870/4/3 would be granted to meet the Council's cost.

TOOLOOA STREET GATES.

Copy of a letter from the Gladstone A.L.P. concerning delay to traffic at the Toolooa Street railway gates was sent to Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A. In this connection the Calliope Shire Council had previously advised that they were in favour of a new route which would cut out the gates referred to.

It was decided to recommend to the Shire that the Town Council was in favour of a continuation of the present bitumen road from the overhead bridge to the Boyne River.

GENERAL.

Ald. Golding was appointed the Council's representative on the Employment Board.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

A.C.W. Joan Rigby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rigby, Roseberry Street, who is a member of the W.A.A.F.'s, is spending her leave with her parents.

Corporal Max Burdon, who is a member of the R.A.A.F., is spending his recreation leave as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rigby, of Gladstone.

The many friends of Mr. Alf. Gent, of the Railway Department, will regret to learn that he is again an inmate of the District Hospital, where he is making good progress towards recovery.

BOWLING

Week-End Games

Some interesting matches were contested on the Gladstone Bowling Green over the week-end. Details:—

Hixon, Dennis, Humphries v. Henery, Joyner, Golding 28-23.

Schmidt, Bycroft, Wilson v. Loveday, Pring, Witty 26-18.

Menzies, Comino, Archay v. Cameron, Hogan, Duff 28-12.

Greasley, Barker, Ferris v. Garrett, Friend, Johnston 31-13.

Greasley, Smith, Dennis v. Loveday, Joyner, Garrett 31-21.

Friend, Friend, Ferris v. Jenkinson, Beutel, Wilson 26-17.

Coxon, Wilson v. Hixon, Hunter 20-19.

GLADSTONE GIRL'S PROMOTION.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore have received the pleasing news that their daughter Phyllis, previously sergt. in the A.W.A.S., has been promoted to staff sergeant. This makes the third promotion gained since joining the women's army a little over six months ago. Phyllis is stationed at Toowoomba.

LIEUT. CLIVE MOORE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore, of Gladstone, have received the following offi-

Aid Detachment were asked recently to hold themselves in readiness for urgent calls to assist sick and wounded passing through the town, and all had their kits, etc., prepared immediately. This tribute to the efficiency of the members must have been very gratifying to their tutor (Mr. W. V. Coase), who spent a great deal of time training first aid volunteers. It must also have been very pleasing to their medical officers, including Dr. J. A. McGree, now Colonel McGree with the forces, as he was their first lecturer.

BOYNE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

NOW AN IMPORTANT NATIONAL UNDERTAKING

SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY ALLIED WORKS COUNCIL

Realisation that the people of Gladstone are facing another crisis in the threatened failure of the water supply, and that the Boyne River scheme was no longer a local matter, but a national project, were the main points made by speakers in a representative deputation which waited on the Minister of Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams).

The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) presided, and there were also present: Aldermen Golding, Anderson, Smith, Tudman, Deveney (Town Council), Schache, Hopper (Harbour Board), Joseph (Chamber of Commerce), Darling, Caterson (Trades and Labour Council), Show (Swifts Aust. Pty. Ltd.), Burrows (Hospitals Board), Tracey, Peters (A.L.P.), Trott (Fire Brigade), Smith (Waterside Workers), Wyllie (Carpenters' Union), McKay (Builders), Douse (A.R.U.), Tait (Emergency Services), and Grayson (Town Clerk).

SERIOUS POSITION.

The Mayor explained that recent experiences had shown that the completion of the first portion of the Boyne water scheme, viz., the connection of the town with the present reservoir by 12-inch pipes was not enough. In fact, it would only aggravate the position. Industrial development, shipping, meatworks, butter factory, etc., all large users of water, were fast depleting the present supply. So serious had the position become that the Railway Department were running four trains daily from Barmundu at a weekly cost of £250 to bring in their own water. Consequent traffic congestion, unnecessary wear and tear of rolling stock and usage of manpower were important items. Shipping requirements meant that often the rest of the town had to be cut off altogether. Both the Shell Coy. and Dairy Association had to resort to installation of sea water for certain purposes in an effort to supplement local supply. The Meatworks was unable at important work periods to get water, and the Butter Factory was in the same position. The completion of the whole scheme to bring water to Gladstone from the Boyne River had now become essential, and Mr. Williams would be asked to confer with Sir Harry Brown in an endeavour to have the work commenced immediately by the Allied Works Council.

ALLIED WORKS COUNCIL.

Ald. Anderson said that he would first move a motion that this gathering of citizens and representatives of various bodies empower Mr. Williams to request the Allied Works Council to proceed with the completion of the Boyne River scheme.

This was seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

NATIONAL MATTER.

Mr. Hopper said that the Gladstone Harbour Board had established many facilities for shipping, but the main need was good water. Ships at present could not get suitable water. It was a national matter, and he urged Mr. Williams to take the matter up immediately.

GLADSTONE NOT GETTING A FAIR DEAL.

Ald. Golding said he was pleased to see such a representative gathering. It was time Gladstone got a fair deal. Ratepayers were fast losing a commodity they had paid for, as the water was being taken by industrial users and cut off from households for as long as 12 hours. It had taken the Council from 1937 to 1943 to get the 12-inch main for the first portion of the Boyne scheme, and from correspondence it would take another 20 years to get the water to Gladstone. He urged Mr. Williams to interview not only the Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp), but Sir Harry Brown himself, to put Gladstone's case for an immediate supply. The cost of implimenting supplies to local industries—railway, Butter Factory, Meatworks, etc., and holding up of shipping would more than pay for the whole scheme. At present money was being wasted on account of water not being available. Citizens should not be asked to forego everything. The people of Gladstone could not pay for the whole scheme, but the Allied Works Council should do the job as an essential work vitally necessary to all industries supplying wartime needs.

WHOLE SCHEME NECESSARY.

Ald. Tudman and Deveney supported the proposal, and endorsed the remarks of the Mayor.

Ald. Smith said they should not hesitate to go for the whole scheme immediately. He had suggested the Allied Works Council to aldermen

treackly fluid, and the staff had to waste valuable time and labour boiling the water. He had never seen the Hospital staff so indignant in 16 years as they were the other day when the water was cut off for shipping. The authorities should be told the effect the water had on septic systems in a hospital. The Board had spent over £300 in carting water when the supply failed. Mr. Forde should be urged to move immediately, and members of the deputation should meet regularly until satisfaction was obtained.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Mr. Trott said that the position of the Fire Brigade was simple. Often there was no water in the mains, and firemen might as well go home. It would be good-bye to Gladstone if a fire occurred at a period when the tanks were being built up.

AN ESSENTIAL PROJECT.

Mr. Joseph, who apologised for the absence of the President of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. A. H. Friend), said that the water position in Gladstone had changed from a domestic one to a national one, and it should no longer be solely the concern of the ratepayers. Transport, foodstuffs and shipping, all part of the war effort, demanded that the scheme be classed as an essential project. When the supply failed in 1941 the position was bad enough, but what would be the position to-day if the reservoir was empty? He agreed that the delegation should meet again and keep hammering for the scheme.

AT MEATWORKS.

Mr. Maurice Shaw said that Swifts Aust. (Pty.) Ltd. had expanded to such an extent that they had outgrown their own water facilities, and now depended on the Council to keep going. Though aldermen had done their best, the plants had often been let down. The time had arrived when a complete closure of all departments was possible. It would not only be serious to the war effort, but a tragedy from an employment point of view. Even in peacetime the Meatworks was essential, and must be supplied with water.

BUTTER FACTORY.

In the absence of Mr. S. C. Wilson, general manager of the Port Curtis Dairy Association, the Mayor said that the Butter Factory, another big food producing unit, was vitally affected. The Association had spent a lot of money putting down bores on various sites, but were unable to get a suitable supply of water, and were still in difficulty.

RAILWAYS.

Mr. B. Tracy said that although he had no authority from the department, as local railway foreman he could give members some information. With the exceptionally heavy traffic the department, in an effort to relieve the drain on the town supply, were running four trains daily from Barmundu, bringing 80,000 gallons of water per day. As much as 190,000 gallons per month had been drawn previously from the town supply. He felt sure the department would assist in any way to see the town get a good supply of water.

UNABLE TO GET A BATH.

Mr. Peters said his members were concerned with workmen being unable to get a bath, and householders domestic water. The department was paying £250 per week to bring its own water in. People growing vegetables had to let their gardens go.

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

Mr. Darling said that the Trades and Labour Council had tackled the problem some time ago, and met Mr. Forde with the suggestion that the Federal Government should move in the matter. Without water the secondary industries of the town would never grow. Although Gladstone could not get its scheme completed, it was peculiar that Rockhampton had no trouble in getting finance for water. He was fully conversant with local manpower problems, and felt sure that the Allied Works Council could carry out the scheme immediately if it was approved by the Federal authorities.

PRODUCING FOODSTUFFS.

Mr. Caterson said that up to 900 of his A.M.I.E.U. members were producing foodstuffs in an essential industry.

Mr. R. Smith, who apologised for the absence of Mr. G. Wyatt (waterside president), said that members were behind the deputation to a man.

A DEMAND.

Mr. McKay said that it was ridiculous connecting 12-inch mains to an inadequate supply. The Trades and Labour Congress, held in Brisbane, had recently passed a resolution moved by the Gladstone delegate, supporting the proposal to have the Boyne water scheme completed by the Allied Works Council. Thus a lead had been given the town. A demand should now be made for the scheme.

Mr. Douse, A.R.U., supported Mr. McKay, and finally Ald. Anderson spoke to his motion, outlining his activities when ratepayers were recently cut off from the service.

PRIORITY UNDERTAKING.

In reply, Mr. Williams said he was pleased with the greater appreciation that was being shown of the importance of having this important scheme

purely local matter, and he urged that those present should combine in an effort to have the whole project carried out by the Allied Works Council. He pointed out that before he left Brisbane he had been in communication with the Deputy Director General of Allied Works, Mr. J. R. Kemp, with the result that he felt the time was ripe for an application to be made for this job to be classed as a priority undertaking.

TELEGRAMS DESPATCHED.

The meeting unanimously decided to adopt this suggestion, and despatched telegrams to the Federal member for the district (Mr. F. M. Forde) and to Mr. Kemp, as a preliminary step towards having the undertaking in question placed on the priority list for commencement and completion with as little delay as possible.

MR. WILLIAMS CONGRATULATED.

During the deputation the Mayor and various speakers joined in congratulating Mr. Williams on his recent appointment as Minister for Agriculture.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES WRIGHT.

It is with profound regret we record the death of a well-known and most highly respected citizen in the person of Mr. James Wright.

Born in Calliope sixty-one years ago, he remained in the district practically all his life.

Educated at the local State School, the late Mr. Wright was employed by the Calliope Shire Council for many years. After severing his connection with this public body he commenced dairy farming, and continued at this pursuit until his death, which occurred suddenly on Saturday, December 5.

When retiring to bed on the previous night Mr. Wright appeared to be in his usual good health and spirits, but passed away peacefully in his sleep.

Deceased is survived by his widow (who was Miss Margaret Ann Bennedick), two sons, Roy and James, of Calliope, and two daughters, Mrs. J. Baker (Calliope) and Mrs. Chas. Brown (Bocoolima), and six grandchildren to mourn their loss.

The cortege was most representative, and the many wreaths showed the esteem in which the deceased was held.

The Rev. W. E. Boyldew officiated at the graveside.

MRS. J. G. ALLISON.

An old and highly respected resident of Gladstone in the person of Mrs. Jeanie Gow Allison passed away at the General Hospital on Wednesday, January 5.

The deceased, who was 82 years of age, was a native of Scotland, and arrived in Brisbane some 60 years ago. Shortly after her marriage to Mr. Andrew Allison (who predeceased her 15 years ago) she came to Gladstone with her husband, where they resided for the past 53 years. Deceased leaves one son (Andrew) and four daughters —Mrs. Harvey (Rockhampton), Mrs. Craig (Miriam Vale), Mrs. Stovold (Barmundu), and Sister Allison, who is serving with the A.I.F.

The Rev. W. E. Boyldew officiated at the graveside.

MRS. G. CLAYTON.

The death is announced of Mrs. Grace Clayton, of Gladstone, which took place at Mitchell on Wednesday, December 23, at the ripe old age of 84 years.

Deceased resided with Mr. and Mrs. P. Vock prior to her departure for Mitchell, where she intended to stay with her daughter (Mrs. Andrews) during the duration of the war. The late Mrs. Clayton was a well-known and respected citizen of Gladstone, having resided here for 48 years. Her husband predeceased her 14 years ago. Deceased leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place at Mitchell.

ROLL OF HONOUR

SIGNALLER LESLIE HALL.

A note of profound sadness spread over the Yarwun and [illegible] tricts when it became k[illegible] naller Leslie Hall had died of wounds on December 19, while on active service with the A.I.F. in New Guinea.

The deceased, who was the third son of Mrs. J. Hall, of "Glenshee," was 28 years of age. He was born in Yarwun, where he spent his childhood days. Later he attended the Central Technical College, Rockhampton, where he obtained brilliant passes in the junior and senior public examinations.

Mr. Hall [illegible] returned home to help manage his widowed mother's property. Until the outbreak of war he took an active part in every movement for the progress of the Yarwun district. He was a keen sportsman, excelling in cricket and tennis.

Mr. Hall was the first lad from the Yarwun and Targinnie districts to offer his services to the nation in its hour of trouble. A few short weeks after was was declared on Germany. He was accepted for the A.I.F., and later saw service in Britain, the Middle East, Syria, and New Guinea. He was at Tobruk during the whole of its now famous siege. His passing is a loss which will be felt by all, for he possessed sterling qualities and stood high in the estimation of all who knew him. Probably no other lad in the district was so well liked by so many.

Signaller Hall leaves a mother, three brothers, Jack (R.A.A.F.), George (R.A.A.F.), Ron (Rockhampton) and four sisters, Mesdames Dawson (Bajool), Shaw (Townsville), Ferry (Rockhampton), and Miss Edie, to mourn their loss. Deepest sympathy is extended to them in this time of sorrow at the passing of one who meant so much to them.

A TRIBUTE.

Each one of us who knew him
Has lost a valued friend;
We scarce can realise it.
But his dearest ones will miss him
In their home the most of all.

POST WAR CONDITIONS

WORKERS HOPE FOR A BETTER WORLD

BAD OLD DAYS MUST NEVER RETURN

In this interesting article Howard Drayton has disclosed the inward hopes of seven men typical of the working classes of Britain for conditions after the war.

Most of these men could be duplicated here in Australia, and the statements made lay upon us a duty of preparing now for that better world for which men are fighting and laying down their lives. To fail in this would almost be as great a calamity as that of losing the war.

The sun was warm; the air was clean and fresh, like the village. A few fishermen stood talking outside the post office; the policeman cycled leisurely past, calling a cheery "good morning," and a little old lady with an outsize market bag shuffled awkwardly into the butcher's shop.

At the doorway of one of a block of grey stone cottages, trim, neat and Navy style four ex-Navy men seemed unable to tear themselves away from surroundings they and their kind have known so well in the long years when Britain has faced up four-square to desperate eras in her island history.

One of the four men was an ex-chief petty officer, and he lives in the end cottage, with a pleasant garden that runs down to the sea, and where on a green headland, at whatever time or in whatever weather you come upon it, the ex-sailors seem as if they have just shined-up from doorstep to flagpole, as if expecting a visit from the lords of the Admiralty.

I called, "Good morning, Joe; what's the news to-day?" The ex- C.P.O. removed a well seasoned briar from his teeth and replied: "News! Why, me and me pals is reck'ning how we'll make out in this here new khaki battledress they're gonna issue."

He chuckled, and the chuckle sent a couple of seagulls screaming with terror high into the blue.

"I suppose there's bound to be some adequate reason for it, but for the life of me I can't see the necessity for khaki battledress for the men on this vital job. On their shoulders in the new rig they will wear a flash with the title 'Coastguard' or 'Coastguard Aux.'

The innovation follows a recent order in council declaring the Auxiliary Coastguard to be part of the armed forces of the Crown, and giving them the same status in this respect as that of the regular Coastguards, who will discard their traditional blue uniform, which seems a great pity.

In a rich voice Joe said: "Times are changing. Three years ago, down these parts, we were busy watchin' for contraband; and I don't only mean tobacco, spirits and th' like. In them days there was fair traffic in human contraband; poor devils wanting to escape from Hitler's Europe, [redacted] run the rule over them [redacted]ed landin' from fishin' craft.

"They still come nowadays, but not like they useta. Now and again we sight a boat tossin' about out there, and it will have a couple of more refugees aboard."

On the door of his cottage are painted the words, "H.M. Coastguard." Inside the cottage there are neat racks for telescope, compass, charts, signal flags, and lamps, official papers, and a wall telephone.

Many a ship in distress in peacetime had good cause for gratitude to Joe and his contemporaries around Britain's coasts.

Since the Battle for Britain many an R.A.F. man has been similarly grateful, for the Coastguard Service has saved dozens of flying crews after they baled out over the "Drink." So long as men like Joe keep watch and ward around our seaboard "all's well."

When, as Joe said, "this little lot's over mebbe we'll get some real excitement, mebbe with some new type of dope runners!"

His grey-blue eyes twinkled. Joe's a great kidder. Since September 1939 his life has been one long piece of excitement.

DOWN ON THE FARM.

A couple of hefty farm horses were splashing through black mud to their fetlocks towards the stables, and I dodged a dollop that came flying my way, and called to the farmer.

I've known this particular "Mister Busy Acres" for many years, but had not seen him for months. He grinned recognition and called back, "Why, hello mister, come in, the missus will be brewing tea."

Over our third cup of tea he told me:—

"It's a couple years since folk were asking 'what's wrong with farming?' when the Army and the Airforce wanted men for navvying on the new sites for barracks and airfields, the wages they paid tempted hundreds of young farm workers away from food production, which, to my way of thinking, was a national shame.

"Now they've taken the boys into the Forces and left us to fend for ourselves as best we can. The land girls are splendid, but they weren't born to the job. They used to call us 'clodhoppers,' and I reckon they'll call us it again when this war's over, like they did after the last. But it won't make no difference to us, for we mean to go on fightin' for the rights we're entitled to, and we're not goin' to give up the fight till we've won!"

I'll second his opinion. It takes a war to make us realise the debt we owe to our yeomen. And it takes the peace, more often than not, for us to forget that debt. This time we've got to square accounts.

A stocky little 120-ton ship reared up on her squat haunches, but the skipper stood tight, with oilskin encased legs planted firmly among a slithering mass of white fish. I yelled to him, and he waved a huge gorilla-like arm at me.

I knew this man for a grand old friend, if there ever was one, for I had sailed with him into the North Sea before and after Dunkirk.

In those days he stopped fishing for fish, to fish for a catch far more deadly—enemy mines. He and his trawlermen lived through soul-stirring days and nightmare nights, and their stories are epics of valour.

But you can't get men like these to talk.

He said: "Yes, we've gone back to fishing these days, and we're doing our bit to keep the country's larder stocked. But, and don't you forget it, we're still fighting the seas and the Germans to live, not to die!

"What we want—like that boy of mine in the Merchant Navy wants—is a future worth living!" And that is a point you and I and the other men would do well to bear in mind.

Along a cobbled roadway, with the broad river on one side and an almost endless line of tall, flat faced warehouses on the other, gangs of dockers made their way towards the night-shift, I found a stevedore, and we talked as he worked.

He said: "Maybe, if you'll come 40 years since, when the old dad worked here, I could have told you a story to make your hair stand on end, and stay on end! In those days dockers worked a nine-hour day for 6d an hour, which isn't what you'd call big money."

Those dockers welcomed the big and the little ships as they came heading home with full cargoes. They aimed at turning around those essential links in the Atlantic lifeline in record quick time, and they achieved what they set out to achieve.

But they've still got a grouse or two, and it won't do any harm for the Minister of War Transport to look into a few main items.

For a start, the average docker to-day is aged around the forty-five mark, for they've taken most of the younger men for the Forces, and a middle-aged man wants a slightly longer break between spells of humping than a younger fellow.

But they're not allowed more than an hour, for one meal, which they buy and eat in Nissen hut canteens mostly owned by private catering firms. They spend 10d and get meat, potatoes and vegetables.

But to get the meal dockers have to queue, and that means knocking off ten or fifteen minutes before proper time or going without. And that sort of thing isn't good enough. Ask the dockers.

There's another point: Beer costs plenty these days, and work on the docks is mighty thirsty work—and you can't get beer just when you feel like it. So the dockers have taken more and more to tea.

But they can't get tea without going to the canteens, and they can't go to the canteens whenever they want to relieve a mighty thirst.

There's a move afoot to close those canteens save for that one hour—and it would be a highly unpopular move, believe me.

I left the docks, for I had to see three more men I knew; a miner, the driver of a big eight-wheeled truck on which I aimed making part of my way back towards the south—and that certain shopkeeper.

From a coal begrimed face with two twinkling but tired eyes, I got a grin that looked as if it might be splitting the face in two, from ear to ear. In time we got around to talking of his work, and in a general way these were his views:—

Coal costs a lot too much; too much in terms of money, too much in terms of toil, too much in suffering, and too many lives. Year after year the mine casualties go up, and the cost of warming our homes grows steadily higher. The wages of the miners do not!

Modern methods which ought to mean additional safety too often mean greater output, but more accidents; figures published by various depart- [illegible] little pithead cottage, we talked of the current wrangling about production and future shortages, and he said, "Miners have never had a real square deal, and that's a fact. You see, lad, we have always been underpaid, and had to work in conditions we wouldn't keep whippets in.

"We've asked for nothing more than our due, and it is the fault of the owners and the Government that the pits these days are staffed by middle-aged miners.

"The youngsters wouldn't stick it, not the way us old hands did."

Time was short and I was due on my way back towards the South. At ———, nowadays a hive of war industries, I dug out my truck driver, had a quick cup of strong coffee with him, and climbed into the darkened cabin of his giant eight-wheeler, carrying more than 10 tons of vital war supplies.

He shifted the gears, eased in the clutch, and with a muffled roar we were on our way. Day and night, along all the great trunk roads, the big transports are roaring along in an almost endless procession. To and from the South Coast, London, Manchester, Liverpool, the Midlands and the North the drivers open out and send their trucks roaring towards the end of the journey.

Like the merchant ships, these also are a link in the vital lifeline that feeds and arms Great Britain and her Allies.

With the big steering wheel held lightly, and the sole of his heavy boot resting easily on the accelerator, the driver said:

"Doing this run six nights a week now; up one night, down the next. I'm lucky; I've been getting home for week-ends the last six weeks, but you never know when they'll switch you.

"Fed up with the job? Not likely. Now and then you get a bit fed up with the same old road, but, well pal, it's all in a day's work."

We roared on for another 20 miles, averaging about 20 miles an hour, and the main road was busy with trucks and lighter lorries speeding in the opposite direction, and more vehicles ahead of and behind ours.

Couple of years ago, the driver explained, this job could have been anybody's headache. Police and drivers were fighting the menace of "lorry girls," large numbers of whom were making their way from distressed areas to London, and the Home Office instituted an inquiry in which police, trade unions and heavy road users took part.

For a while the menace was very real. Young and attractive girls were being "bought and sold" by shady agencies in the big cities. But, as my driver pal told me, "It was us blokes who stopped it. A lot of us risked our jobs, and treated the girls decently.

"It wasn't their fault they couldn't get work. But now work's come their way the girls are okay and happy. There's no need to worry about morals when folks are working, and that's a thing we've all got to be doing these days to beat that perisher Hitler."

I dozed the last dozen miles, and awoke with a start when the truck slowed down and stopped. A watery sun was climbing out of the East, and I called back "Cheerio!" as the driver shifted the gears and headed for the last lap of his journey.

Then I made my way towards the shop of that tradesman I wanted to see.

He was the only one of the men whose stories I am telling who told me that business was bad, which, in fact, it is for him. But he's a bit of a psychologist, and though his cash doesn't show the same returns it used to, in a way he's feeling a lot happier about it.

You see, he's a pawnbroker!

"It was pretty heartbreaking," he said, "when the people used to come here every week, regular as clockwork, raising a few shillings on all they had in the wide world. Work was scarcer than money; there was illness through malnutrition; the kids were growing up, and there were always more babies coming.

"Every Monday morning they came, and as the weeks went past, the things they pawned became older and I couldn't advance them the same amount of money. God knows, poverty's the most damnable thing in the world.

"Well, I'm a lot poorer these days than I used to be, and I've got fewer customers. But I'm glad they're fewer. And maybe if we get a real people's peace when this war is over we shall not want 'Uncles' any more!"

ATLANTIC CHARTER.

I set out to tell the true stories of these men of 1942 Britain. When I talked with the pawnbroker it gave me a chance I'd been looking for; it gave me the opportunity to mention some of the many letters that came my way after my recent story in "The People," "A New Britain is Born."

So I said to my pawnbroker friend, "A reader disputed that story of mine, called me a 'dirty swine' for writing it, and said if I'd return the envelope and notepaper, he'd try and make them into a bullet for me.

Another reader from Birmingham wrote reminding me that at the end of this war your modern Miracle will cease, and yet again out will come the whips, the starvation and degradation of the workers.

Yet another wrote that capitalism starved us for years and will do the same again. The Government never learns that idle men need money—and money means work.

[illegible] in for heroes," and it's been a struggle, but I won through.

When it comes to a question of going back to the bad old days of 1919 to 1939, haven't the workers who are winning this war, haven't they got it in their power to secure post-war conditions?

Every worker—and every drone, for that matter—has the right to exercise his right to vote, and unless I'm mistaken, there'll be a general election when we've licked the Axis. Isn't a better, a more secure future what we are all fighting for? To doubt that future is to doubt one's own effort.

No wonder, therefore, that the people of Germany are losing confidence. Their visions of world conquest are slowly but surely vanishing into thin air. They see the possibility of down-trodden and ill-treated nations rising in their wrath against them, and they begin to be afraid.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

A.L.P.

GLADSTONE BRANCH

Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. the President (Mr. H. Anderson) reviewed the past twelve months activities, and referred to the several matters taken up by the branch, the most recent being the organising of all bodies in arranging a deputation to Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., to secure a water supply for Gladstone. The branch suggested that the whole of the Boyne River scheme should be completed by the Allied Works Council.

Thanks were due to the Mayor and aldermen and representatives of other bodies for their co-operation in this matter.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Williams for making a special visit to the town to meet and confer with the deputation, also for his assistance generally throughout the year.

The branch first moved in the matter of forming an Austerity Loan Committee. The drive was the best yet made in Gladstone, and the workers of the town were the principal contributors.

Mr. F. M. Forde, M.H.R., rendered excellent assistance during the year.

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for an old member, Mr. A. T. Power, who recently lost his daughter.

Election of officers resulted:—

President, Mr. H. Anderson (re-elected), vice-presidents, Messrs. D. D. Jackson and E. T. Carron; secretary, Mr. H. Peters (re-elected).

A tribute was paid to the splendid work of Mr. Peters since he took over the secretarial duties.

It was decided to ask that black-out conditions in Gladstone be modified.

GERMANY

VISIONS OF WORLD CONQUEST

"Slowly But Surely Vanishing"

A very different Winterhilfe campaign has Hitler inaugurated this year, compared with that at the opening of the war. If you and I were Germans we would to-day be feeling very down spirited and discouraged. An exceedingly blue winter faces Germany. The Fuehrer has said so himself.

His speech lasted for only 70 minutes. In former days Hitler was hardly able to get warmed up in 70 minutes. Yet in this "short speech" Hitler gave away more secrets regarding German morale than perhaps any we had yet found out.

Probably if anyone but Hitler had delivered this speech the Nazis would have had him shot. It is encouraging to the Allies, and it comes out of Nazi Germany itself.

The gross inconsistencies, the blatant contradictions, the melancholy passive note of hopelessness, the almost abject apology for not having achieved formerly boasted aims and objectives, the grave warning of an unbroken monotony of hardships still ahead after having strained and endured so much—all these sombre and sober thoughts the Fuehrer has poured into the tired souls of the German people. It must give them many anxious misgivings to brood over during the coming dark northern winter.

Winterhilfe, indeed! Based on the scene Hitler himself has outlined, I should hate to change places with any German.

SABOTAGE.

Certainly no better indication from the highest authority could be wanted that sabotage is going on regularly in Germany to-day, or why should the Fuehrer even mention it if it were not taking place to an alarming extent?

Nor can things be too happy internally in Germany when Hitler has to say: "If I tell the people at home not to worry, that the German front everywhere and the soldiers who man it are standing unshakable, I can at the same time tell the German soldiers that behind them there is a home front that will never leave them in the lurch."

This is exactly what happened in 1918. The home front was beginning to doubt the ability of the army to win a victory, and the army was wondering if the home frontwas betraying them. At that time it led to the general crack-up of Germany. Can it be that the same leaven is working again?

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F. JANSON, Secretary.

AMBULANCE XMAS HAMPER, 1942.

THE RESULTS

1 2936, Mrs. Farmer, Barney Point, Gladstone.
2, 1474, E. H. Stirrat, Mt. Alma, Mt. Larcom.
3, 1475, Bob Bell, Colenso, Calliope.
4, 1205, G. A. Walker, Palm Vale, Calliope.
5, 2265, Mrs. Kiddell, Taragoola.
6, 2991, J. Lenex, Pensioners' Reserve, Gladstone.
7, 3225, Mrs. F. Keane, Auckland St., Gladstone.
8, 3554, M. Jones, Toolooa Street,
9, 1057, M. J. Murray, Iveragh.

Drawn at Ambulance Centre, Wednesday night, December 23rd, 1942, at 8 p.m.

ARTHUR T. POWER, Chairman,
W. V. COASE, Secretary.

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

ALTERNATE Tenders are hereby invited and will be received up to 5 p.m. on Thursday, 11th February, 1943, for the Cleansing and Garbage Services at Calliope.

Tenderers are to tender for:—

(a) The services from 16th February, 1943, to 30th June, 1945; or
(b) For a period of five (5) years from 16th February, 1943.

The successful Tenderers shall deposit £25 with the Tender for the due performance of the contract.

Tender Forms may be obtained from and draft of contract seen at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders to be endorsed "Cleansing Service," and addressed to the Chairman, Calliope Shire Council, Box 101, Gladstone.

The lowest or any other Tender not necessarily accepted.

H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk.
Gladstone 14/1/43.

TENDERS FOR LOG HAULAGE.

TENDERS close at Forests Office, Maryborough, at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 22nd January, 1943, for the logging of about 16,000,000 super. feet of pine standing on Crown areas in the Maryborough-Kilkivan districts.

Further particulars available from Forest Offices, Maryborough, Kilkivan, Goomeri.

C. J. TRIST,
Secretary Sub-Dept. of Forestry.
Brisbane 1/1/43.

Department of Public Lands,
Brisbane.

AFTER expiration of 14 days from publication hereof it is my intention to dispense with production of the leases of Agricultural Farms Nos. 1092 and 1138, Gladstone District, in terms of Regulation 29 of "The Land Regulations of 1925," and issue Deeds of Grant of the said selections to Constance Margaret Latimer, wife of Rolfe Latimer.

E. J. WALSH,
Minister for Lands.

In the Supreme Court of Queensland.

In the Will of MARGARET KELLY, late of Bororen, in the State of Queensland, widow, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the date of publication hereof application will be made to this Honourable Court that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed Margaret Kelly deceased may be granted to DANIEL JOSEPH KELLY of Bororen in the State of Queensland, grazier, and LIONEL KELLY of Bororen aforesaid, grazier, the Executors named in the said Will.

Any person interested who desires to object to the application or to be heard upon it may file a caveat in the Registry at any time before the grant is made.

Dated this fourth day of January, 1943.

THORBURN & THORBURN,
Solicitors for the said Executors,
Bourbong Street, Bundaberg.

Town Agents: R. G. Smith & Smith, Solicitors, Queen Street, Brisbane.

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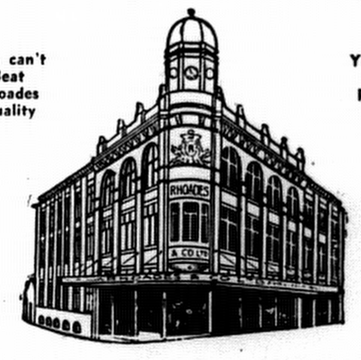

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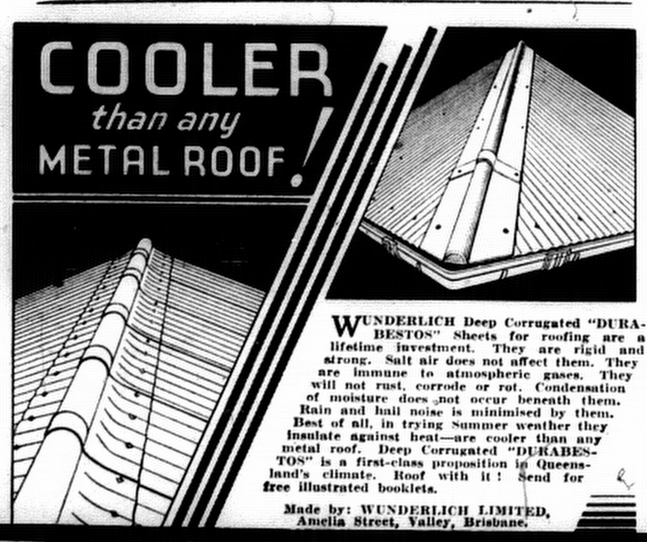

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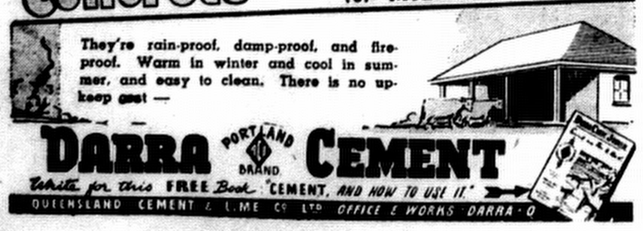

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The old saying that "The devil finds mischief for idle hands to do" is as true of the average healthy child as it is of adults.

To overcome that tendency, Mrs. E. M. Brookes Hall offers the following suggestions in an article, "Think Before You Scold." Here is what she says:—

"Oh! Michael has been so naughty this morning, he has nearly driven me potty," said a young mother to me the other day. "At last I became so desperate that I gave him a jolly good smacking."

"And then what happened?" I asked.

"Oh, that didn't have much effect. He soon got over it and got into mischief again."

"Why, what had he been doing to make you smack him?" I asked.

"First when I was bathing baby he took his powder tin and went and shook some into all the corners as he had seen his daddy do with the insect powder to get rid of the ants. Then because he saw me put the nappies in to soak, he had to go and put the kitchen towels in the same pail. Later on I was putting our things into the suitcase to go and spend the week-end with mother, and he would insist on bringing things that I did not want and putting them in as well, till I did not know whether I was on my head or my heels. And finally to cap it all, he went and rocked baby's pram just when he had gone off to sleep and of course woke him up. Then I smacked him hard."

"Poor little fellow," I said. "He thought he was helping."

"Helping," she repeated with great scorn. "When he had got over the smacking, he went and 'helped' Mary with the nappies and soaked himself to the skin."

I still thought "poor little fellow," and also "poor little mother."

If she had not been overwrought, she would have realised that none of the things that had annoyed her were really naughty. A child must be doing something all the time when he is not asleep, and at Michael's age cannot be expected to distinguish between what he may and may not do. No why those strange grown-ups can do things that he is scolded for imitating.

I recently had my little grandson of two years, while his mother was in the maternity home.

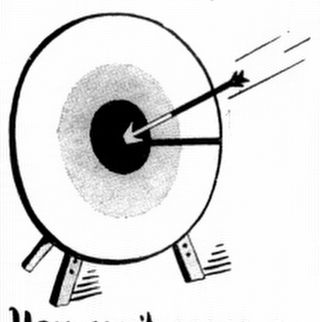
It was very tiring and sometimes irritating when cooking, for instance to have his chubby hand stretched out to seize everything that I put down, often to have it broken or spilt. So I devised a plan. I gave him an unbreakable basin, a cup, a spoon, a little flour and some water, and a few other oddments, and put him into some old dungarees and told him to make a cake.

He made a delightful mess, but it occupied him happily while I was busy and saved my time and temper.

If we grown-ups would just put on our thinking caps to find something that they may do before we get busy ourselves, there woud be fewer tears and frayed tempers.

All children love playing with water. Surely it must be possible to purchase waders or paddling suits, and if not to make something of the sort out of an old waterproof. Failing that, take off their shoes and put on something which does not matter and let them "help" or mess with water themselves, and then change them afterwards.

And let us continually remind ourseves that infants are not necessarily naughty because they annoy us.



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SOIL CONSERVATION

INSIDIOUS THING

Penalties Man Has To Pay

All over the world some of the best brains are working on the problem of preserving that top layer of soil without which life could not continue to exist.

The classic example of what soil erosion means is the Dust Bowl in the United States, where the surface soil in intensely tilled areas has literally "gone with the wind."

In fact, every country, and especially the comparatively newly settled lands, provides impressive examples of the penalties man has to pay for despising nature's law relating to the fitting use and conservation of fertile soil.

While the United States provides some appalling evidence of man's folly in mishandling the gifts of Providence, that country also provides glowing examples of new and strikingly successful methods of soil erosion control. Not only has erosion been checked in many areas, but eroded land has been reclaimed, and in many cases made richer than ever it was before.

By terracing, countour ploughing, and other methods, the moisture holding capacity of lands which previously had been subject to serious erosion has increased. That is one of the outstanding achievements of reclamation work in the Dust Bowl country where rainfall is usually very light.

The conclusion of the modern agricultural engineering school is that soil conservation pays.

Guided by the experience of other countries, particularly the United States, as to what to do and what to avoid, much can be done by farmers towards saving that spade's depth of soil from which we get our living.

Soil erosion is an insidious thing. Perhaps no single generation sees much of the consequences of wrong use of land.

In South Africa it probably took a couple of hundred of years for the erosion problem to emerge. The same thing may be said, perhaps, of the Argentine, where sheet erosion became so serious as to impel the Government of that country to prohibit cultivation altogether in some districts and let the land go back to grass.

There are many causes of river, gully, and sheet erosion which are familiar to every farmer. One generation, after all, is only a trustee for the generation which is to come after.

It is a national duty then to protect soil in every practicable way—by judicious clearing of timber, by tree reservations on hilltops and steep slopes and river banks, by contour cultivation and contour furrowing, and by all the other means prescribed on the basis of modern knowledge.

If that is done, a definite obligation to posterity shall have been discharged.

HIGH COST OF DOING NOTHING.

Nations and national cultures have died of soil erosion, and if we do not look out, that will be our fate, too.

The Greeks grew rich and their culture was in flower while their soil was slipping under their feet.

It appears unlikely that the bare, rocky hills of Greece could to-day support a culture that would compare with the past.

And so also of Palestine, North Africa, parts of Italy, and even in England and Scotland; and in China and Peru, the world is moth eaten by man. Through it all runs the old story of terracing and careful farming ruined by wars, by greed, and by every force of human stupidity.

In dealing with the problem of soil erosion, a country may easily die of economy—that is, when land and money meet in a head-on collision. The cost of soil conservation may sound tremendous—that is, the cost of doing something; but the cost of doing nothing is certainly stupendous.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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A shed should be the only home for the plough, combine and header, and, in fact, all machinery when not in use. Machinery depreciates quite heavily enough, even when used and looked after with care; continuous exposure to the elements probably doubles depreciation.

Another point well worth consideration is to know when to scrap. New and better machinery is being evolved almost every year, and with which faster and more efficient work can be done, so there is every temptation to scrap or sell what one has and buy the newer model.

Sometimes it does pay to scrap existing plant and buy the more efficient implement. The header has replaced the stripper, the combine the drill, and so on, but every addition purchase should be considered on its merits.

The question should be: Will it pay? Can the old machine be adapted to approximate the work of the new one? Prematurely placing a half-worn machine on the scrap-heap or market just to save a few days with a new implement may not be profitable. It is a matter which calls for careful thought, with an eye always on practical farm economy.

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POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT

WATER AND FODDER CONSERVATION

Projects Vitally Necessary

"A greater development of irrigation projects and schemes for the conservation of both water and fodder reserves throughout the State and the Commonwealth will become necessary for the greater and surer production of such products of the land as cotton, tobacco and flax, as well as summer and winter fodders for immediate use or their storing for future use, as the case may be, if we are to meet fully the needs of this country after the war."

This statement was made recently by the Agriculture Minister (Mr. T. L. Williams), when commenting on the broadcast address delivered a few evenings ago in Sydney by Mr. E. S. Spooner, M.H.R., in which he advocated an Australian-wide plan for conservation of water, administered and financed by the Commonwealth, for the greater production of food in the post-war period.

"I believe," said Mr. Williams, "that any person with a sense of the value of irrigation, combined with the conservation of fodder in all or any of its recognised forms, will readily agree with such a proposal. As a matter of fact," he added, "numerous irrigation and fodder conservation schemes or projects are certain to receive a greater fillip after the war than ever before.

Preliminary work on any such schemes or projects should be started as soon as possible, and advanced to such a stage that the absorption of men discharged from the fighting services, munition factories, etc., can be undertaken straight away. Such projects are vitally necessary, and as soon as one is put under way and nearing the stage of completion, others should be commenced.

The Federal Government should be urged to regard these and similar projects for the increasing of our primary production as highly important undertakings, and be prepared to finance them fully or contingent on the State Governments' providing a proportion of their ultimate cost.

By this means we will not only be in a position to provide employment and wages for those in need of both in the post-war reconstruction plan, but at the same time we will have gone a long way towards making Queensland comparatively safe from so many of its recurring droughts, with resultant losses to the producer as well as to the would-be consumer.

"National security undoubtedly lies in production, just as national prosperity and real national progress lie in the direction of production, particularly in times of depressed prices," he added. "Indeed, it has long been recognised that real national progress can be had only by the establishment of well-balanced primary and secondary industries, on sound and secure lines."

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GLOBAL WAR

FAITH IN THE FUTURE

Road to Victory

Not since the beginning of the war have the United Nations been able to face a New Year with more confidence and conviction of eventual success.

We are by now aware that the enemy on every front is still tremendously strong, that he has probably many high cards up his sleeve, and that opportunities for playing them will undoubtedly occur from time to time.

The future does not lie before us like a straight, unbroken road leading to victory, but we are confident that we shall not be turned back to face the empty altar of defeat.

This faith is in a large measure a reflection of events in Russia and North Africa, rather than a clear appraisement of the situation in the Pacific.

The success of the 8th Army and the forces in French North Africa have raised our hopes and indicated purposeful aggressive policy on the part of Britain and America.

The astonishing strength and resilience of Russia inspires new enthusiasm and faith in ultimate triumph over Germany, and some of us incline to think with Dr. Benes that Germany can last no longer than another year.

These are splendid and undoubted grounds for confidence and hope, and their existence is an indication that we think in terms of global war rather than in the narrower view of our own national safety. But it must be clear that early victory in the West does not mean a speedy end to our own struggles and trials. Regardless of the fate of Germany, the Japanese will have to be beaten, utterly and completely.

In the last two months our forces in New Guinea have made unbroken if slow progress. The enemy has been on the defensive since the days when his threat to Moresby was turned aside. Australians and Americans have fought splendidly along the jungle trails and given the Japanese no rest, forcing him back yard by yard.

In the Solomons our American Allies have done wonders in consolidating and extending their hold upon a vital strategic point, and there is every reason to believe that progress will be maintained.

Despite all this, there is a vital fact to be considered. We have made progress; we are still calling the tune, but the piper is asking a high price.

There is indeed a long way to go before we can say that the enemy is on the run. Our advance has not been made without cost. When we rationally consider the distance that we must advance before even the threat of invasion is removed, it must be clear that there can be no easing of our effort. There can be no false optimism and no easy victory.

Every forward step against the enemy entails bitter fighting, and there are no grounds for assuming that in the next twelve months the rate of progress will materially increase.

This is no matter for despair, though it may be a grim and bitter fact.

This year must see a great, inspired and concerted effort on the part of all Australia; a surging forward, a great and unselfish endeavour to sweep the enemy back.

Let us join together in this New Year, devoting all we have to defeating the enemy. Only then can we congratulate ourselves that victory is in sight.

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Queensland Pastoral Supplies' policy of supplying goods direct to the man on the land is appreciated more and more every year. The benefit of reduced costs is passed direct to the consumer, and when there is sufficient demand for any line, be it barb wire, furniture, sheep dip, fertiliser, tools, or household furnishings, Queensland Pastoral Supplies organises production and makes it.

Selling their manufactured lines straight from the factory, considerable saving is effected by the purchaser. One of the largest trade organisations in the State, interstate and overseas, Q.P.S. also maintains what might be termed a personal service, inasmuch as the special requirements of regular customers, whether they be the quality or standard of goods required, the special method or route of forwarding, etc., are noted and remembered, and many are the personal services carried out by Q.P.S. for its customers.

Enquiries of all sorts, ranging from those associated with sick stock and motor tyres to the planning and building of a house, and the installation of an electric fence or a producer gas unit, are all in a day's work.

Q.P.S. advertisements appear regularly in our issues, and every reader will find more than one line of interest in their perusal.

For many years the Q.P.S. range of calendars, with the familiar pictures of the dogs, have been the feature of thousands of Queensland homes, offices and hotels. Paper shortage and other difficulties have restricted such publications, and Q.P.S. have been forced, in their calendar this year, to go from the dogs to the gee-gees. A copy of the new departure is available to customers, post free, on request.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

JANUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
20	9.05	9.15	.....	2.25	3.34
21	9.41	9.54	.....	3.05	4.13
22	10.15	10.31	.....	3.42	4.50
23	10.47	11.05	.....	4.20	5.27
24	11.19	11.39	.....	4.56	6.00
25	11.49	—	.....	5.31	6.34
26	12.14	12.21	.....	6.08	7.09
27	12.50	12.56	.....	6.52	7.47
28	1.35	1.39	.....	7.46	8.35
29	2.31	2.33	.....	8.55	9.32
30	3.44	3.41	.....	10.11	10.36
31	5.04	5.06	.....	11.27	11.39

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... January 21
Last Quarter ... January 29

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.19	6.26	.....	—	12.38
2	7.20	7.30	.....	12.38	1.44
3	8.14	8.26	.....	1.35	2.41
4	9.04	9.18	.....	2.29	3.35
5	9.50	10.06	.....	3.21	4.26
6	10.35	10.54	.....	4.11	5.14
7	11.19	11.40	.....	5.02	5.58
8	—	12.01	.....	5.51	6.42
9	12.26	12.44	.....	6.40	7.25
10	1.12	1.26	.....	7.31	8.08
11	2.03	2.11	.....	8.26	8.54
12	2.59	3.06	.....	9.27	9.44
13	4.06	4.14	.....	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	.....	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	.....	—	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	.....	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	.....	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	.....	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	.....	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	.....	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	.....	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	.....	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	.....	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	—	.....	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	.....	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	.....	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	.....	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	.....	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... February 5
First Quarter ... February 12
Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

Start the Year Right

BUY DIRECT from the Queensland Pastoral Supplies Pty. Ltd. and Bank the difference

SERVICE may not be usual Q.P.S. Standard, but it is the best under war conditions. Keep sending us your orders and enquiries. We are at your service.

HAVE YOU A BRAND FOR YOUR CATTLE? We will obtain registration for you through the Department of Agriculture and Stock and supply the Brands; Cast or Wrought Iron or Copper. Also Ear Pliers, Cast or Hand Forged Steel. Write for leaflet.

Strong Wooden Laundry Trolleys.— 2-Wheel 22/6, 4-Wheel 25/-, f.o.r. Brisbane; Hurricane Lanterns 10/6 each; Heavy Blackout Lanterns 9/6 each; 3-qt. "Hibiscus" Steel Churns 70/- each.

THE "CAMBRIDGE" BUCKET PUMP, complete with 4ft. Hose, Lance and Nozzle, price 45/- each. For agricultural and general farm use, fruit trees, wash-house and dairy use.

"PUNA" SINGLE BURNER OIL STOVES, 23/6 each. Post free.

HEAVY GAUZE DISH COVERS, 20-inch 8/- each; 22-in. 9/6 each.

Order your DRY WIRELESS BATTERIES now, before existing stocks are sold out.

KEENIT (a new line), for sharpening Safety Razor Blades, 2/6 post free.

MOLASSES, in 45-gallon drums, 42/6 drum. No charge for drums.

JOINERY.— Standard Queensland Pine Doors 20/- each. Equally low all other joinery. We give you direct factory prices.

WHEELBARROWS.—Wooden with Wrought Iron Wheels, 3 cwt., 35/- each.

SALT, big stock, £5/9/6 ton, 10/- bag; Superphosphate, Naru, 187 lb. bags, 13/4; Line, agricultural £4 ton, 7/- bag; Calphos Bone Meal, 10/- bag.

BLACKOUT PAPER, 2/6 doz. sheets, posted free; BLACKOUT PAINT, 1/- bottle.

WRITE FOR LATEST PAMPHLETS OF GENERAL LINES.

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TRIPLE REFINED **CORNFLOUR**

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Perhaps! But the predictions of fortune-tellers have a habit of being wrong. To restrict spending to an absolute minimum is not only a contribution to Australia's war effort; it is plain common sense—for money spent on non-essentials is money that should be directed to helping Australia to Victory.

Winning the war is the grave responsibility of the Nation—Saving for the Nation is the grave responsibility of every individual.

THE COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK

Provides all facilities for saving money

THRIFT COMES FIRST

Announcement

Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

Wish All Their Readers

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

— AND A —

VICTORIOUS 1943

For the United Nations

EXTRACT FROM PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL'S SPEECH, 8th MAY, 1942:

"When I look back on the perils overcome and "on the mountain waves in which the gallant "ship has driven; when I remember all that has "gone wrong, and remember all that has gone "right, I feel sure that we have no need to fear "the tempest. Let it roar, let it rage,

"WE SHALL COME THROUGH!"

Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

The Big Department Store

GLADSTONE

J. McIlhatton & Coy

(R. R. TUDMAN, PROPRIETOR)

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Death.

AMBROSE.—At the Gladstone General Hospital on January 9th, 1943, Elizabeth Jane, widow of the late Ernest Alfred Ambrose, and beloved mother of Glady (Mrs. R. Wilson) and Ernest (Johnnie), R.A.A.F. Age 53 years and 9 months.

R.I.P.

Thanks

THE Son and Daughter of the late Elizabeth Jane Ambrose wish to thank Doctors Skinner, Byrne and Yum, and the Matron and Nursing Staff of the Glastone District Hospital for their kindness and attention to their late mother whilst an inmate of the Hospital.

THE Son and Daughter of the late Elizabeth Jane Ambrose wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for messages of sympathy and kindness extended to them in their recent sad bereavement.

Kindly accpt this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

McLEOD.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, R. McLeod, who passed away on 6th January, 1938.

Always Remembered.

(Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

WENITONG.—In loving memory of our darling daughter and sister, Dorothy, who passed away on 21st January, 1941. Age 3 years.

A silent thought brings many a tear
Of one we loved and miss so much.
For we who loved her only know
How much we lost two years ago.

(Inserted by her loving mother, daddy (overseas), and brother Benny).

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held to-morrow night (Thursday) in the basement of the Town Hall, when a lecture will be delivered by Mr. E. Radford. A large attendance is requested.

ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED.

The Secretary of the Austerity War Loan Committee (Mr. H. Peters) writes: "The Austerity War Loan Committee wish to thank you for the amount of publicity you gave to the loan, which was of great assistance to them in the campaign."

MAIN ROAD BRIDGE.

The Minister for Works (Mr. H. A. Bruce) has advised the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. Williams) that the Main Roads Commission had been authorised to construct a bridge over the gully between Beecher and Burua Railway Stations on the Gladstone-Calliope Road.

A.C.F. STREET STALL.

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the A.C.F. and Patriotic Fund will be conducted on Friday, February 19, and the convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) will be pleased to receive donations of jam, cakes, sweets, pickles, vegetables, flowers, etc., for sale on that date.

FINED £5.

In the Miriam Vale Police Court, before the Acting S.M. (Mr. Donovan), A. Roe was charged with failing to enrol for military service. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was convicted and fined £5, with 6/- costs of court, in default one month's imprisonment. Captain G. C. Melson, area officer, Rockhampton, prosecuted.

AUCKLAND STREET CROSSING.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) is in receipt of advice from the Minister for Transport that a new arm for the Pearson wig-wag signal at the Auckland Street railway level crossing had been forwarded from Brisbane. These signals had been out of commission owing to one arm being rusted by salt air. They would now be in commission again shortly.

NET PROFIT £54/17/7.

The country stall, conducted at the Christmas Fair in aid of the A.C.F. and Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund, held on December 18, was as usual an outstanding success, and resulted in a net profit of £54/17/7. The chairman of the Country Stall Committee (Mr. H. Nell-Ballantine) and the secretary (Mrs. E. J. Ferguson) wish to thank all who sent donations of cash or kind to the stall, and all those who in any way assisted to make the stall a success.

COMFORTS FUND

SERVICE TO THE TROOPS

Work Appreciated

The good work which the Australian Comforts Fund is doing for the welfare of the fighting forces is of a nature that the result is not often seen, providing as it does for the comfort of our soldiers at all corners of the earth. Countless letters of appreciation tell of the benefits received.

Just recently the Gladstone branch was called upon to assist in supplying food for a train load of Australians, who had not arrived on schedule, and Allied troops during their stay in town were supplied with forty dozen of soft drinks by the Chairman of the Executive (Mr. W. R. Golding).

Army patrol vessels have been catered for, and men on outport work have written letters of appreciation for supplies of tobacco and cigarettes received, which could not be obtained through the ordinary channels.

The citizens of Gladstone and district who support this patriotic body will be pleased to learn of the appreciation by those for whom this fund was intended for.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.

I know you will be pleased to hear that every man on board received a Christmas hamper on December 25," writes the commanding officer of an Australian warship to the headquarters of the Australian Comforts Fund (Queensland division).

Every day letters of thanks are being received at headquarters from members of the fighting forces on land and sea, thanking the A.C.F. and its supporters for the hampers distributed at Christmas.

Tribute to the quality of the hampers is paid by the naval officer, who adds: "I can assure you these hampers impressed everyone as being on a most generous scale, and as containing items of a most practicable nature. They did much towards brightening Christmas, which can be at its best only when spent at home."

An airman in New Guinea starts his letter: "Dear friends of the services," and says: "Every man in our unit received a similar A.C.F. parcel, and it would have done your hearts good to see the pleased expressions on their faces."

From a member of another force comes a letter saying: "As we are a long distance from the source of supply, it is sometimes difficult to get delicacies through the canteen, and your parcel arrived at a most convenient time. The contents were ideally chosen to suit all tastes, and left nothing to be desired."

Another letter from the same area says: "We all appreciate the work of the A.C.F. very much, and its standard seems to be to do as much as possible as often as possible. During the year we have had several issues of various kinds from the A.C.F. I think that when this war is over one of our brightest and most lasting memories will be of the work of the A.C.F. and other welfare units, and their willingness to try to make the way a bit smoother."

"We have just completed a very strenuous three months in New Guinea, having fought from one side of this island to the other," writes a lieutenant colonel, expressing thanks for hampers distributed to his unit. "During this time, owing to transport difficulties, we could only receive bare necessities, and parcels from home and comforts were unknown, which makes them all the more appreciated now."

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL

GLADSTONE BRANCH

Various Matters Dealt With

The Secretary of the Trades and Labour Council (Mr. J. G. Darling) advises that several communications have been received by his body relative to matters dealt with by the Council.

C.C.C. JOBS.

The General Secretary of the Queensland Trades and Labour Council asked for the name of a representative of the Gladstone T. and L. Council for a credentialled delegate to visit C.C.C. jobs in the Gladstone district.

The name of Mr. G. McCabe is to be sent on as the local nominee.

PORT OF GLADSTONE.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) advised that he was taking up with the Minister for Supply and Development (Mr. Beasley) concerning the Council's representations that greater use be made of the wharf facilities at Gladstone.

Mr. Beasley also wrote stating that he was impressed with the case of the Gladstone Trades and Labour Council at the deputation to Mr. Forde that increased shipping at Gladstone would ease the congestion at southern ports, and lessen the strain on the railway system.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME.

Mr. Forde, replying to the recent deputation from the Trades and Labour Council which suggested that the Federal Government should take over the Gladstone water supply and complete the Boyne scheme by the Allied Works Council, enclosed a letter from Mr. H. A. Bruce, State Minister for Public Works. Mr. Bruce asked for a full report from the Acting Local Director of Local Authority affairs.

BUTCHERS' UNION.

The Minister for the Interior (Mr. J. E. Collings) advised Mr. Forde that he had received his telegram from Mr. Darling (secretary, Butchers' Union, Gladstone), complaining that members had worked excessively long hours for the past 12 months, and were called upon by Allied Works Council immediately they commenced their three weeks' annual leave. Failure of a break would create absenteeism and refusal of overtime through overstrain.

Mr. Collings advised that the Allied Works Council had been advised that members of the Butchers' Union were not to be called up.

Mr. Beasley (Minister for Supply and Development) advised A.M.I.E.U. members that his Brisbane office had arranged for Swift Aust. (Pty.) Ltd. to seucre supplies of cotton duck for use in the manufacture of aprons. Efforts were also being made to improve the position concerning canvas gloves.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

SICK AND WOUNDED

Services Appreciated

The magnificent work of the Gladstone Red Cross was never more appreciated than recently, when all personnel were called upon to assist a large number of evacuees and sick and wounded servicemen passing through our town. Officials, members of the various circles, and the V.A.D.'s worked splendidly providing and distributing fruit, milk, cigarettes, ice creams, water melons, etc.

Mr. A. H. Friend, an executive officer of the branch, supervised the purchasing and delivery of the food and members of the knitting and sewing circles brought goods from their depot.

An idea of the work may be gained from the fact that 45 gallons of milk was distributed. In all four trains were supplied, the ladies working until a late hour at night to see that everyone was attended to. Members also assisted the refreshment rooms staff, and comment was made on the splendid work of the manager (Mr. Hogan) and his staff in attending to abnormal numbers at short notice.

An officer in charge subsequently expressed his appreciation of the splendid work performed by the Gladstone Red Cross, a service which would not be forgotten by the authorities and servicemen.

APPRECIATION.

The assistance was not confined to Red Cross personnel, many townspeople who are organised by Rev. W. E. Boyldew brought gifts to waiting passengers, and those who received them thoroughly appreciated the generous gesture.

In passing, tribute is paid to the continued efforts of the Rev. Boyldew to make the lot of the serviceman more contented. For many months he has organised various forms of entertainment for them. At his request local residents have had two, three, and as many as four visiting servicemen each Sunday night to dinner. They are, of course, invited to attend the evening service at St. Saviour's Church afterwards. When one guest asked if it was really necessary to attend the service, another wittily remarked, "It's a sort of voluntary conscription, so you'd better go, boys." In addition the rev. gentleman has organised socials and dances, and often invited visiting personnel as his guests. The boys have a lot of time for Rev. Boyldew.

TOWN COUNCIL

STREET AND ROAD WORKS

Twelve Pipes Damaged

At the last meeting of the Town Council the Overseer (Mr. R. Tait) reported as follows:—

EDWARD STREET.

The concrete culvert near the corner of Edward and Scenery Streets has been completed. The roadway over the culvert has been formed up and metalled. The 15-inch dia. pipe at the corner of Edward Street and the Gladstone-Calliope Road has been extended further back, and the guide post shifted back, which improves the access to this street.

GONDOON STREET DAM.

The stone pitched wall of this dam from the top of the largest leak was opened up. The core was found to be composed mostly of rubble and earth, and it had settled down a good bit where the water was leaking through. Two loads of puddled clay were packed in, and all holes and cracks in the stone pitching along the front of the dam and along the bank on Easton's side were cemented up.

GLADSTONE-CALLIOPE ROAD.

All the largest of the pot holes on the bitumen surface on the Gladstone-Calliope Road have been repaired between the foot of Bramston Street and Police Creek. A lot of small holes are beginning to appear on the surface, which will be attended to as they develop.

YAROON STREET.

Two notice boards have been erected, one at each end of the cutting at the bottom of Yaroon Street, cautioning the traffic to go slow.

MEAT WORKS ROAD.

A start has been made to repair and gravel the pot holes on the Meat Works Road, between the railway crossing and the turn-off.

Two classification discs were received from the Main Roads Commission to be put up on the Gondoon Street bridge. This matter has been attended to in accordance with their instructions.

NEW PIPE LINE.

Five men were engaged on December 15 under subsidy loan conditions from the Labour Exchange to clear the pipe line between Nos. 1 and 2 tanks, and to improve the gully crossings. This work was completed on December 24.

The cast iron pipes arrived here on December 28, and were unloaded and stacked at Auckland Point. After they had been stacked they were tested for cracks by myself and Mr. Poulson, the Iron & Steel Co.'s representative. Twelve pipes altogether had been damaged in transit. Those have been marked with white paint, so that they can be kept separate when carting.

Mr. Parsloe, the successful tenderer for the carting, signed the specification and conditions for carting on December 31, and a start was made with the carting on January 1. Four loads were carted that day. Since then rain has intervened and held up the work.

A real start cannot be made on the pipe line until the special castings and valves have arrived, and until I have discussed with Engineer Fenwick the matter of plant and where it can be obtained. A portable forge would be necessary on the job. The Council has a blower and legs for a portable forge. I would advise purchasing a tray for this forge so as it can be used.

The report was adopted.

WATER REPORT.

The Water Foreman (Mr. D. D. Jackson) reported that the following works were carried out during the month of December:—

Reading water meters.

Repaired leak which developed in the Coney Island line.

Repaired leak in 4-inch cast iron main on Auckland Hill.

Attended to valve at the corner of Gondoon and Bramston Streets.

Cut off several consumers, pending repairs to their water services.

AT THE WATERWORKS.

A stud broke on the gland of No. 1 piston; bored old stud and fitted a new one.

Ground in valves on suction gas engine; removed coke from the scrubber, and washed and replaced same; also cleaned gas pipes between the scrubber and engine.

The plant is in good order and running satisfactorily. During the month the suction gas plant ran for 171¼ hours, and pumped approximately 1,513,760 gallons.

The rainfall at the Waterworks for the month of December was 255 points.

The dam on January 1 was 9ft. 6ins. below the by-wash, being a drop of 1ft. 8ins. for the month.

Both Nos. 1 and 2 tanks were full on January 1. Changed the pumping twice during the month from direct pumping to gravitation.

The water consumption was again heavy for the month of December owing to activities.

The recent rains put 4ins. in the dam, but this has since been pumped out, and the dam on January 11 was 9ft. 6ins. below the by-wash.

One new consumer was connected during the month.

The report was adopted.

PADDY'S MARKET

DECEMBER EFFORT

Receipts £45/17/-

The December Paddy's market was again very successful, the receipts totalling £45/17/-, a tribute to the splendid work of the organiser (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her committee.

The following donors are thanked for their kind assistance:—

CASH DONATIONS.

Mrs. A. Worthington (sale of dragons) £2/18/-, Miss Stirrat £1, Mrs. Geo. Phillips (sale of eggs) 10/6, Mrs. G. Wyatt senr. 10/-, anonymous 10/-, Mrs. Coxon (sale of fruit cake) 10/-, Mrs. A. Friend (sale of fruit cake) 7/-, Mrs. J. S. Henderson 5/-, Mrs. Hallam 5/-, Miss Mary Scoines 5/-, Mrs. McDermott 5/-, Mrs. McEwen 3/-, Mrs. W. J. Barker 2/-, Mrs. Barker 2/-.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Mrs. P. Buck, 18 dolls; Mrs. A. Friend, books; Mr. Ken Ballantine, setting of turkey eggs; Mrs. Bartlett, reels; Mrs. G. Wyatt senr., 12 lbs. sugar; Mrs. Boyle, 4 coat hangers, milk jug cover, 2 comb cases; Mrs. J. Brialey, box of novelties; Mrs. Hall, novelty; Mrs. Jordan, cocoa.

Cakes.—Mesdames Hando, Garland, Elliott, G. Wilson, L. S. Johnston, R. Ladner, Meldrum, Collins, Geddes, Yum, Hodge, Golding, Hall, Steed, Jowett, Cavill, Hamilton, Martin.

Scones, tarts and biscuits.—Mesdames Garland, Joseph, Menzies.

Chutney, pickles.—Mrs. Kirkham.

Sweets.—Mesdames C. Barker, Watson, Garland, Grayson.

Jam.—Mesdames J. D. Stirrat (Carinya), L. A. Bartlett (Cluden), G. Clarke, C. Garland, Benedict.

Honey.—Mrs. Hall.

Fruit.—Mesdames Simpson (Barmundu), Watson, W. J. Barker, Mr. F. Pike, Mr. W. Wyndham.

Vegetables.—Mrs. Simpson (Barmundu), Mrs. G. Clarke, Miss Horne (Rockfield), Mr. F. Pike.

Eggs.—Mesdames L. S. Johnston, A. R. Bone, Clyde Smith, Martin Simpson.

Flowers.—Mesdames P. Friend, A. Friend, G. Clarke, Hando, J. Worthington, Walters, Connellan, G. Wyatt senr., Messrs. P. M. Jones and F. Stitt senr.

Pot plants.—Mesdames Harbottle, Campbell Bell, McEwen, G. Clarke.

Tablecloth and serviettes (donated by Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. was won by Mrs. B. Wilson, Bramston Street, with ticket No. 85.

Toy dragon (donated by Mrs. A. Worthington) was won by Mrs. Merrit, with ticket No. 63.

HARBOUR BOARD

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Gladstone Harbour Board was held on Friday. Present: Messrs A. W. Drewe (chairman), W. R. Golding, E. W. Crow, R. S. Wilson, C. W. Macfarlan, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

Leave of absence from the meeting was granted to Mr. C. S. Schache.

The Department of Health and Home Affairs asked that every attention be given to the destruction of rats.—Received.

The Shell Company asked for permission to set up a temporary pipe line for the pumping of salt water for testing purposes.—Granted.

Payments amounting to £1093/4/1 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £72/10/11 were passed for payment.

RESCUE AND DEMOLITION SQUAD.

A meeting of the Rescue and Demolition Squad will be held in the basement of the Town Hall on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested so that the squads can be organised for the practice to be held on February 6.

A STORM.

On Sunday afternoon a storm which was narrow in area, passed over Gladstone, causing a fair amount of damage to buildings. The old portion of the rear of a picture theatre suffered most, and was blown into the main street, where other damage was sustained.

OBITUARY

MR. ALEX O'SING.

The sudden death at Rockhampton on Saturday evening last of Mr. Alexander O'Sing, aged 72 years, removed another of Gladstone's early pioneers. Deceased had complained recently that he did not feel very well, but he was able to make one of his usual visits to the central city to attend the race meeting there. Apparently he collapsed after returning from Callaghan Park and was found in a sitting position at his nephew's residence. Death was evidently instantaneous, following a heart attack.

The O'Sing family shared the honour of being among the first residents of the town of Gladstone, the father (John O'Sing) arriving at the port nearly 90 years ago. The young boys quickly gained a name for first-class horsemanship, and Jack, Billy, Alec and Alf were ranked with the Sheans, Rideouts, and others who later became champion riders. Deceased was always known as Alec, and was very popular with the older generation. He attended the Gladstone State School in 1874, the early teachers being the late Wm. Morley and the late Mr. Geddes.

The late Mr. O'Sing joined the staff of Messrs. H. & J. Friend, and for many years worked in the store and on deliveries. It was whilst engaged on the latter job that he met with a serious accident. Horses attached to a lorry bolted, and he was smashed against a verandah rail in stopping them. Blindness threatened, but medical care soon restored him to health, and he then commenced as a cabbie, his hansom cab with splendid horses being known to travellers throughout the State.

He put the first motor car, a model T Ford, on the town rank, and during the next decade he put a new Ford on each year, being one of the few hire men who could deal direct with the Ford distributors in Brisbane. His son Albert joined him in the hire business, and carried it on when he retired. Subsequently he acquired the freehold of the Wadleigh Hotel, Boroen, and when the lease expired he conducted the business himslf. He also bought the Railway Hotel at Yarwun, and conducted it for some years. Eventually, however, he disposed of his interests in the hotel business and settled down in the Valley.

The late Mr. O'Sing took a keen interest in racing. Besides riding many of his own horses he trained several well-known performers, notably Fogabolla, which won at Rockhampton, Gladstone and Calliope, and Princess Lily, Iris, and others. Quite recently he purchased a maiden eight year old (Leo Sun) in Brisbane, and succeeded in winning several events with him, much to the amazement of his friends.

Deceased was one of the original party of kangaroo hunters, which included the late Joe Coase, Dan Butcher, Jim Coase, Roley Joyner, Ernie Smith, Harry Pujolas, and the O'Sing brothers. Members would ride out to Calliope to join Harry Pujolas, and only the best horses and kangaroo dogs were used in the sport, which attracted great interest. The roos were hunted along the banks of the Calliope and Boyne Rivers, following the lines of an old country hunt. On one occasion Ernie Smith (who is now with Jack O'Sing the only remaining members) hit a cork tree near Toolooa and broke his jaw, the chase being abandoned whilst the injured man was brought to hospital.

Deceased married Miss Nora Burke, who predeceased him some years ago. His drive from Gladstone to Rockhampton in a buggy and pair in one day for his marriage was then a notable event, the two grey ponies used being beautiful animals, which attracted a lot of admiration.

Deceased won many prizes at early shows with hacks, buggy horses and ponies, buying from as far south as Maryborough.

There are three surviving sisters, Mesdames J. Darling senr. (Glastone), Oswald (Rockhampton), and Kirkwood (Gladstone), and three brothers, John, James and William (Gladstone), and Alf (Rockhampton). The late Mr. O'Sing had one daughter, Mrs. Jones (Millie), who died last year, and one son, Alexander Albert ("Bert"), who conducts the Railway Hotel, Calliope.

Deceased was a member of the Loyal Gladstone Lodge M.U.I.O.O.F., being the second oldest surviving member of the branch.

The funeral, which took place on Monday afternoon, was largely attended, there being many wreaths and tributes of sympathy. Rev. Father Campbell officiated at the graveside, and the Oddfellows' service was read by Bro. W. H. Woods. Amongst the pall bearers was a representative of the Gladstone Turf Club (Mr. A.W.F.G. Crow).

AUSTERITY LOAN

GLADSTONE COMMITTEE

Affairs Finalised

The final meeting of the Gladstone Austerity Loan Committee was held in the Town Hall Chambers, the business being the winding up of affairs connected with the campaign.

As is usual in such stages of a committee's affairs, there were several "post mortems" held, but the general opinion, as expressed by the members present, was that although the quota of £40,000 allotted to Gladstone was not reached, the response was very creditable.

The exceptional number of applications received, which must have compared more than favourably on a per capita basis with that of most centres, showed to what extent the rank and file of Gladstone are behind the war effort. For comparison purposes, further information on this point is being sought from Queensland's Campaign Director.

It was felt, however, that good though the results were, they could have been much improved upon had a better representation of business men been associated with the Committee, and the hope was expressed that when a new committee is formed for the next loan, more of this section of the community will be represented.

Eulogistic remarks were made by all members concerning the work performed by the Secretary (Mr. Peters), and a resolution was passed placing on record the sterling services rendered by him.

Figures furnished in connection with the house-to-house canvass disclosed that this phase of the campaign had been well worth while, and it was suggested that its operations might well be extended in any future campaign. The majority of the people approached readily agreed to complete the application forms, and it became more apparent as the canvass progressed, that procrastination was the main reason for the poorer response in the earlier stages of the campaign.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman (Mayor Dennis) thanking the committee for its support, and expressing the hope and confidence that before the next loan was due to be floated the Allied Nations would have proceeded a considerably further distance along the road to victory.

MRS. E. J. AMBROSE.

The death occurred at the Gladstone General Hospital on Saturday, January 9, of a well-known and respected resident in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Ambrose, following a short illness.

The deceased, who was 50 years of age, was the widow of the late Mr. Ernest Alfred Ambrose, who it will be remembered fought through the last war.

The late Mrs. Ambrose leaves one son, Ernie (Johnnie), who is at present serving with the R.A.A.F., one daughter, Gladys (Mrs. R. Wilson), four sisters, Mesdames W. V. Coase, R. Forty, R. Winter (Gladstone), J. Kasmeroski (Bundaberg), and two brothers (J. and V. Lyons), to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place to the Gladstone Cemetery, the Rev. Father McSherry officiating at the graveside.

MISS L. B. RIGBY.

There were many expressions of regret in the town and district when it became known that Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rigby had lost their twin daughter, Linda Beatrice ("Bin") after she had been ill for some little time.

Deceased, who was 31 years of age, had not enjoyed the best of health in recent years, but loving care and visits to relatives in the south had resulted in a marked improvement. However, on a recent visit to Warwick she became very ill, and although Mrs. Rigby was able to bring her home, she failed to rally, and passed away in the District Hospital on Saturday.

Of a quiet disposition and charming nature, "Bin" made many friends. She was educated at the Presbyterian Girls' College, Warwick, and in recent years had assisted the Red Cross with beautifully knitted articles.

The funeral moved from St. Saviour's Church of England, Rev. W. E. Boyldew officiating at the service. There were many floral wreaths and tributes of sympathy from friends in the town and district.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

MR. HANSON IN REPLY.

Sir,—In your issue of Wednesday, December 23, Mr. Funk endeavoured to point out the benefits reaped from socialism. But alas, Mr. Funk, you have only filled the baby's bottle with liberty!

I quote you when I say that the basic point in your argument is "an appeal for the introduction of a complete form of socialism."

But socialism is a very broad term which men like you interpret in many different ways.

You infer that the sympathies of nations should be with the worker, who has less means of defence, and that the capitalist is the one who should begin to rectify the many abuses which undoubtedly exist.

But no policy of socialism, such as the one to which you refer, which aims at the destruction of all social unequalities can be tolerated.

Social unequalities are essential to the general good of mankind: some men being employed on necessary manual works, others in intellectual pursuits, whilst various grades of difficulty or genius required in the work done demand various grades of remuneration. And this, of course, means social inequality, Mr. Funk.

No person ever condemned the employment of man servants and maid servants, but he did vindicate their rights and the rights of employers.

A socialistic form of government is quite wrong in itself, let alone in its many applications, because it violates the essential rights of man, which includes the right of ownership to private property.

Capitalism is the economic system in which industry, production, distribution and exchange are controlled by individuals who possess property and who devote some or all of it to enterprises of commercial value, subject to certain restrictive State legislation.

It is not a political form of government. That is where you are wrong, Mr. Funk, because it can function under a monarchy or under a republic. We can call it, however, an economic form of government, since it results in a certain state of society.

Capitalism may be a wash-out and an evil to some people, Mr. Funk, but you can't clear the hurdle simply by advocating socialism, and the sooner you realise that, Mr. Funk, the more credit I shall give you for common sense.—Yours, etc.

K. J. HANSON.

CLEARER DEFINITION WANTED.

Sir,—Regarding the letter of "Elector" in your issue of December 19, and the reply by Mr. Leo. Funk on December 23, I thought "Elector" would have replied, as there are several points on which I am sure many people (including myself) are very vague.

I refer chiefly to the reference of the labourer selling his labour power and the part which mentions the contradiction of the capitalist system.

This reads alright, and might be quite correct, but I think that Mr. Funk should have given a clearer definition of what he means.—Yours, etc.,

RATEPAYER.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Corporal E. Robinson, of the A.W.A.S., is spending a few weeks leave with her parents in Pier Street.

Miss Enid Knight, of Rockhampton, is the guest of Mrs. M. Robinson, of Gladstone, for a few days.

Sergt. R. Watts, of Gladstone, who has been in New Guinea for the last eighteen months, is at present spending a month's leave with his parents.

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Girls.—Buettel J. M., Clapham B. L., Collins M. A., Dicker A. H., Dowse G. E., Groundwater B. F., Hallam L. G., Hay V., Hopper J. A., Huth P. R., Liddicoat M. B., O'Neill J. B. H., Ruddell N. J., Scott D. E., Upton G. D.

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R. TAIT, Officer in Charge.

TENDERS FOR MAIL SERVICES.

TENDERS are now invited for contracts for the conveyance of mails commencing on 1st July, 1943.

Tenders will be received at the General Post Office, Brisbane, up to 9 a.m. on Monday, the 1st March, 1943.

Tender Forms and particulars of the Mail Services concerned are available at the office of the Superintendent, Postal Services, G.P.O., Brisbane, and at the Post Offices connected to the mail services concerned.

J. MALONE,

Deputy Director, Posts and Telegraphs.

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Tender Forms may be obtained from and draft of contract seen at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders to be endorsed "Cleansing Service," and addressed to the Chairman, Calliope Shire Council, Box 101, Gladstone.

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H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk.

Gladstone 14/1/43.

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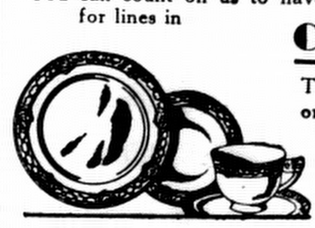

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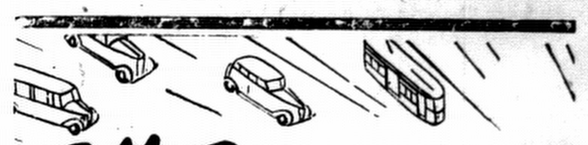

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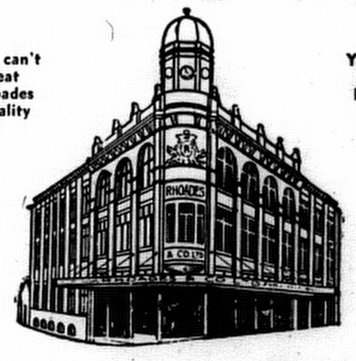

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A national effort is a total effort. Not merely the effort of the fighting men, of the makers of munitions, or the effort of those who give their time and money to the cause. It is the sum total of all effort, and this total cannot reach its national maximum unless everyone contributes a full quota.

In this respect our enemies have few deficiencies. Theirs is a total effort, although regimented under the whip. Their united effort is that of slaves. It does not arise from the inspiration of a just cause. It is not the chosen course of a free people.

In this freedom we have great pride; but pride is justified only so long as we are prepared to pay for it.

Freedom has never been cheap. History bears witness that it cannot be bought at cut rates; its price is higher than compulsion because it is beyond price.

Let there be no mistake; nothing short of the maximum from every individual will suffice to retain our freedom. The strength of our Allies might save us from defeat, but history could not save us from shame.

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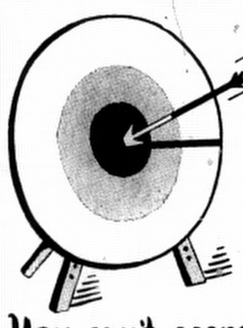

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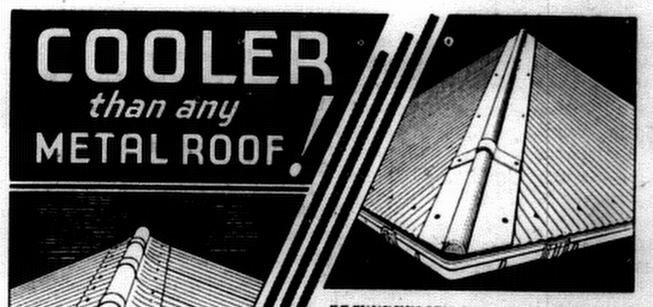

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40	3/-	4/9	6/-

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION

"THE ENEMY LISTENS"

Residents Again Warned

Are you a fifth columnist? One can just imagine the din of selfrighteous no's as the question is answered. But let us go into the matter a little more closely. Can you honestly say that in the last six months you have not offended in word or deed against the National Security Regulations. Have you ever discussel troops movements or the positions of defensive weapons? Have you ever repeated an idle rumour? If you can truthfully say no to all that, then there is no need to read the remainder of this story. The attention of those who admit the soft impeachment is, however, earnestly desired.

One can be a fifth columnist either by design or through ignorance and carelessness. Unfortunately, the result, so far as leakage of information goes, is the same; the information is these for the enemy agent to collate and forward to the quarters in which it will do the most harm.

LESSEN FORGOTTEN LESSONS.

There are still children who believe in Santa Claus, and this is desirable and also understandable, but to think that there are still adults who believe that this Northern State is without a big quota of fifth columnists stretching credulity to more than breaking point. In the cosmopolitan population such as that with which Queensland is blessed, one can be tolerably certain that we have a fairly high percentage. Surely the lessons of previous campaigns, in which fifth columnists took such an active and disastrous part have not already been forgotten. The lessons have been particularly hard ones, and it is inconceivable that we have not made full use of them.

WEIGH YOUR WORDS.

Every time you write, think carefully before you commit yourself to something that was better left unwritten. Before you speak, carefully weigh your words. There is no truer caption than "the enemy listens."

He is not an idle listener. He has been trained for many years to collect evidence to aid his own intelligence officers. He is cunning and plausible, and betrays little outward interest in a conversation, but he misses nothing.

Have you ever written anything like this:—

"The Americans have the biggest searchlight in the world on ——. There are anti-aircraft guns all round it."

The information was correct, and had it fallen into the hands of the enemy rather than that of the censor, would have given them very valuable information.

TELL IT TO THE (SUB) MARINES.

"All round us are ammunition dumps, right through the bush by Bill's home. —— Road has been closed to civilian traffic."

A dispersal area has been disclosed. "—— ships are in the harbour," (giving the number).

Handy news for our late submarine visitors.

If we must talk, and so far there are few indications that we are dumb, let us talk of anything but ships, troops, and aircraft.

Post your LAUNDRY

Send for latest price list to-day

POST TO **ALEXANDERS** PTY LTD LEICHHARDT ST BRISBANE

SUGAR RATIONING

Third Allowance of 6 lbs.

A third allowance of six pounds of sugar for jam making is to be made available immediately by the Rationing Commission, said the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane).

The total maximum allowance of sugar for jam for each person is now eighteen pounds.

Unexpected increased stocks in the Southern States in the last fortnight are responsible for the third allowance. The sugar available is being passed on to the consumer without delay in view of the urgency of the need for it for jam making.

"It has been the policy of the Government not to withhold supplies from the public whenever they could be made available, and this principle was being maintained in this instance," the Minister said.

This extra allowance may be obtained by householders by writing to the Deputy Directors of Rationing in each State, enclosing an addressed envelope for an application form, which then correctly filled in will be handed to the retailer with the "D" strips from the ration book filled in with the name and address of the customers, and pasted on the back of the form.

The three special issues for sugar for jam making and fruit preserving now provide a maximum total allowance of eighteen pounds per head. The first issue is simply obtained. The ration book is merely presented to the retailer, who will cut off the strip along the top of the "B" coupon (sugar) page—the strip containing the letter "B" and the words "customer's name and address." The retailer will then supply the first issue.

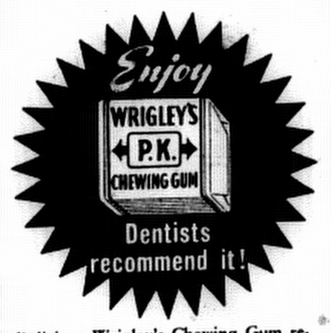
To obtain the second and third issues application must be made in writing to the State Deputy Director of Rationing, enclosing an addressed envelope for reply.

An application form will then be posted back to the applicant.

For the second issue the "customer's name and address" slip as was used from the "B" coupon page to obtain the first issue must be cut from the "C" coupon page, filled in and pasted on the back of the form. The form is then completed and handed to the grocer or retailer, who will then supply the second sugar allowance.

One member of the household can apply on behalf of all other members.

The method of application for the third special issue is the same as for the second. In this case the "customer's name and address" slip at the top of the "D" coupon page is used. Persons who have not previously applied for the second issue may use the same application form to obtain the third issue.



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PAPUA

Plans for Development

Australia is not only sending supplies to the troops operating in the South-west Pacific Ocean, but is also supplying rations to the natives whose village life has been dislocated by the war.

"Normally," said Senator Fraser, Minister for External Territories, in a special interview, "the natives get their food by their own efforts, but we are now sending rations to them from Australia, mostly by air, and despite the difficulties of distribution they are receiving the supplies fairly regularly. We are also supplying them, as far as possible, with trade goods.

"The Commonwealth Government and the people of Australia have every reason to be proud of the part the natives of the Territory of Papua have played in the struggle on that area. Letters from members of the fighting forces and press correspondents, both Australian and American, have paid glowing tributes to the work of the natives and to their courage and loyalty in the difficult circumstances in which they have been placed since the Japanese first attacked Port Moresby in February last. The official reports are no less enthusiastic in their praise.

"The area of the combined Territories of Papua and New Guinea is 180,000 square miles, with native populations of approximately 300,000 and 750,000, respectively. At the time of the Japanese invasion a large portion of the area had not been adequately surveyed, and one result of the military operations will be that when the war is over we shall have a much greater knowledge of the country. That is one very important gain we shall make as a result of the war.

"The Government, however, is not waiting for the peace before thinking of what form the development of these territories shall take in the future: it is already engaged in formulating the policy that will be followed when the time comes for the resumption of normal civilian life."

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

JANUARY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
23	10.47	11.05	.....	4.20	5.27
24	11.19	11.39	.....	4.56	6.00
25	11.49	——	.....	5.31	6.34
26	12.14	12.21	.....	6.08	7.09
27	12.50	12.56	.....	6.52	7.47
28	1.35	1.39	.....	7.46	8.35
29	2.31	2.33	.....	8.55	9.32
30	3.44	3.41	.....	10.11	10.36
31	5.04	5.06	.....	11.27	11.39

THE MOON.

Last Quarter ... January 29

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.19	6.26	.....	——	12.38
2	7.20	7.30	.....	12.38	1.44
3	8.14	8.26	.....	1.35	2.41
4	9.04	9.18	.....	2.29	3.35
5	9.50	10.06	.....	3.21	4.26
6	10.35	10.54	.....	4.11	5.14
7	11.19	11.40	.....	5.02	5.58
8	——	12.01	.....	5.51	6.42
9	12.26	12.44	.....	6.40	7.25
10	1.12	1.26	.....	7.31	8.08
11	2.03	2.11	.....	8.26	8.54
12	2.59	3.06	.....	9.27	9.44
13	4.06	4.14	.....	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	.....	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	.....	——	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	.....	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	.....	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	.....	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	.....	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	.....	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	.....	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	.....	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	.....	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	——	.....	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	.....	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	.....	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	.....	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	.....	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... February 5
First Quarter ... February 12
Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

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Special Appeal

— BY —

Red Cross

RED CROSS needs £300,000 from Queensland in 1943 to carry on its services to sick and wounded and prisoners of war. Give generously and often. Donations may be sent to the Secretary, Red Cross, Gladstone.

—or—

ASSIST AT PADDY'S MARKET, SECOND FRIDAY EVERY MONTH AT RED CROSS HUT

—or—

GIVE A HAND to the willing band of workers at the Empire Hall Ball every Saturday Night in aid of the Prisoners of War

—or—

JOIN THE PRISONERS OF WAR STREET WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

—or—

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Thanks

MR. and MRS. A. G. UNIE (Sam) wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for messages of sympathy extended to them in their recent sad bereavement.

Kindly accept this as our personal thanks.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1943

CURRENT TOPICS

WATER PUMPED.

At the last meeting of the Water Authority the Engineer (Mr. E. W. Phillips) reported that during December he had pumped electrically for approximately 600 hours, using 11,496 units. The report was adopted.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The usual monthly street stall of the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., will be held in Gondoon Street on Tuesday, February 9. Donations of produce, cakes, jams, sweets, flowers, etc., would be much appreciated by the organisers (Mesdames P. Irwin and M. Brown).

VICE VERSA DANCE.

A night everyone will enjoy is the vice versa dance, to be held in the Trocadero on Friday, February 12. The programme will include jazz and old-time dancing, a jitter bug competition, and free Monte Carlo and spot dances. A cash prize will be given for the best vice versa couple. A first-class orchestra of four has been engaged. The funds will go to augment the Convent School fund.

ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED.

The Secretary of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society (Mr. H. P. Hallam) has received the following letter from the Commissioner of the Red Cross, Brisbane:—"We have been informed by our representative, who travelled aboard recent ambulance trains passing through your centre, of the excellent co-operation afforded the Field Force by the members of the Gladstone Red Cross branch, and of your personal efforts in this direction. We are most grateful for this assistance, and can assure you that this is greatly appreciated by us all at headquarters."

PROPERTY SALES.

Mr. Lance R. Weiske, commission agent, advises the sale of the grazing property, "Warree," situated near Calliope, to Mr. F. M. Hicson, a well-known grazier of this district. The vendor is Miss M. Miller. The Miller family have owned "Warree" for many years. The property is freehold, permanently watered, and well improved. The sale was effected on an unstockd basis. This agent also advises the sale of another property at Targinnie, to Mr. J. Storey, of Yarwun, the vendor being The Union Trustee Co. of Australia Limited and Mrs. A. Charlton, as executors in the estate of the late George Charlton.

NEW GUINEA

Red Cross Services

Sergeant S. E. Brialey, of Yarwun, writes from Port Moresby as follows:—

"We have had two issues of tobacco through the Red Cross these last two weeks. They do marvellous work here for the hospitals and con. depot.

Our last issue was cigarettes and tobacco for each of the convalescents and staffs, and at the moment we are over 600. There was tinned cake, tins of biscuits, custard powder, jellies, lime cordials, washing, toilet and shaving soaps, and socks for those who needed them.

"We give everybody a cup of tea or coffee at 10.30 a.m., with sandwiches and cake or biscuits, and in the afternoon a cool drink with cake or biscuits, and at 8.30 p.m. soup or coffee. This is in addition to regulation meals, which couldn't be bettered in Australia.

"It is the con. depots job to build up the boys, and they are only discharged when proved 100 per cent fit.

"We had some of the poor chaps here that were cut off by the Japs and left in the jungle six weeks or more, living on what they could find until they made camp.

"They were almost dead with starvation and exhaustion, so you can imagine how they appreciated those extras we gave them from the Red Cross.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PRISONERS OF WAR

Street Adoption Scheme

The President of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) met the ladies and gentlemen in charge of the P.O.W. street adoption scheme on Wednesday night, when progress was reported and a plan of campaign mapped out for a continuation of the drive.

The co-organisers advised that Mesdames K. Coppin and R. Elliot, who have been in charge of the scheme, had made excellent progress.

Mrs. Elliot had completed Yaroon Street, the canvass being practically 100 per cent. Mrs. Clyde Smith had similar success with Roseberry Street.

Mrs. Hallam had already completed Side, View and Ormonde Streets, this being the first section in Gladstone completed.

Mrs. Elliot had canvassed that part of Auckland Street from Yaroon to Roseberry Street, and Mrs. Clyde Smith was continuing this street to the railway crossing.

Auckland Hill had been handed over to Mrs. Watson. Fowler Estate had been allotted to Mrs. Ricketts, and arrangements had been made to work Bramston Street.

Mesdames Elliot and Clyde Smith were congratulated on the splendid canvas they had made of Yaroon and Roseberry Streets.

It was decided to seek the co-operation of the Boy Scouts and the Junior Red Cross, and to concentrate on certain sections in a big drive.

It was reported that additional street signs and house tags had arrived, and would be attached immediately.

AN APPEAL.

The organiser of the canvass (Mrs. Coppin) has left for her annual holidays, and an appeal is being made for ladies to assist the small committee who are now at work on the campaign. It is felt that there are many women not connected with other Red Cross activities, such as Knitting and Sewing Circle, Paddy's market, catering for servicemen, who could lend a hand to complete the Prisoners of War Adoption scheme.

Recent letters from local men who are prisoners of war in enemy territory tell of the regular arrival of their Red Cross parcels with food and medical supplies. Some go so far as to say that the parcels have actually saved their lives. Even in Malaya and other Japanese prisoner camps Red Cross parcels are beginning to arrive, and their distribution is being strictly supervised by Red Cross officers. The plight of these prisoners is often desperate, as they have had to contend with unsuitable and insufficient food. Here is a chance for everyone to assist.

The small Red Cross tag on the gate or fence should be a source of pride and satisfaction to those residents already contributing.

Election Pact

Negotiations shortly will be opened between the two non-Labour parties in the Federal Parliament for a binding election pact at the Federal election to be held later this year.

The arrangement tentatively proposed is that while preserving their separate party identities members of the two parties should campaign as two wings of a common non-Labour party.

Features of the arrangement are expected to be an agreement not to run candidates in opposition to each other, and to achieve complete pooling of electoral machinery and resources in each electorate.

WOMEN'S CHEAP SANDSHOES.

Because women's cheap sandshoes are fast becoming "white elephant" stocks, and are perishing on the shelves of many retail stores, their coupon value has been reduced from seven coupons to four coupons by the Rationing Commission. The reduction applies only to women's sandshoes sold within fifteen miles of any capital city at a retail price not exceeding 12/6 a pair, and to those sold outside this area at not more than 13/- a pair. The generally decreased demand for sports shoes as a result of rationing, and also the wartime decline in sporting activities, is considered to be the reason for the slow demand. It was further stated that in all cases where a special issue of coupons is granted to an occupation a special issue of the same number of coupons may be granted to apprentices in that occupation.

SERVICEMEN AND EVACUEES

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

Excellent Work Appreciated

Members of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society continue to do excellent work in attending to the comfort of large numbers of allied servicemen and evacuees passing through the town.

On Tuesday the President of the Society (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) and many of her members, in their attractive Red Cross uniforms, arranged the purchase and distribution of large quantities of milk, ice cream, mangoes, sandwiches, cake, etc., the gifts being appreciated by the recipients.

Again on Thursday members of the branch and V.A. Detachment were called upon to attend another large unit passing through.

It has been the custom previously to hand the food and delicacies to a Red Cross officer for distribution en route, but on Thursday Mrs. Phillips asked that permission be given the local Red Cross to personally hand the milk, ice cream, fruit, etc., to servicemen.

This was readily agreed to, and proved to be a much better arrangement. It not only gave a large number of Red Cross women something to do, but also gave them an opportunity to make personal contact with the men, who demonstrated their appreciation of the Gladstone members in no uncertain manner.

This makes the sixth train this month waited on by members of the branch. The necessary work is, of course, making a very heavy call on the funds of the Society, but the President and her committee are confident that a generous public will appreciate the urgent demands and continue to assist the Red Cross.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

246 CASES TREATED

857 Miles Travelled

At the monthly Ambulance Committee meeting the Chairman (Mr. A. T. Power) presided, and there were also present: Messrs A. S. Fry, J. F. Clayton, H. N. Ballantine, W. O'Reilly, and W. V. Coase (secretary).

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A vote of sympathy was pased to the Chairman (Mr. A. T. Power) on his recent sad bereavement, the loss of his daughter. Members stood in silence for one minute.

BUDGED APPROVED.

The Brigade budget for the year ending June, 1943, was approved by the Governor in Council.

GENERAL.

A vote of thanks was passed to all subscribers during the month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Superintendent (Mr. W. V. Coase) reported:—

During the month of December the Brigade attended 67 accidents, 154 transports, 25 office cases, total 246, and travelled 857 miles.

The following donations have been received since last meeting:—Ladies' Committee £51/12/1, R. Smith, A. W. R. Smith, V. Stitt, A. H. Wyatt, Geo. Wyatt, W. Roberts, J. Brodie, £1 each, S. C. Milford 18/-, Mrs. P. Linnane 6/-, Mrs. Geo. Doble 2/-, Geo. Curtis 5/-, Reg Winter 5/-, Marvin Jones 2/-, A. Ease 5/-, Alfred Stirrat 11/-, Mrs. J. C. Jordan 2/-. Mrs. Alex Fisher 10/-, Mrs. E. A. Ambrose 2/-, Miss K. Farmer £1, A. Sutherland 10/-, Mrs. M. Leadbetter 10/-, Mrs. Ferguson 10/-, Bearers' euchre £1/14/-, Mr. Dixon 4/-, J. Callanan 6/-.

Bearer P. Hutcheon has been on holidays, and hon. bearer A. R. Barker was on duty during his absence.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Private G. J. Sweeney, of the A.W.A.S., will report back to duty at the Queensland and New Guinea L. of C. Area Records Office after spending leave with her parents in Gladstone.

Leave was spent with their parents in Gladstone by Miss Alice and Doreen Wood, who are serving with the A.W.A.S. in the north. They were accompanied by Mr. Cecil Wheatley, of the R.A.A.F.

AUSTERITY LOAN

GLADSTONE'S EFFORT

Receive a Blue Pennant

Mr. H. Peters, secretary of the Gladstone Austerity War Loan Committee, has received the following letter from the State Organising Secretary (Mr. A. V. Porter), Brisbane:—

"The Prime Minister (Mr. John Curtin) has expressed his deep appreciation to all who assisted in making the £100,000,000 War and Austerity Loan such an outstanding success.

"I promulgate his appreciation to you with the greatest satisfaction, as the success of the loan campaign in Queensland was a tribute to the enthusiasm and efficiency of our committee system. Some were more successful than others, but all, I am sure, worked with vigour in an endeavour to reach the quotas set. I would like to take this opportunity of adding the thanks of my Committee to all those who assisted in the campaign.

"By the over-subscription of the War Loan our Australian war effort has received a great stimulus.

"Honour pennants will be awarded on the following basis:—

Red pennant, champion of State.

Pale blue pennant, over £8 per head of population.

Green pennant, over £5 per head of population.

Dark blue pennant, for subscribers' quota.

"The Bulloo Shire is to be congratulated on obtaining the State championship, with a subscription of £17 per head of population, and for exceeding its subscribers' quota by 17.

"The financial quota was reached by the following:—Town of Bowen, town of Charleville, shire of Bulloo, shire of Diamantina, shire of Douglas, shire of Longreach, shire of Tambo.

"The subscribers' quota was obtained in the following centres:—

	Quota.	Actual.	Over.
City of Warwick ...	467	494	27
Town of Bowen	217	285	71
Town of Charleville	228	346	118
Town of Dalby	240	315	75
Town of Gladstone .	332	581	249
Town of Roma	224	241	17
Shire of Bulloo	36	53	17
Shire of Cardwell .	360	388	28
Shire of Diamantina	13	29	16
Shire of Longreach .	359	360	1
Shire of Winton ...	183	268	85

"In 1943 our Australian war production will reach its peak, consequently our war expenditure must and will increase. There will be other loans; what amount they will be for or when they will be floated has not yet been decided, but the time for the perfection of our organisation will be all too short.

"Let us, therefore, prepare now; get our campaign organisation into top gear; make sure that our committees are fully representative of each section of the community; strengthen them in every possible way, and ensure that when the call comes we will be equipped to meet it.

"The war savings campaign is continuous. See what can be done in your area to improve it. Advance applications for the next loan are important, so endeavour to encourage them.

"Would you urgently call your committee together and make your plans for the immediate future? Do not hesitate to call for our assistance in any direction that may occur to you. In short, let us all pull together for an all-out effort in 1943 in the hope that victory may be won with a just and lasting peace."

It will be gleaned from the foregoing that Gladstone exceeded its subscribers' quota by 249, and in recognition of the effort will receive a dark blue pennant. Gladstone's cash quota was £40,000, and the amount raised was £26,290.

MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE

GLADSTONE CENTRE

The following is the report of the Gladstone Maternal and Child Welfare Centre and sub-centres for the month ending December 31, 1942:—

Number of attendances during the month, Gladstone 202, Calliope 19, Miriam Vale 22, Mount Larcom 46.

Number of new-borns notified by Registrar, 9.

Number of new babies visited in hospital, 9.

Number of subsequent visits paid, 10.

Number of new cases attending for first time, 10.

Number of children 2 to 5 years of age attending for advice, 30.

Number of letters and books posted to country mothers, 1.

SCOUT NEWS

Second Gladstone Group

(By "Wonga.")

The last two months have been very busy ones for the Group. The ladies' committee have run several very successful social evenings in the hut, and also a children's party on a Saturday afternoon.

A street stall was held by the scouts, and articles for sale included numerous toys and gadgets made by the troop.

A crowded house greeted our second concert this year. Over 160 people paid for admission. Everyone wants to know when the next one is going take place.

We wish to thank Mrs. Sutton, Miss Jones, Master Jones, and Messrs. Jones, Wegert, Crane and Mennicon, who assisted us with items.

Altogether the group funds benefited to the extent of £40.

A very efficient committee was responsible for the great success of these functions by their untiring work, mainly behind the scenes.

The committee are:—President, Mrs. J. Gooschalk; vice-president, Mrs. G. Ramsey; secretary, Mrs. D. Lacey; committee, Mesdames M. Humphries, M. Baynton, E. Johnston, M. Steel, M. G. Fleetwood, N. Paterson, C. J. Wegert, and R. Marek, Misses B. Johnston, S. Mackenzie, and D. Mackenzie, and Messrs. V. Lacey, L. Humphries, and J. Gosschalk.

The late Mrs. Lusk was also a strong supporter, and assisted the Group in many ways.

The monthly socials will be a feature this year at the hut, and we hope to commence them in March.

During recess the troop has been very busy.

The following have been very active:—P.L. J. Gosschalk and N. Trevor, Scouts E. Robins, J. Winter, R. Bain, N. Lacey, J. Mackenzie, J. McClelland and C. Anderson, and Cubs D. Patterson, B. Millwood, C. Gosschalk, N. Boyle, and B. Winters. They worked hard collecting magazines and books for troops passing through, and their reward was the wonderful welcome they received when distributing these gifts.

They also met various hospital trains with papers, magazines, books, cakes, sandwiches and fruit. Here, too, they received a wonderful welcome, and in some cases were told that Gladstone was the first town on their trip south where the troops had received this attention.

This is certainly a feather in the caps of the scouts and cubs concerned, and the ladies also who helped them.

One night five scouts slept all night on the platform so as to make certain they met the train.

These boys, of Second Gladstone Group, worked hard, and they had great yarns with ex-scouts, rovers and scoutmasters, and have quite a correspondence going in consequence.

In November the Group had a visit from G.S.M. Irwin Crow, a native of Gladstone, who has a group in Thangool of 45 members.

A.S.M. Lex Stabb, who is in the A.I.F., also paid the hut a visit while on holidays. Mr. Stabb was a member of this group before he enlisted.

AT THE POWER HOUSE

Two Engines Running

At the last meeting of the Electric Light Authority the Engineer (Mr. E. W. Phillips) reported as follows:—

Two poles and single phase mains were erected in Quarry Street.

The Electric Inspector for the State Electricity Commission during December carried out the annual inspection of reticulations and the checking of earth resistances, etc., also a check inspection of several installations.

Several repairs were carried out on the engines. As both engines are now running daily it is almost impossible to do repairs in the day time, most of them having to be done after 9.30 p.m.

Two consumers were connected up for eleven lights and two power outlets.

The report was adopted.

"It may be that the war in Europe will end before the war in Asia. Should events take such a course, we should immediately bring all our forces to the other side of the world to the aid of China, and above all, to our own kith and kin in Australia and New Zealand in their valiant struggle against Japan."—(Mr. Churchill.)

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

SOCIALISM EXPOUNDED.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In your Wednesday's issue appeared two letters dealing with a letter written by me on December 23 last.

The letter by "Ratepayer" sought some information, whilst the other deliberately avoided the contents of my letter, and the writer contented himself with half-baked personal abuse and stupid attempts to put into my letter meanings and words which I could never at any time have written.

A reply to both letters is embodied in this one, so I would ask "Ratepayer" to carefully read this, and he will find the answers to his questions.

I would add that if "Ratepayer," or anyone else wants any further information, then he can contact me personally or through the columns of your valued journal.

Your correspondent, one K. J. Hanson, says that "socialism is a word which men like you interpret in many different ways."

This is merely stupid, as I interpreted it in only one way—the abolition of capitalism, and I based my interpretation on the Marxist theory, the same as some two hundred million people throughout the world, a theory which has proved successful in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the past 25 years.

Again, when he says "You infer the capitalist is the one who should begin to remedy the many abuses which undoubtedly exist," he is merely distorting the truth, for I fully understand that it is impossible for the capitalist to rectify the said abuses, for to do so would be a direct blow at his own system, and if this remedying of evils were to be carried to its natural conclusion then eventually the capitalist system would abolish itself, and so no capitalist desires that State of affairs; then any change must be brought about by the working class in conjunction with the peasants or poor farmers.

I quite agree that there must be different classes of work performed, and of course, different rates of remuneration, based on the Marxist thesis: "From each according to his ability, to everyone according to his needs." But I cannot agree with his snobocratic attitude of a manual labourer not being allowed to mix socially with an intellectual, and furthermore, no real intellectual would tolerate it either.

The Marxist theory does not object to the employment of man servant or maid servant, but it does emphatically raise its voice against the exploitation of these people by their being employed for profit or private gain.

He says: "He did vindicate their rights (servants), and the rights of their employers." Now, pal, tell us who "he" is, please do.

The only rights of the workers which will satisfy me are the rights of the working class to the fruits of its toil.

All political economists recognise that there is a big chasm between the wealth which a labourer creates and that part which is returned to him as wages, the other part being recognised as surplus value or profit.

How is this surplus value created? To explain this we must have you understand that to create wealth the capitalist must, along with other commodities (raw materials, machinery, etc.), purchase labour power, which is a man's capacity for labour, or his capacity for productive activity, or as Marx says, "Labour power in use is labour itself."

Just as we buy electricity from the Town Council,, but when we make use of the electricity to light a lamp or heat an iron, then we are using electric power.

When the capitalist purchases labour power he almost invariably does so at a price below its value, and it is this difference between the value of labour power which the worker receives in the form of wages, and the value created by labour power in the process of labour which gives the surplus value.

Your correspondent, one K. J. Hanson, says that a socialist form of government is wrong because it violates the right of private ownership of property (the right to extort profits out of the sweat and blood of the worker). Any system which opposes capitalism must violate the sanctity of capitalist exploitation, and were I to advocate leaving this scourge on humanity intact, then I would not be advocating socialism.

For any right to be "essential," as your correspondent says, it must be inherent, which means it has been in existence for all time. The menials of capitalism have done their utmost to prove that the division of society into classes is inevitable, but it has in reality been proved that the human race lived for many thousands of years without any class division, class rule, or exploitation. For an enlargement of this see "Origin of the Family," by Frederick Engels."

Your correspondent says that "capitalism is an economic system in which industry, production, etc."

In his utter disregard for the choice of correct wording he has become confused between capital and industry, for anyone knows that industry and production are corelated, and that without industry (which under a capitalist system means the exploitation of the workers' labour power) there can be no production. If you must mouth high sounding phrases please get them correct.

He also says capitalism is not a political form of government, but further down he says it may be called an economic form of government, because it results in a certain form of society (exploiter and exploited). Any neophyte can readily see that any form of Government which can exist must be a political one. If there is or could be such a thing as an economic form of government, then it would be very interesting to know how it could function without its political satellites and stooges.

We quite agree with you that the big finance capitalists, who dominate the capitalist system through their directorates on various companies, do control the political representatives, who in turn prepared and hold the State in subservience to the wishes of the "big men," but the form of government is and must always be political.

Your correspondent says that the capitalist State can and does function under both monarchy and republic. Yes, but only until such time as its internal contradictions bring it to the verge of bankruptcy.

The principal contradictions of the capitalist system are three in number, and may be set down as:—

(1) The antagonism between capital and capitalist in the effort to expand their markets and thereby further exploit the labourer.

This leads to the swallowing of the weaker by the stronger, and ultimately leads to the monopolist stage of capitalism. The contradiction is that whilst capitalist fights the worker he also fights his fellow capitalist in the grab for more profits.

(2) Poverty in the midst of plenty. With the stepping up of production and improvements in machinery and technique the labourer can produce in a limited time a vast amount of surplus value. The labourer, in his own particular country, can absorb part of this gigantic production, with the result that vast quantities of goods are left in the warehouses. In a frantic endeavour to cover himself the capitalist indulges in an orgy of dismissals and reductions in wages thereby lowering the standard of the worker, who can now purchase still less goods, with the result that the capitalist endeavours to expand to the colonial possessions. Here we have Imperial capitalism, which ultimately leads to the swallowing of the weaker by the stronger, giving birth to monopolies.

(3) The antagonism between capitalist and worker. When the monopolistic system shows signs of disintegrating the struggle between wage-slave and capitalist becomes more acute, and in final desperation the capitalist system goes over to plain naked Fascism (as witness Germany and Italy, and the Balkan States), in an endeavour to further subjugate the masses and prevent the ever recurring economic crises, which are the fruits of a decadent system, and which ultimately lead the world into bloodshed, involving thousands of lives and the destruction of property, such as we have scourging the world to-day.

No, friend Hanson, I have never asked for or wished for your good opinion, and if, as it appears, I must adopt Fascism for my politics to acquire your graces, then I am firmly convinced that I can get along quite comfortably without you.—Yours, etc.,

LEO FUNK.

A man may build himself a throne of bayonets, but he cannot sit on it.—Dean Inge.

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"Our courage is high, our purpose inflexible, our spirit unbroken. Nothing can defeat is but our own failures."—The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin).

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Before you strike a light remember the needs of the armed forces. The demand for matches is enormous, but the output is adequate for all, provided matches are used sparingly. Some of the chemicals used to make matches have to be shared with the munitions industry. So adopt the slogan: Fewer matches, more munitions.

PADDY'S MARKET

JANUARY EFFORT

Outstanding Success

The January Paddy's market was again an outstanding success, the receipts totalling £37/15/.

Donations included £10 from the Galloway Plains Pastoral Coy., £2 from Mr. Ken Ballantine, 13/- (sale dragons) Mrs. Archie Worthington, 10/- Mrs. Masterson, 8/6 (sale eggs) Mrs. Geo. Phillips, 6/- each Mesdames R. Shaw and Schneider, 5/- each Mesdames Hallam, P. Friend, Connellan, Butterworth and Golding senr., and 2/6 Mrs. A. Pring.

The raffle of cushion (donated by Mrs. G. Liddicoat) was won by Miss Judith Tweed, with ticket No. 1.

DONORS THANKED.

In thanking the many donors who so generously support the monthly Paddy's market, the organiser (Mrs. A. H. Friend) advised that the next function would take place on February 12.

Gifts were received from the following:—

Fruit: Mesdames J. H. Simpson (Barmundu), Elliott, Fowler, Benedict, R. S. Wilson (Calliope Station), Kirkham, A. R. Bone (Yarwun), and Messrs. W. Wyndham and Janson.

Vegetables: Mesdames Easterby, Menzies, G. Clarke, R. S. Wilson (Calliope Station), Golding senr., Messrs. H. Ballantine and K. Ballantine.

Flowers: Mesdames Easterby, Walters, P. Friend, A. Friend, J. Worthington, C. Barker, C. Smith, Groundwater, G. Phillips, G. Clarke, Benedict, Albert Worthington, Messrs. F. Stitt senr., P. M. Jones.

Pot plants: Mrs. Easterby.

Sweets: Mrs. C. Barker (sale of sweets, £4/10/-).

Cakes: Mesdames A. Friend (2), Elliott, Hando, Hamilton, G. Wilson, S. Geddes, Farnsworth, W. Hodge, L. A. Bartlett, W. Collins.

Tarts: Mesdames Cavill and Garland.

Jam: Mesdames Benedict, Johnston, Garland, Hall.

Chutney: Mesdames Kirkham, A. Friend, C. Barker, Albert Worthington, Hall.

Mayonnaise: Mrs. E. J. Masterson.

Honey: Mrs. Hall.

Eggs: Mesdames Menzies, Kirkham, Mr. K. Ballantine.

RUSSIANS' SUCCESS

AUSTRALIANS WAKE UP

Labour Policy Condemned

Ex-A.I.F. writes:—

The success of the Russians, and their stout resistance of the Germans, is much admired by all their Allies. This success, however, could never have been accomplished had not Stalin taken strong and decisive action some time ago to get rid, for ever, of all obstructionists who were likely to impede a successful campaign.

That nation is now united, with the one objective, that of defeating the enemy. Can we say the same of Australia, with its Wards, Blackburns, Dedmans, Calwells, Rosevears, Brennans, Fallons, and many others, who are more intent on implementing Labour policy, no matter how extreme it is, than in an all-out effort to drive the enemy from our gate? These people are either very ignorant, or plain stupid.

Even now the Prime Minister warns that Japanese troops are massing in Timor. They are not there for a picnic. The only inference that can be drawn is that an attack on Australia is contemplated. Our best defence is to attack them before they can finalise their plans, and to do this we must have one united army. Authority must be given without delay to transfer all Australian troops to the A.I.F., so that they can be sent anywhere to meet and destroy the enemy before he can effect a landing on our shores.

With the recent acrimonious debate at Canberra, the Japanese will be very pleased, and will gleefully approve of Messrs. Blackburn, Calwell, Ward and company. The electors should remember all these men, and give them their just deserts when they again seek to re-enter Parliament. Australians should be more alive to what is going on right under their noses, and when opportunity offers, banish this coterie from the public life of Australia. It is the only remedy we have.

BLACK MARKETING

"Offenders Fifth Columnists"

"In future all rationing offences against the National Security Regulations and the Black Marketing Act will be rigorously dealt with," said the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane).

"Warnings will not be issued to persons offending against one of the war's most essential home front restrictions," he said. "Such offenders are fifth columnists of the worst type."

"The Rationing Commission considers that there is now no excuse for persons failing to observe the regulations. Both traders and the public have had more than six months' experience of rationing, and should be fully aware of their obligations. The plea of ignorance could no longer be accepted. Special investigation staffs have been engaged in all States, and the Commission intends to deal with all offenders without distinction."

"The first six months of rationing has proved the scheme to be highly successful, and a most efficient solution to the supply problems it was designed to overcome," he added. "In fairness to traders, it must be said that they quickly acquainted themselves with the new methods of rationing, and, in the main, had readily and willingly co-operated with the Commission. Most traders realised that black marketing was as injurious to business as it was to the community at large."

The heavy penalties for rationing offences were outlined later by an official of the Commission.

"If the rationing offender is prosecuted upon indictment under the Black Marketing Act, the penalty is imprisonment for not less than a year in the case of an individual, and a fine of not less than £10,000 in the case of a company. Lighter penalties are imposed for offences prosecuted under the National Security Act."

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Stability Essential

Though last week's session of the Federal Parliament was confined to a review of the war situation, the Leader of the Federal Opposition and Country Party (Mr. A. W. Fadden) took an important step in the interests of primary producers throughout Australia.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Fadden gave notice of his intention to move the following motion:—

"That this House is of the opinion that—

(a) The stability and productiveness of the primary industries are essential to the nation's war effort.

(b) Those who engage in these industries are entitled to just treatment as citizens, including a fair wage based on Australian standards, and comparable with that prevailing in secondary industry, to employees, and a fair price to employers.

(c) It is unjust to establish any scheme for the fixation of wages in primary industries which does not provide for impartial and full investigation of the facts, and a due consideration of the economics of the industries concerned.

(d) The time is overdue for the complete consideration by the Government of the position of the primary industries from the point of view of man power requirements, prices, and costs: having in mind that ultimate soundness can be achieved only by fair prices, adequate wages, proper living conditions, and improvement generally in the amenities of country life.

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PORT CURTIS BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THE Boxing Tournament, which was to have taken place in the Town Hall on Friday had to be postponed owing to a shortage of competitors. A Tournament will be staged at an early date.

F. JANSON, Secretary.

TRANSMISSION BY DEATH.

Real Property Acts of 1861 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made for the registration of Transmission of Title to the land hereinafter mentioned. Particulars of such application are given below and any person desiring to oppose may do so by lodging a caveat on or before the day specified at the office of the Registrar of Titles in Rockhampton.

Name of Deceased Proprietor.—George Frederick Molony, late of Gladstone.

Date of Death.—1942, March 17.

Name of Claimant.—Helen Molony, of the same place, widow of deceased.

Description and Situation of Land—Subdivision 2 of allotments 13 and 14 of section 4, town of Gladstone.

Estate Claimed to be Transmitted.—Fee simple.

Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Will dated 22 January, 1936.

Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—1943, February 26.

R. J. THOMSON,
Registrar of Titles.

Registrar of Titles' Office,
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WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A STREET STALL, conducted by the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., will be held on Tuesday, February 9. Donations of cakes, sweets, flowers, etc., will be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames P. Irwin and M. Brown.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, February 19th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

AUCTION SALE.—Account Mr. and Mrs. R. Stitt, Oaka Lane. Furniture and Effects. To-day (Saturday) at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A DATE to remember.—Vice Versa Night, Trocadero, Friday, February 12. Cash prize for best Vice Versa Couple.

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It is an old theory, and one that finds a passive acceptance among some Australians. They have heard the story repeated so often that they believe it without probing its foundations.

It is true that Japan is very poor. But the reason is easy to find. For fifty years her rulers have developed all the resources of the country in preparation for war, and in making war against her neighbours.

All this time they have supported a huge navy and army, and a coterie of wealthy gangsters, quite out of proportion to the productive capacity of the country. It is thus not strange that the millions of her ordinary people are living in poverty.

But by normal standards Japan is by no means over populated. She has 190 people to the square kilometer, while England has 188—not a very large difference. Holland has 233 and Belgium 270, which indicates a fairly substantial difference in favour of Japan. Also, there are large parts of Japan, notably in the island province of Hokkaido, that are quite unsettled; so much so that the Governor of that area has frequently complained to Tokio of the difficulty in getting Japanese to emigrate from the cities and settle on these rich lands.

For ten years the great country of Manchuria has been controlled by the Japanese, but never has there been more than half a million Japanese living there. They have no desire to leave their homes.

It is quite clear that the only reason for Japan's widespread and continued aggression is her desire to conquer vast territories and exploit them commercially for the benefit of a few thousand members of the governing class and the aristocracy of rich merchants.

It has been estimated by a Japanese professor that the population of Japan would be stabilised at 80 millions by 1955. Her great commercial expansion during this century is adequate proof that she has been able to share equally in the benefits of modern industry and development, and that the poverty of her population has been caused by a misuse of her native talents and resources. Like Nazi Germany, she chose guns before butter.

Japan has no problem that cannot be solved by peaceful collaboration with the other nations of the world, nor any internal suffering that could not be relieved by the abandonment of her policy of warlike aggression. If she wishes to commit social and economic hara-kiri before the altar of one-eyed ambition, she merits no sympathy from her neighbours.

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Many so-called orange and lemon drinks contain no fresh fruit at all, but are made from chemicals and artificial colouring matter. Not only do they not have the food value that the real fruit possesses, but they may be definitely injurious to the child's health.

The only drinks of this kind that the child should be permitted to have should be made from the fresh fruit juice. Mothers who make real fruit juice drinks for their children will not be teased for artificial soda and other harmful drinks. Fruit juices not only satisfy thirst; the natural fruit acids they contain supply beneficial elements to the child's diet.

PINEAPPLE DRINK.

Wash the skin of pineapple. Place in a lined saucepan with the core and enough cold water to cover. Cook slowly three-quarters of an hour. Add three tablespoons or more sugar and the juice of one orange or lemon. Strain and allow to cool. Chill and serve.

FRUIT PUNCH.

Take half a cup of lemon juice, one cup orange juice, grated rind half orange, one tablespoon grated lemon rind, one quart water, three or four cups of sugar. Cook water and sugar for three minutes, cool and mix with orange and lemon juice, rind, etc. To this add the following ingredients:—(1) One quart ginger ale, quarter cup preserved ginger cut up finely; (2) one cup grated pineapple, one pint of soda water.

FRUIT CUP.

Take two lemons, one quart boiling water, two oranges, four passion fruit, one ripe pear (if available), four tablespoons sugar, few drops cochineal. Wash lemons, peel thinly into a large jug or bowl; squeeze juice and place it in jug with rind and sugar; pour boiling water over this and cover till cold. Strain into glass jug, colour very pale pink, add slices of oranges, passion fruit pulp, and cut pear or other fruit. Place in icechest and serve very cold.

IN THE KITCHEN

Maintenance Jobs

In addition to running the home, most housewives are now the "odd job men."

Odd job men, whether within the family or outside it, have taken their assorted knowledge where it will do the most good to the war effort. They are vanished members of a fast vanishing race. The housewife must now depend upon herself for most of those tasks.

To avoid many annoying breakdowns in domestic equipment, appliances should be treated with the loving care a good mechanic bestows on a machine entrusted to him.

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Manufacturers urge you to use your iron sparingly. Don't let it simmer and stew while the clothes are being damped, and you are finishing up the sorting. Remember, as well as wearing out your iron you are wasting power that is needed for other purposes.

When the ironing is finished, clean the surface of the iron by "ironing" a sheet of salt sprinkled paper. Never leave burned starch on the surface. You'll find it on next week's washing if you do.

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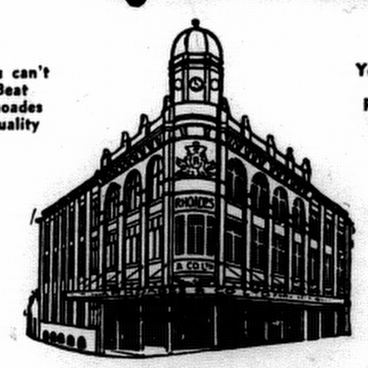

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VITAL FOOD FRONT

LACK OF PLANNING

Minister's Scathing Criticism

"That the Australian management of the food front was approaching the Gilbertian was a statement I made in the Queensland Parliament when speaking on a motion before the House to urge that a better deal generally be given to the primary producer," said the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams).

"That was said in November last, and since taking over the control of the Department my opinion has been reinforced by further evidence that my criticism of the treatment of the so called backbone of the country was fully justified," declared Mr. Williams.

POSITION CHAOTIC.

There has been an almost entire lack of systematic co-ordination and orderly planning in connection with production on the vital food front, with the result that the position can only be described as chaotic. Prompt and effective action is necessary to ensure that the primary producers receive an adequate return for what they grow, or the nation will inevitably be faced with a grave food shortage.

FARMERS DISCOURAGED.

"I contend that the farmers are not receiving proper recognition for the most important part they are playing in feeding the armed forces and the civilian population. They are becoming discouraged not only because of the lack of sufficient labour, but more particularly on account of the fact that they are unable to obtain actual costs of prodution for what they grow."

FOOD PROBLEM.

"In both Britain and the United States maximum production is encouraged by guaranteeing the farmers prices which cover cost of production, and I am absolutely convinced that unless and until our agricultural policy is based on this equitable and sound fundamental principle no real progress is likely to be made in solving the food problem.

"Clearly the objective is to not only provide ample food for current consumption, but we must try to build up reserves so that our quota obligations to the Mother Country may be met, and which will also carry us through into the difficult days of post-war reconstruction, when Australia will be called upon to contribute substantially to the feeding and general rehabilitation of the starving millions in countries which have been overrun by the robber Axis Powers," declared Mr. Williams.

GUARANTEED PRICE ESSENTIAL.

Posing the question whether this increase in prices to the primary producer might not be the start of a vicious circle of rising costs of living, Mr. Williams stressed that the additional food cannot be produced unless the farmer is guaranteed a price big enough to induce him to increase production.

The production of our primary products must be regarded as the base of a scale. It is the application of labour to primary production which determines the subsequent cost of commodities. We must start by ensuring that the base of the scale is firmly founded. The current concept takes into account the secondary and distributive industries only, and in our past neglect we have failed to see how poorly based has been our estimation of living costs.

CRUX OF THE PROBLEM

The principle of cost plus 10 per cent has been applied to certain essential secondary industries, and this is accepted as equitable, but the primary producer is usually required to sell his produce at world parity rates without regard to costs of production and the welfare of himself and the community.

So far no economist or financial expert has been able satisfactorily to explain just why the producers of food and much of the raw material necessary for feeding and clothing the population should be treated in a different manner to the manufacturing and distributive industries and the wage earners.

"It is all too obvious that cheap food and raw materials have been the definite purpose behind the existing international economy, but I can see no justification for the exploitation of that hard-working section of the community with the object of keeping down the cost of living."

"That indeed is the crux of the problem," said Mr. Williams, "and the more the position is studied the clearer it becomes that making human welfare the objective in any measure dealing with food instead of being incompatible with national prosperity, would be one of the easiest methods of bringing about that ardently desired state—economic security and national prosperity."

WIRRAWAYS

Forethought in Magnesium

The gallantry of Australian Wirraway pilots, which has drawn amazed tributes from American pilots (who know just what these planes are up against) was emphasised recently when the greatest Wirraway story of the war came through from New Guinea.

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At the beginning of this century Edward Harriman, president of Union Pacific Railroad in the States, proposed to extend the company's railroad system through Canada and across Bering Strait to link with the Russian system, despite the break of gauge involved. He proposed that the Strait (which is only 50 feet deep) should be traversed by bridge, tunnel, or ferry. Edward Harriman was the father of Averill Harriman, now President Roosevelt's personal envoy.

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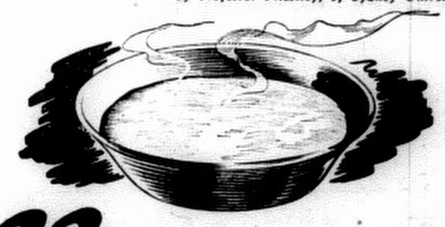

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Apart from the fact that it has made and sent to Headquarters thousands of articles, particulars of which have been advertised in the "Observer" at regular intervals, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure below shows that

£1034/8/9

has also been sent in cash towards the General Fund and the Prisoners of War.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, Gladstone Branch

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS . HALF YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1942

RECEIPTS.				£	s	d
To Balance 1st July, 1942				464	19	5
„ Membership Subscriptions			5	10	0	
„ Sale of Badges				3	0	
„ Donations			16	13	2	
„ G.A.S.S.A. Ball			26	17	11	
„ Swift's Ball			15	13	11	
„ Friends' Ball			34	10	8	
„ Paddy's Market			254	16	0	
„ Dinner Basket			28	6	5	
„ Red Cross Boxes			1	10	4	
„ Band Recital			29	17	10	
„ Benaraby Sub Branch			43	9	2	
„ Many Peaks-Builyan S.B.			88	8	11	
„ Dances, etc.			71	8	1	
„ Prisoner of War Receipts—						
Pt. Curtis Dairy Employees			23	16	3	
Donations			14	5	0	
Dances			230	9	6	
Dinner Basket			22	3	9	
Street Scheme			12	8	0	
Calliope Rodeo			115	4	11	
Taragoola Rodeo			33	15	9	
Calliope Valley Group			53	10	0	
				505	13	2
				£1587	18	0

PAYMENTS.				£	s	d
By Materials purchased, Gladstone, Boyne Valley, and Benaraby				199	12	2
„ Insurance				1	4	8
„ Light					18	0
„ Printing and Advertising				2	10	10
„ Cupboards (2)				10	15	0
„ Petty Cash, Benaraby				1	0	0
„ Membership Badges, Nagoorin				1	16	0
„ Remittances to Headquarters, Brisbane—						
General Fund			600	0	0	
P.O. War Fund			434	8	9	
				1034	8	9
„ Balance				335	12	7
				£1587	18	0

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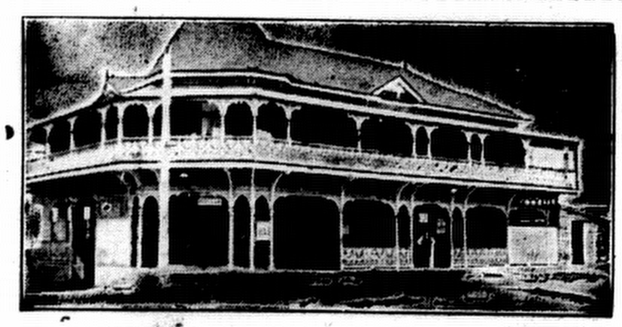

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Death.

RIGBY.—At the General Hospital on Saturday, January 16th, 1942, Linda Rigby, eldest twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rigby, of Gladstone. Aged 31 years.

Deeply Mourned.

Thanks.

MR. and MRS. BERT O'SING, Railway Hotel, Calliope, wish to thank their many friends and relations for floral tributes, telegrams, letters, cards, and messages of sympathy extended to them in their recent sad bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

AMBULANCE DANCE.

The Ambulance dance held at the Trocadero last Friday night was well attended. Excellent dance music was played by Miss G. Ward's orchestra, and the duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. W. Ross. The next Ambulance dance will be held at the Trocadero on Friday night, February 5.

UNAUTHORISED SHOULDER TITLES.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) stated that the wearing of shoulder titles "Darwin" and "New Guinea," or other unauthorised shoulder titles, was strictly forbidden. He said that some troops returned from Darwin and New Guinea had been wearing such unauthorised shoulder titles.

GLADSTONE HOSPITALS BOARD.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams, has been advised by the Minister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr. E. M. Hanlon) that Mr. F. Donovan, acting Stipendiary Magistrate, Gladstone, has been appointed chairman of the Gladstone Hospitals Board in place of Mr. L. H. Mansell, transferred.

BEECHER-BRIFFNEY CREEK ROAD.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams, has been advised by the Queensland Main Roads Commission that following representations concerning the state of the Gladstone-Calliope Road from near Beecher Railway Station to the Briffney Creek bridge, the District Engineer had completed plans for the above section. The construction would be commenced at an early date.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shandley, of Auckland Street, Gladstone, has received word that their son, Driver John Shandley, had died from injuries accidentally received in New Guinea. Prior to his death Driver Shandley was with the forces in the Middle East for nearly two years. Driver Shandley, who enlisted in Gladstone, was 27 years of age. The deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Shandley in the loss of a brave son.

JUNIOR EXAMINATION

Gladstone Passes

Gladstone pupils who were successful in the recent Junior Public Examination were:—

STATE HIGH SCHOOL.

Boys.—Barker E. J., 1b, 2c, 8b, 9b, 10a, 11a, 12b (EC1); Gray E. L., 1c, 2c, 8c, 9b, 10a, 11a, 12b, 17c (EC1); Power C. J., 1b, 2c, 9b, 10b, 11b, 26b, 27b (EC1,3); Upton K. T., 1c, 9c, 10b, 11a, 12b (EC1).

Girls.—Brushe J. A., 1b, 9c, 10a, 11a, 26a, 27a (EC3); Rigby A. M., 1c, 10c, 11b, 17c, 28a, 29b (EC4); Tudman B. M., 1c, 10a, 11c, 26c, 27c.

In addition to the pupils of the Gladstone State and High School who were successful, several Gladstone pupils attending other schools were also successful. These included Patricia Margaret Connellan (Glennie Memorial School, Toowoomba), Valeria M. Moran (All Hallows Convent, Stanthorpe), and Maxwell Friend (Church of England, Grammar, Brisbane).

Marion Lynn, of Ingham, a pupil of the Glennie Memorial School, Toowoomba, who is holidaying in Gladstone, had a brilliant pass in twelve subjects, securing seven a's.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

STREET AOPTION SCHEME

Excellent Work Performed

The ladies in charge of the Prisoners of War Street Adoption Scheme are doing great work, and some real progress is being made in a drive to cover the whole of the town.

In addition to the streets mentioned in our last report, Mrs. Watson has made a 100 per cent canvass of Auckland Hill, and is now completing it as far as Marine Parade. This lady has also volunteered to do Bramston Street, which is next on the list.

Mrs. Elliot, who pioneered the P.O.W. canvass, is to be relieved of some of the routine weekly collection to enable her to do new streets.

Her next canvass will be Auckland Street, which has been completed to date between Yaroon and Roseberry Streets.

Mrs. Elliot will continue on to the Valley.

Fowler Estate is being canvassed by Mrs. R. Ricketts, and Barney Point by Mrs. Johnston.

In the absence of Mrs. Clyde Smith her collections have been taken over by Mrs. Hartley. Mrs. Masterson is to assist with collections on her return to town.

Over 100 houses now bear the Red Cross tag, which denotes that "this house helps to support an Australian prisoner of war."

The canvassers report wholehearted co-operation by the majority of householders, many contributing up to 2/6 per week. Even the kiddies have joined in to help our boys obtain their weekly parcel. Demands for tags have come in from streets and lanes not yet canvassed.

The co-organisers (Messrs. V. Summers and D. Connellan) are assisting the canvassers to further the campaign. They called on the ladies on Monday with fresh supplies of tags, literature, receipts, etc. The big street signs with the wards "This Street Supports an Australian Prisoner of War," are now ready for Side, View, Ormonde, Yaroon and Roseberry Streets, and Auckland Hill.

More women are wanted urgently to assist in canvassing the rest of the town, and contact should be made with Mr. Summers, 'phone 163, or the branch President (Mrs. Phillips), 'phone 165, by those able to co-operate.

CALLIOPE

Ambulance Dance

Another large crowd attended the Ambulance dance, held at Calliope last Saturday night. Town and country were well represented, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in dancing and cards. Excellent music was supplied by Miss M. Archay's orchestra, and dancing was kept going in full swing by hon. bearers A. Barker and Frank Farmer, extras being played by Miss Beryl Rideout, Miss McFarlane, and Miss Jenkins.

The spot waltz was won by Miss B. Rideout and partner (Mr. H. Armour), and the Monte Carlo by Mrs Butcher and Mr. Stan Brown.

Mr. Jim Ironmonger had charge of the door, while Mr. Geo. Curran was the raffle ticket seller.

The euchre was again in the hands of Mr. Sam Dickinson, and the lady's prize was won by Mrs. W. Bentley, and the gent's by Mr. T. McMahon.

Groceries (raffled) was won by Mr H. Watson, Glenlyon Street, Gladstone, with ticket No. 3519

The 1d raffle was won by Mr. Sam Jefferis, Beecher.

The next dance will be held at Calliope on Saturday night, February 20.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Aircraftsmtn Allan Hay, of Gladstone, has returned from the south on leave. After spending two days in Gladstone he left for Rockhampton to spend the rest of his leave with his parents, Corporal D. M. Hay and Mrs. Hay. He left by yesterday's mail train to join his unit in the south.

VICTORY CELEBRATED.

"I think it is an excellent idea," he said, "this trophy for players who have never won a prize before, and to celebrate my victory in a fitting way, I want to stand drinks to everybody here who has never had a drink before!"

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

ALD. GOLDING DEALS WITH BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

ACTION TAKEN TO SECURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS.

Civil Defence Organisation, Brisbane, acknowledged receipt of a letter, asking for a relaxation of the present street lighting restrictions in Gladstone, and advised that following upon the advice from the Commonwealth Government the minister would confer with military authorities with a view to determining the extent to which relaxation of the restrictions might be extended to areas outside Brisbane. The representations made would be considered in connection with this review.—Received.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE BOARD.

Monto Shire Council advised that their Chairman (Cr. C. A. Webb) had been nominated as the representative of the Shire on the Employment Exchange District Board.—Received.

LORD STREET.

A petition, signed by Messrs. A. E. Brown, W. Walters and F. Leach, drew attention to the unsatisfactory condition of that portion of Lord Street bounded by Auckland Street and Oaka Lane. They asked if some suitable means of drainage for the street could be devised for this section, and so dispose of surface waters from Auckland Hill. During recent heavy rains their properties had been flooded, with resultant damage to gardens and the properties in general. A move by the Council to bring about the desired results would be much appreciated.—Referred to the Works Committee for report as to the cost.

PIER STREET.

A petition, signed by H. J. Irwin, L. Taylor and A. Neuman, drew attention to the bad state of the roads in Pier Street and Oaka Lane, West of Auckland Street, and hoped they would be attended to.—Left in the hands of the Works Committee.

GENERAL.

It was decided that the £2/2/- paid by the Austerity Loan Committee for the use of the Town Hall be handed back to the committee as a donation.

It was decided that Mr. W. Sommerville be asked to again take over the position of caretaker of Auckland Hill Park.

The Mayor reported that the work recently carried out on Renton's drain was most unsatisfactory, and he moved a motion that the Health Inspector report immediately on the drain, which was carried unanimously.

In answer to Ald. Tudman, the Clerk stated that the number of dogs registered to date was 300, and it was stated the herdsman was doing good work in this direction.

Water Authority

PRIORITY WANTED.

Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) acknowledged letter advising him of the proceedings at a deputation fully representative of Gladstone which waited upon the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams), urging the granting of priority for construction of the Boyne water supply scheme. Mr. Forde advised he had taken the matter up with the appropriate Commonwealth authorities and the Premier and Treasurer of the State, and would write further on the matter as soon as possible.—Received.

ACTION TAKEN.

The Co-ordinator-General of Public Works (Mr. J. R. Kemp) advised that the necessary action was being taken with a view to securing an adequate priority to ensure that materials and labour would be available for the work on the Boyne River water supply scheme. The Council would be further informed when the matter had been finalised.—Received.

10in. and 12in. CASTINGS

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, wrote:—"I have paid a visit to the works of Messrs. Sargeant & Co. Ltd. with a view to obtaining first hand information on the progress of the special castings for the Boyne River water supply scheme. A large proportion of the 10in. and 12in. casting in valves, etc., have been cast and are in process of being machined and drilled, and I anticipate that this firm will be forwarding a very representative consignment in the near future. The very large demands being made upon this firm for moulding and casting for defence orders is making the position increasingly difficult, but they are making every effort to fill all their orders. I will contact them again next week, and hope to be able to advise you of the date of consignment. Would you please advise me whether you are able to obtain the hire of a suitable tractor locally for use in excavation of the trenches: also let me have a list of what plant you have available for the work."—Received.

FIRE FIGHTING PURPOSES.

Department of Local Government Affairs, Brisbane, wrote regarding the saltwater supply scheme for emergency fire fighting purposes which it was proposed to instal at Gladstone, and the department was willing to place the order for the pump and material, and action was being taken accordingly.—Received.

ALD. W. R. GOLDING.

Ald. Golding said the correspondence received that night dealt with the whole of the Boyne Fiver water supply scheme, the work to be carried in its entirity. He had again gone into the whole question, and with a view to once more stressing the urgency of the scheme on behalf of the ratepayers and that large quantities of water were being used in the national interests on short notice, he telephoned Mr. Reinhold last Saturday, and emphasised that no suitable plant could be obtained locally, and how necessary it was for him to get a trenching machine to enable the first portion of the scheme to be started without delay, as the pipes had arrived.

He (Ald. Golding) was informed by Mr. Reinhold that he would endeavour to get a trenching machine from the Brisbane City Council, and Ald. Golding pointed out to him how essential it was to get it forwarded to Gladstone at the earliest possible date.

'It was time the scheme was started, he said, but they had to put up with the usual Government delays in such matters, and they were still waiting for an A1 priority for the construction of this important scheme.

Ratepayers would note that Mr. Forde had taken the matter up with the proper Commonewalth authorities, also with the Premier and Treasurer of the State, and the Co-ordinator-General of Public Works (Mr. Kemp) had taken action with a view to securing an adequate priority to ensure that materials would be available for the work, and that the Council would be further advised when the matter had been finalised.

This was most encouraging, continued Ald. Golding, and it indicated another step forward in the agitation for the completion of this important scheme. It had been reported that important meetings of the Council had lapsed for the want of a quorum, but that was not so, as the Council had an excellent record in regard to its meetings. Recently a meeting had been called for a Friday, when it was known that several aldermen would be unable to attend, and the particular meeting should never have been called. That was the first meeting spread over a large number of years that had lapsed.

The difficulty at present was to secure manpower, and in answer to a question asked by Ald. Golding Ald. Smith stated that no waterside labour would be available, as they had restrictions placed on them.

He (Ald. Golding) was determined to force the matter in getting the scheme started, and with that object in view moved that action be taken immediately to get Engineer Fenwick to visit Gladstone to discuss and expedite the scheme.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor and carried unanimously.

MOST ENCOURAGING.

Ald. Anderson said the letter from Mr. Kemp was most encouraging, and it would appear that he had got in touch with the C.C.C. for plant and manpower, as no labour was available in Gladstone. He agred it was a good move to get Engineer Fenwick to Gladstone to discuss the whole scheme, inclubing the question of machinery and manpower.

NO LACK OF AGITATION.

Ald. Deveney said there was nothing lacking in agitation in Gladstone to get the scheme started, but it was in Brisbane where the delays occurred.

DAIRY ASSOCIATION

BUTTER MANUFACTURED

Pay £96,289/12/1

The manufacture of butter by the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd. for the month of December, 1942, was:—

	lbs.
Choice quality	319,052
First quality	1,191,730
Second quality	66,566
Pastry quality	1,199
Total	1,578,547

The payment to supliers was made for:—

Choice quality	349,110
First quality	1,187,542
Second quality	48,550
Pastry quality	503
Total	1,585,705

The rate of pay was 1/3 per lb. choice, 1/2½ first, and 1/1½ second, 7d pastry qualities, the total pay being £96,289/12/11.

A.L.P.

Boyne Water Scheme

At a special meeting of the Gladstone A.L.P., with the President (Ald. H. Anderson) in the chair, it was decided to write Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., as follows:—

"The Gladstone Town Council is being asked by the A.L.P. to call a public meeting to coincide with visits by Mr. Williams and the Deputy Co-ordinator-General (Mr. Kemp). The object of the meeting will be to discuss, review, and listen to reports of progress regarding the Boyne scheme, and what hope we have of getting the water supply. If the visits cannot be arranged at an early date the public meeting is to be held and the position discussed from a local standpoint."

Mr. F. M. Forde is to be asked to send a Federal officer to Gladstone to report on the quantity and quality of the water available here. The urgency of the position is to be pointed out to Mr. Forde and the possibility of large quantities of water being required at short notice.

Mr. W. O'Reilly was appointed returning officer for the labour candidates to contest the next elections for the Council, Harbour Board, etc.

£500 Sales Tax

Until the assessment of £500 sales tax on goods manufactured by the Red Cross Cafe in Brisbane in the last two years is referred to Mr. Curtin in the Commonwealth Parliament for review, the cafe will not pay the tax. A resolution to this effect was passed unanimously at a meeting of voluntary Red Cross Cafe workers.

The workers further decided to press for an amendment of the Sales Tax Act to provide for exemption from tax goods manufactured by benevolent institutions set up since the war began, proceeds of which are used to provide aid and comforts for men on active service, and sick and wounded prisoners of war.

Electric Light Authority

MOTOR GENERATOR SET.

Mr. A. E. Axon, consulting engineer, Brisbane, wrote relative to the motor generator set at the Harbour Board. When the motor generator set was installed it was done to save the heavy expense of converting the crane from D.C. to A.C., and it was considered that the losses in the M.G. set would be small, as the crane was not being used much. In order that the position might be analysed, he would be glad to be advised of the approximate units used by the crane and an indication of the present hours of operation. In order to save losses it was necessary that the motor generator should be switched off when the crane was not operating.

The matter was referred to the Lighting Committee to bring in a report as to the cost of operating the crane and the motor generator set.

GENERAL.

Ald. Anderson stated he had received complaints about the lack of current during the day, which should not be, and the matter should be investigated and rectified. It was decided the matter be brought under the notice of the engineer.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

Work for Year Reviewed

The following annual report on the 1942 season has been adopted by the Committee of the Gladstone Golf Club, and will be submitted to the annual meeting of members:—

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the 16th annual report for the 1942 season, the main features are the splendid war record of your club and the excellent work performed by a very small committee, resulting in an improvement of over £50 in the finances of the club, despite extremely difficult conditions.

We started the year with a deficit of £2/8/11, and finished with a surplus of £47/16/11.

This was particularly gratifying to the honorary secretary (Mr. O'Sing) who achieved something approaching a miracle on reduced membership, restricted trading operations, and reduced receipts generally.

"AMAZING WAR RECORD."

When the season commenced great difficulty was experienced in securing office-bearers, but eventually Mr. V. A. J. Byrne took the office of president, and other positions were gradually filled. However, our President soon followed the example of the past president (Colonel John McGree), and joined the fighting forces. He is now a lieutenant in the R.A.A.F., stationed at Rockhampton.

The professional (Mr. Albert Klemm) is still on active service in New Guinea, and keeps in touch with the club by letters to Mr. Moore and other members.

Three club members, all of the Moore family—Lieut. Clive (prisoner of war, Malaya), Ken (A.I.F.), and Phyllis (A.W.A.S., Toowoomba), are in the forces.

Harold Jensen, Norm Goddard, and young Billy Shaw are now old campaigners in the Middle East, having carried the club's colours through Tobruk and El Alemain.

Your past captain (Jim Craig), Des. Shaw, Ken Small, Eddie Cantor, Jack Starmer and Norm Cole are all doing their bit.

Two esteemed members, Dick Groeben and Billy Milne, lost their lives on active service with the R.A.A.F., and the sympathy of all will go to their relatives.

Your present secretary (Mr. H. O'Sing), who was undoubtedly instrumental in keeping the club going during 1942, is also an old digger, being a member of the first A.I.F.

The percentage of officials and members on active service is possibly a record for any golf club.

When Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., attended the function on closing day to present the trophies he remarked that it was an amazing war record for a small club, and one that many large city clubs would envy. Mr. Williams was attending his first function as minister-elect, and received the congratulations of members on his elevation to cabinet.

NICE GESTURE.

As a patriotic gesture, your committee gave war savings certificates and stamps for all trophies won during the year. Further, all trophies and balls won by members of the committee were redonated to the club—a very nice gesture, which was appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership was 51, against 94 the previous year. All membership fees were reduced by half. The season opened on April 4 as against February 22, the principal reason for this being the difficulty in getting the links in order. We closed on November 28 as against December 7 in 1941. Despite the reduced fields the competitions attracted keen interest, the principal results being:—Monthly medal, Mr. H. C. Moore (re-donated); sticker, Mr. H. O'Sing (re-donated); eclectic trophies (presented by Mr. M. Hanson), W. H. McCray 1, H. O'Sing 2, H. C. Moore 3; associates' monthly medal and Jones Cup, Mrs. Burnham; sticker, Mrs. Easterby; eclectic, Mrs. Easterby 1, Mrs. O'Sing 2, Mesdames Starmer and Craig 3. No championships were played.

An amount of £11/8/- was expended on war savings certificates and stamps instead of balls and trophies. Donations of £1/1/- each were made to the Red Cross, A.C.F., and Patriotic Funds.

OFFICERS.

The 15th annual meeting was held on January 31, 1942, when the following officers were elected:—

Patron, Mr. A. H. Rolfe; president, Mr. V. A. J. Byrne; vice-president, Mr. D. J. Connellan; captain, Mr. F. Pearson; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. O'Sing; committee, Messrs H. C. Moore, W. Otty and P. Whitman. Leave of absence was granted 15 members and 4 associates. Mrs. J Craig and Miss L. Burrows were appointed associate delegates.

When Mr. Whitman left on active service Mr. Jack Bliss was appointed to the house committee, and Mr. Bob Elliot was elected to the Works Committee in place of Mr. W. Otty (resigned on account of pressure of business.

GRATIFYING RESULT.

Despite the initial difficulty in getting an annual meeting and the delay in securing officers, the committee and secretary worked so well that the season was a great success. In fact, if taken on a comparative basis on revenue and membership, it was the best in the history of the club. Faced with the problem of preserving the assets of the club and keeping the links open so that members and service personnel could get a game of golf, a small but willing band made a great job of it, showing just what enthusiasm and voluntary effort could really do. A few of the main receipts will show what difficulties the club had to contend with. Subscriptions fell from £150 to £40/19/-, competition fees from £145 to £72, bar receipts from £366 to £192. Fees were reduced by half. The most gratifying result came from the bar, where notwithstanding increased costs of liquor and duty (over 20 per cent) and a drop in receipts of £174, the profits amounted to £62/7/3, as against £59/1/8 in 1941. This is a tribute to the splendid work of an energetic house committee. Your works committee had to go right through the season without a pro., and they did a good job. Your captain (Mr. Peardon) and your associate delegates (Mrs. Craig and Miss Burrows) were always on the spot, and carried out their duties satisfactorily. The associate delegates assisted as usual with all club functions.

WORK OF HON. SECRETARY.

In closing, special mention is made of the work of the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. Harold O'Sing). He carried out his duties without even cost of car hire, and paid his own subscription. The year 1943 will again be a difficult one for members and officials, but we can only hope that the links will be kept in order until the end of the war brings us back to normal membership and conditions.

WEDDING BELLS

POWER-NUGENT.

At St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Nobbs Street, North Rockhampton, on December 26, at 6.30 p.m., the marriage was celebrated of Olivia May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nugent, North Rockhampton, to Robert Frederick, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Power, Gladstone. Rev. Father Murtagh officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, entered the church to the strains of the Wedding March, played by Mr. Linus McGuin. She wore a dainty frock of needlerun lace over taffeta, made with an uplift bodice, with a sweetheart neckline and a full slightly trained skirt. Her veil of embroidered tulle (kindly lent by her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. Nugent) was worn with a pleated tulle frill, and was finished with a spray of frangipanni. She carried a shower bouquet of white gladioli, frangipanni, stephonatis, with maidenhair and bridal fern, tied with white satin streamers.

The bride was atended by her twin sisters, Misses Mavis and Iris Nugent, who were dressed alike in pink and blue hailspot net over taffeta. Their frocks were made with an uplift bodice with a sweetheart neckline and a very full skirt finished with ruching, and were worn with a shoulder length tulle veil, finished with pink and blue rosebuds. They carried shower bouquets of pink and blue hydrangeas, which were arranged with fern and tied with pink and blue satin streamers.

Mr. Arthur Power acter as best man, and Mr. Charles Nugent was groomsman.

During the signing of the register Mr. Cecil Gott sang "Ave Maria."

As the bride left the church little Janice Christiansen (niece of the bridegroom) presented her with a white satin horseshoe.

The wedding breakfast was held at the Majestic Cafe, where the bride's mother received the guests waring a pink shadow show frock, with white accessories. The bridegroom's mother wore a black rip-tide frock with black accessories.

When leaving for the north, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride wore a blue grandstand frock with a matching blue hat.

EDUCATION

RIGHT OF THE PARENT

Doctrines of Communism

(By K. J. Hanson, Gladstone)

The sanest approach to the educational problem as we know it in Australia is to consider the meaning of education and to provide an answer to the question to whom education belongs.

These are fundamental questions. The foundations must be securely placed before we build the superstructure.

Education means something more than the imparting of information. It means more than mere intellectual training. It is the development of all the powers of body and faculties of mind—physical, intellectual, moral and religious. It includes all those experiences and influences whereby one's body is developed, knowledge is acquired, and character is formed.

Now, we must consider the question: Does education belong to the State or to the parent? Clearly the assumption is often made that education belongs to the State. Many Australians have accepted this teaching on faith and have made no attempt to reason the matter out for themselves. Education does not belong to the State. This becomes manifest when we consider the nature and function of the State.

The State exists to help individuals and families to do either what they are unable to do of themselves or what they can do only imperfectly. The State, or civil society, is natural to man. This is clear from the fact that man tends to associate with groups of his fellowmen, that he is fitted for such association, and that only in this way can his mental, moral, physical and intellectual powers reach their full development. The State supplements and completes the individual and the family, but in no sense does it create individual and family rights, nor may it abrogate those rights.

The State then is not the source of all rights. The individual has natural rights, so, too has the family. The State did not create these rights; it cannot take them away. The rights of the individual include his right to life, to marry, to worship as he thinks fit, and to possess private property. Man, by his very nature, has the right to marry, and it is from the marriage contract that the rights of parents concerning their children originate.

Nature supplies parent and child with instincts of affection which no other relationships can satisfy or replace. The parent is the only guardian of the child known to nature. The parent has the right of educating the child.

How different are the doctrines of Communism, Nazism and Fascism in relation to education. Education, they claim, belongs to the State, and to it alone. They claim the whole man, and are determined that the State shall have a monopoly of education, to train their future citizens in the particular mould that they desire.

We Australians cannot accept the doctrine that the State is an absolute entity, a kind of super person, a divinity. The State is not an end: it is a means: it exists for man, and not man for the State.

Education belongs to the parents, but they may use the school as an ally in their work. Indeed, the school is to-day a practical necessity. Now, what is the duty of the State? The State may, of course, provide its own schools, conducted according to its own methods, but where the parent objects to these then other schools approved by the parents should be established by the State and equipped and maintained by the State. In all these schools the State enjoys full right of inspection and examination, for public moneys are being spent and the public should have a guarantee that the money is being well spent.

The multiplicity of systems that may be thus created need cause no alarm, for firstly the groups requiring special treatment will not be numerous, and secondly, it is inadvisable that the whole educational system of a country be cast in a single mould. Even such a strong advocate of governmental interference in moral matters as John Stuart Mill once said, "A general State education is a mere contrivance for moulding people to be exactly like one another; and as the mould in which it casts them is that which pleases the predominant power in the government, it establishes a despotism over the mind, leading by natural tendencies to come over the body (on liberty).

This is the right method of approach to our educational problems. First let us define education, then show that the duty of educating belongs to the parent, and finally that the State must supplement the efforts of the family by maintaining schools acceptable to them.

PRICE OF BUTTER

1/6 PER LB. ASKED FOR

Minister in Reply

Recently dairymen and other persons interested in primary production in Central Queensland wrote to the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) seeking his support in a request for a minimum price of 1/6 per lb. for commercial butter.

He immediately took the matter up with the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. W. J. Scully), and a copy of his reply to Mr. Forde is as follows:—

MR. SCULLY'S LETTER.

"I have to acknowledge your strong personal representations on behalf of dairymen and electors in the Capricornia electorates, who ask that a minimum price of 1/6 per lb. be paid for commercial butter.

"I have to advise in reply that the question of butter prices is one for determination by the Federal Prices Commissioner (Professor Copland). As the result of conversations I have had with representatives of dairymen's organisations I understand that a case is being prepared for presentation to the Prices Commissioner immediately the award, which the industry has asked for, is announced. In view of this it is desirable that Capricornia dairymen co-operate with their State organisation in making the case as strong as possible.

"The Government is not unmindful of the difficulties which confront farmers, and as soon as assuming office asked the Prices Commissioner to make a survey of prices and costs to see if an increase could not be given. As the result of this decision small increases were granted on both butter and cheese. Concerned with rising costs the Government decided in October last to vote £2,000,000 per annum to the industry. The first payments in connection with this subsidy will be made either at the end of this month or the beginning of February.

"The Government has given evidence of its desire to assist in other ways. In an attempt to help the industry overcome the shortage of mill offals it reduced the price of wheat to dairymen and poultry and pig raisers. It has also subsidised the N.S.W. and Queensland Governments for the purpose of aiding fodder conservation plans in the dairying districts.

"It would be well perhaps to cite one or two other instances of the Government's endeavours to improve the position of primary producers generally in order that your correspondents might see where its sympathy lies.

"When Labour was in opposition it consistently urged that the contract price for wool should be reviewed to enable growers to recover their costs. These requests were flatly refused. When the Curtin Government was formed one of its first acts was to enter into negotiations for a review of the wool agreement. The British Government acceded to its representations and granted an increase of 2d per lb., thus lifting the aggregate income of growers by £9,000,000.

"The Government also decided to remove the levy of 15 per cent which had been imposed on beef, lamb, mutton and pig producers by the previous administration. The removal of this virtually raised the contract price to growers by 15 per cent.

"Similar treatment has been accorded to many other sections of primary industry, but as these possibly do not bear on local production they are omitted.

"It is necessary that I refer to the Government's efforts in order that your correspondents might fully appreciate its willingness to render all possible aid to a section which has suffered many years of neglect."

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Mr. Fadden Hits Out

"A nation that is not united politically cannot fight with the full energy and moral backing of all its people," said the Leader of the Federal Opposition, Mr. A. W. Fadden. "That," Mr. Fadden added, "is tragedy."

"In stating that I am saying nothing new. I have been urging abolition of party government for the last two years. I offered, when Prime Minister, to serve under John Curtin. So did R. G. Menzies, yet here we are to-day in the second year of war with Japan, and the fourth year of world war, still at each other's throats. Could anything be more stupid?

"We are still fighting hard for our homes and our freedom. We will have to fight harder. The outer armour of the Japanese has scarcely been dented. To beat him, to keep him off and push him further from our shores, will call for all the resource, courage, sacrifice, we can muster.

"While young men are dying in the leech-infested, evil-smelling jungle of New Guinea, and in the timeless sands of the Middle East, the great Australian Labour Party is wrangling about where Australians will be sent to fight: has thrown vital national policy to uniformed, irresponsible, misdirected, and inconsequential unions; has tried to usurp the people's power in times of stress for purely party purposes; has succeeded, by a process of Dedmanism, in creating near-chaos in ordinary everyday essential business; and, in many other ways, has dangerously diverted the minds of the people from war to politics.

I don't want to be political, but I must set out plain and vital facts to drive into every good, honest Australian mind what Andre Maurois, distinguished French author, wrote in "Why France Fell"—"To be strong"—"To preserve a united country."

Labour to-day is not honest with the people. It is not honest with itself. It urges the people to unity, yet will not itself unify. Results of recent Queensland State polls show that the people are waking up to it. There is clear evidence that they are sick and tired of the narrow, vicious, nation-weakening party game.

Labour played the party game on war taxation, "kidded" the people, and then, in office, turned round and taxed. For twelve months, with Japanese bayonets shadowing the bodies of our women and children, it dodged the one-army issue. And now, after wide disruption and strife, it plans still to limit the operational area of the militia forces. On that alone, I indict the Labour Party, as forfeiting for ever the right of the people's votes. It is throttling the Nation's honour with the party-hangman's rope.

When this war is ended with victory I want every Australian to be able to say, clear-eyed, to the men of any other Nation: "We stood for liberty: we stood for the Christian ideal; we fought as a nation united wherever the fight for freedom waged."

What does party matter to-day? What does Labor's policy matter to-day? What does the policy of any other party matter? Not a tinker's damn! Only one thing matters—a strong government of all the parties for all of the people.

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"When Paris fell on June 14, 1940, Hitler believed he would be in London by August 15. Then, he may have thought, the forecast which one of his minor prophets (Professor Ewald Banse) had published in 1932 would come true. This forecast, to which I drew public attention in October, 1933, ran:—

"It is very important to judge English popular character in the event of an enemy invasion. The people to a man, would certainly rush to arms and would allow themselves to be mown down in heroic tenacity before giving ground step by step. But is is a question whether people would stand the test of hunger. A part of them would stand even this out of patriotism, but another part would give up the game. We confess it is charming to imagine and to portray people at some future time, a people who will have to obey foreign lords in a country unconquered since 1066, or will have to renounce its lucrative colonial empire."

This was written and illustrated by a map to show how England would be invaded a few months before Hitler was appointed German Chancellor. He promptly gave Professor Banse a professional chair to teach military science at a German academy.

In the same book Professor Banse forecast the destruction of Poland, and the occupation of Holland, Belgium, and Northern France, as preliminaries to the invasion of England.

So, when these preliminaries had been carried through by mid-June, 1940, Hitler not unnaturally thought the invasion and conquest of England a matter of course. Then, according to his reckoning, Russia could be crushed, the United States and South America paralysed by German and pro-German factions, and he (Hitler) would rule the world.

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27	12.50	12.56	6.52	7.47
28	1.35	1.39	7.46	8.35
29	2.31	2.33	8.55	9.32
30	3.41	3.41	10.11	10.36
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2	7.20	7.30	12.38	1.44
3	8.14	8.26	1.35	2.41
4	9.04	9.18	2.29	3.35
5	9.50	10.06	3.21	4.26
6	10.35	10.54	4.11	5.14
7	11.19	11.40	5.02	5.58
8	——	12.01	5.51	6.42
9	12.26	12.44	6.40	7.25
10	1.12	1.26	7.31	8.08
11	2.03	2.11	8.26	8.54
12	2.59	3.06	9.27	9.44
13	4.06	4.14	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	——	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	——	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	6.34	7.01
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27	1.59	2.05	8.37	8.50
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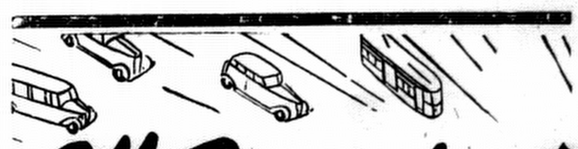

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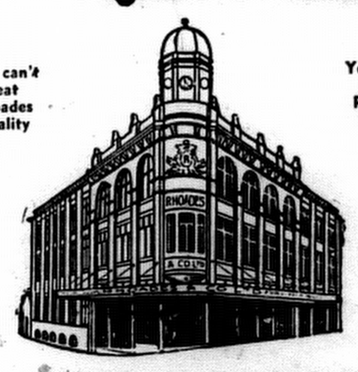

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FACTORY WORKERS

Help the Red Cross

Last week an interesting presentation took place in Sydney, when Mr. George Bass, secretary of the Labour Council of Newcastle, and Mr. J. Bayliss, Red Cross industrial organiser for the Newcastle district, handed over £1500 to Mr. A. L. Blythe, honorary director of Red Cross Appeals, and other members of the N.S.W. Red Cross Executive.

This money is the second substantial contribution to Red Cross funds from factory and other industrial workers in the Newcastle district. The money previously collected was divided equally among Red Cross branches there.

The greater part of the £1500 handed over was collected under the workers' penny-a-week scheme, by which sixpence is subtracted from the employees' pay envelopes every six weeks.

The majority of the unionists in Newcastle are either already members of this vast scheme, or have promised to link up, and the steady income of £100 a month is growing daily. In some factories (B.H.P. for instance) workers contribute as individuals to the Red Cross fund, taking a particular interest in the men who have enlisted for the fighting services even from this essential industry.

Mr. W. G. Mahoney, industrial organiser for the Red Cross in N.S.W. (former Labour M.H.R. for Dalley) has been responsible for the organisation of the scheme, working through the various unions. He has also assisted to organised the scheme in other States, and workers throughout Australia are now helping support the Red Cross and all its many services.

SALT OF THE EARTH.

Common salt is one of the four or five most important raw materials in the world, and United States factories have estimated that they will use ten billion pounds of it this year for war production. Aeroplanes, tanks, jeeps, guns, synthetic rubber and high-test gasoline all use its sodium and chlorine. Sodium cyanide enables gear surfaces to stand shock and strain, while ethyl chloride and sodium-lead alloy produce tetraethyl lead for high octane fuel for aviation.

CAN YOU HELP?

Books, magazines and old clean newspapers are urgently needed by the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. If you have any old newspapers, books, or magazines, kindly leave same at Gladstone Cash and Carry, where they will be collected regularly and despatched to the troops in camp. The camps in the outlying centres are much in need of reading matter and indoor games, such as playing cards, etc. See what you can do.

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AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY

MUST BE DECENTRALISED

Post War Planning

(By the Director of the Rationing Commission, Dr. H. C. Coombs)

The tendency of the last century, particularly in Australia, has been to concentrate industry in the large centres. More than half our population and the major part of our industry are in the six metropolitan areas of the capital cities of our States.

These capital cities are, when judged by human standards, failures in social organisation. They are neither beautiful, healthy, nor efficient.

We must be prepared to move our industries—to decentralise them, to plan their location so that not merely do we get efficient production, but we build up a healthy balanced life for those engaged in industry.

In place of the over-grown city and the drained and exploited country, we must have planned development on regional lines.

The industrial resources of natural economic regions require to be developed within the region. With the coming of electrical power, there is much less need to concentrate industry.

Many lines of consumers' goods can be and are produced for relatively small markets. The dispersal of these industries, together with the opportunities offered by local resources, provide the basis for regional development which will break down the barrier between city and country to their mutual advantage and make possible within each region a balanced economic life.

In the towns and provincial cities that this regional development will make possible, we have our opportunity to build our communities of homes which are close to the work which the people have to perform, and which fulfil the needs of a healthy social life.

It is clear from what I have said that if we are to provide for the people the "capital equipment" for basic human activities, we cannot leave the task to private enterprise. We must in this part of the field at least call a halt to the multiplication of goods, to the wastes of isolated individual effort, and to the anarchy of speculation and jerry building.

To put it on no higher plane it is clear that the vast mass of people cannot afford from their own incomes to pay for the sort of homes and community services which are essential to their lives, any more than they can pay for their own roads, lighting and sewerage. We must plan, construct, and pay for the equipment of our social life collectively.

This then is the position. The economy of the past has failed in two major respects. It has failed to use to the full the human resources at its disposal. It has failed to organise economic effort, so that it develops opportunity for those activities which are the material of the drama of human life. This is both our task and our opportunity.

On the basis of past experience we can assume that on the average private enterprise will leave unwanted some ten per cent of our productive resources.

With these resources directed to the regional development of our national estate, to the construction of the capital equipment of social life, and to the building of homes that are not merely shelters, but centres of family life and the nucleus of social organisation, we can indeed transform our lives.

In the last four years the seven million pairs of hands of the Australian people have been turned to the tasks of war. Their achievements have been magnificent. Let us plan, now so that those hands may be turned as soon as possible against other enemies—the enemies of poverty and unemployment and the degradation of the human spirit.

Let us plan, too, for positive aims—to build in Australia a social environment in which the common life of our people will take on new colour, new intensity, and new dramatic quality.

NUTRITION CAMPAIGN

Will Aid Producers

To dispose of food surpluses as soon as they occur is one important aim of a nation-wide nutrition educational campaign to be launched by the Commonwealth Department of Health early this year.

If gluts are expected in any food item the people will be told in advance, and by means of tasty recipes prepared by Australia's foremost authorities will be induced to eat greater quantities of that food.

In this way organisers of the campaign hope to relieve primary producers of many of the worries associated with the disposal of any foodstuff of which a glut is threatened.

Explaining the purposes of the campaign for which Federal Cabinet has voted £15,000, the Federal Minister for Health (Mr. Holloway) said that it aimed at maintaining Australian nutrition standards despite wartime food difficulties. Unless the foods available were used to their best nutritional advantage, public health standards would suffer.

The campaign would take the form of advertisements in metropolitan and country press, radio announcements, and free pamphlets for women in the home.

The public would be told vividly and simply what foods were in good supply, what was their nutritional value, and how to prepare and cook them in the most tasty way. For foods in short supply alternatives of equal health value would be suggested.

Mr. Holloway said the campaign had been made necessary for increasing restrictions on the number and quantity of foodstuffs available, the introduction of consumer rationing for a number of food items, the increasing number of married women entering industry with much less time for the preparation of meals at home, and the possibility of periodic gluts in certain vegetables, followed by shortages.

The campaign will be planned on an Australia-wide basis, but attention will also be given to the special needs of the various States and local campaigns will be organised in collaboration with State Nutrition Committees.

"The most modern nutritional principles known to medical science will be introduced into the campaign, which should help to raise public health in Australia to new high levels," said Mr. Holloway.

USE FRUIT

Save Sugar

There are several ways to preserve fruit without using sugar. This may be added later in small quantities when the fruit is being prepared for actual use.

A booklet issued by the Commonwealth Rationing Commission gives recipes for pulping, bottling, and making fruit juices without sugar, and methods of drying fruit at home.

Issued on paper cut to the shape of a preserving jar, the booklet opens out to form a four-page folder of convenient size which would make a valuable addition to any collection of preserving recipes.

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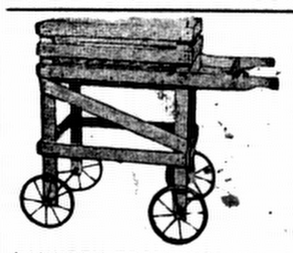

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"Members of the second group retain the greater part of the vitamin B1 present in the original cereal grain from which the breakfast food was prepared.

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£1034/8/9

has also been sent in cash towards the General Fund and the Prisoners of War.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, Gladstone Branch

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - HALF YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1942

RECEIPTS.	£ s d	£ s d
To Balance 1st July, 1942		464 19 5
„ Membership Subscriptions	5 10 0	
„ Sale of Badges	3 0	
„ Donations	16 13 2	
„ G.A.S.S.A. Ball	26 17 11	
„ Swift's Ball	15 13 11	
„ Friends' Ball	34 10 8	
„ Paddy's Market	254 16 0	
„ Dinner Basket	28 6 5	
„ Red Cross Boxes	1 10 4	
„ Band Recital	29 17 10	
„ Benaraby Sub Branch	43 9 2	
„ Many Peaks-Builyan S.B.	88 8 11	
„ Dances, etc.	71 8 1	
„ Prisoner of War Receipts—		617 5 5
Pt. Curtis Dairy Employees	23 16 3	
Donations	14 5 0	
Dances	230 9 6	
Dinner Basket	22 3 9	
Street Scheme	12 8 0	
Calliope Rodeo	115 4 11	
Taragoola Rodeo	33 15 9	
Calliope Valley Group	53 10 0	
		505 13 2
		£1587 18 0

PAYMENTS.	£ s d	£ s d
By Materials purchased, Gladstone, Boyne Valley, and Benaraby		199 12 2
„ Insurance		1 4 8
„ Light		18 0
„ Printing and Advertising		2 10 10
„ Cupboards (2)		1015 0
„ Petty Cash, Benaraby		1 0 0
„ Membership Badges, Nagoorin		1 16 0
„ Remittances to Headquarters, Brisbane—		
General Fund	600 0 0	
P.O. War Fund	434 8 9	
		1034 8 9
„ Balance		335 12 7
		£1587 18 0

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The greatest gift was our mother's love.
A cheerful smile, a heart of gold,
The dearest mother this world could hold.

(Inserted by her son and daughter-in-law, Fred, Lucy, and grandchildren.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS (INC.).

Intending candidates sitting for the coming April 1943 examination of the Federal Institute of Accountants are notified in another column that entries, etc., must be lodged on or before Wednesday, February 17.

FINED £2.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction on Thursday, before the acting S.M. (Mr. J. Donovan), Edward John O'Brien was charged with committing a breach of the National Security Regulations, having made a photograph of the harbour. Defendant pleaded guilty by letter, and was convicted and fined £2, with 6/- costs of court, in default 14 days in the Brisbane Gaol. Sergt. S. Coxon prosecuted.

FINED £5.

In the Court of Petty Sessions on Thursday, before the acting S.M. (Mr. J. Donovan), Samuel Day was charged with failing to enrol for military service. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined £5 with 6/- costs of Court, in default 28 days in the Rockhampton Gaol. Day was allowed one month in which to pay the fine. The Area Officer (Captain G. C. Melsom) prosecuted.

POLICE COURT.

In the Police Court on Thursday, before the acting S.M. (Mr. J. Donovan), Conrad Hugo Craig was charged with committing a breach of the Liquor Acts, being unlawfully found on licensed premises. Defendant pleaded guilty by letter, and was convicted and fined £2, with 6/- costs of court, in default 14 days in the Charleville lock-up. Sergt. S. Coxon prosecuted.

RADIO INTERFERENCE.

During the past few days users of wireless sets in Gladstone have experienced considerable interference greatly affecting the reception of even nearby National stations. It is generally thought that the trouble originates at the Power Station or the power mains, and several residents have written to the authorities complaining of the reception. Several tests have been made, and it is definitely shown that the fault does not lie as originally suggested, with industrial plants, as the same conditions apply after the closure of these units.

A.L.P.

SOUTH GLADSTONE POST OFFICE

Toolooa Railway Crossing

The Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. has received advice from Mr. F. M. Forde, M.H.R., that he has made representations on behalf of the branch to the Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs to have South Gladstone Post Office made a money order office.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., advised the branch that he is awaiting further information concerning the request that the black-out conditions be modified at Gladstone.

Mr. Williams also advised that the Minister for Transport has stated that the abolition of the Toolooa railway crossing gates (where road traffic is subject to delay) is a matter for the Main Roads Commission and the Calliope Shire Council.

The Minister for Transport also advised that the new railway locomotive depot at Gladstone would not be completed for some time.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

A.C.W. James, who has been spending leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. James, Central Lane, returned to Sydney by Friday's mail.

TOWN COUNCIL

ANOTHER REBUFF

Comment by Ald. Golding

The Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson) has received the following letter from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) through the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams):—

THE LETTER.

"With further reference to your letter of the 24th December, regarding a water scheme for Gladstone, I have to inform you that I am writing to the Hon. F. A. Cooper, Premier and Treasurer of Queensland, in regard to the matter, asking him to give it further consideration, with a view to having it listed as one of the necessary works to be carried out.

"You will quite understand that the Federal Government does not undertake water schemes for the various towns throughout Australia. The only water schemes that have been undertaken by the Federal Government have been in connection with military camps.

"I am anxious to help the people of Gladstone in every way possible, but it is no use misleading them into thinking that the Commonwealth Government is about to put down water supply schemes throughout the various municipalities of Australia, because this has always been primarily the responsibility of the local authorities and the State Governments.

"The Federal Government enters into the matter by making available the necessary loan money to the State Governments to be spent on approved works put up by the State Governments to the Loan Council, and there approved as necessary public works to be carried out with the loan money supplied to the State Governments.

"If the Gladstone water supply scheme is recommended by your State Government as one of the urgent works to be carried out, I feel sure that the necessary priority in regard to supplies of material and man power can be arranged, having due regard to other urgent Army and Air Force commitments."

CITIZENS DISAPPOINTED.

Ald. W. R. Golding, in commenting on Mr. Forde's reply to the letter forwarded to him as a result of the representative meeting of all bodies, held in the Town Hall recently, said the reply would be received with considerable disappointment by the citizens of Gladstone.

TOWN AND PORT.

They had hoped, continued Ald. Golding, that the town and the port of Gladstone was of sufficient national importance to justify some assistance being given by the Federal authorities, but apparently it was not considered as such. Mr. Forde, no doubt, had considered that the Boyne water supply scheme was a purely local affair, and therefore would come under the jurisdiction of the State Government.

MANY REBUFFS.

It was no use, went on Ald. Golding, being discouraged at the turn of events, as the Council time after time over the last six years had received many rebuffs. There still was a lot of spade work to do before the Boyne River scheme was an accomplished fact, and in this both Mr. Forde and Mr. Williams could assist the Council.

A1 PRIORITY NECESSARY.

Even though the pipes for the first section were now on the site, there seemed to be no chance whatever of getting the job under way, with no machinery and no manpower, and such would it remain until such time as an A1 priority was granted. No unemployed were registered at the Gladstone Labour Bureau.

CO-OPERATION OF ALL PARTIES.

The Council had always had the sympathy of the Co-ordinator General of Public Works (Mr. Kemp), and until such time as they had received his reply to the application for a priority, the fate of the scheme would hang in the balance. If the work is to go on in its entirety it would need the fullest co-operation of all parties, particularly the unions, who in his opinion would be the deciding factor.

INTEREST AND REDEMPTION.

It must not be forgotten, said Ald. Golding, that the Council had had the Treasurer's word that he would grant a remission of one-third of interest and redemption over a period of fifteen years, which in itself would mean a saving to the ratepayers of £25,000 on an estimated cost of the scheme at £90,000.

In conclusion, Ald. Golding stated no effort would be spared by the Council, and the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) had called a special meeting to deal with the matter.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCIAL POSITION REVIEWED BY TOWN CLERK

EXCESS CREDIT OVER DEBIT BALANCES £4600

At the last meeting of the Town Council the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson) submitted his financial statement for the period 1/7/42 to 31/12/42, and this disclosed a credit balance of £4600/2/1.

GENERAL FUND.

This fund commenced the financial year with a credit balance of £237/1/4, and at 31/12/42 the credit balance was £2509. The position at the end of six months is very satisfactory, and compares more than favourably with any previous year. It must be realised that a number of ratepayers who usually make payment at the close of the financial year, have this year paid their rates within the discount period.

On the receipts side of the statement amounts of £156 and £39 have been transferred from the Cleansing and Town Hall Accounts respectively, being clerical supervision. An amount of £97/18/3 was the cost of the new Court House drain, and was paid by the Department of Public Works on 1/1/43; likewise the Treasury rebate on interest and redemption was paid by the Treasury Department on 4/1/43. It is anticipated that reimbursement of civil defence expenditure, amounting to £156/4/- will be made during the current month.

An amount of £32/18/8 has been received for impounding fees, and this exceeds the budget figure of £30 for the year by £2/18/8. The items "license fees," "baths earnings," "sales of freehold land," "rent," and "interest on rates," are more than maintaining their relative budget positions. An amount of £3926/3/7 has been collected for general rates, and I anticipate that the budget figure of £4800 will be realised. The collection of cemetery dues, £235/2/, is satisfactory, as the budget figure for the year is £375. I would suggest that permission be obtained from the Auditor General for the writing off of irrecoverable cemetery dues.

On 1/7/42 the bank balances of the Loan Rate and Cleansing Accounts, amounting to £16/4/1 and £225/6/6 respectively, were closed and transferred to the General Fund. These amounts are not included in the General Fund credit balance of £2509.

On the disbursements side of the statement the items "audit fees," "civil defence expenditure," and "pay roll tax," have exceeded the budget figures. The former excess was caused by the Auditor General increasing the annual audit fee after the preparation of the budget, and the excess in civil defence expenditure was an extraordinary item. The pay roll tax item of £63/12/7 includes Coney Island payments and a refund of £90/13/5 appears in the receipts.

An adjustment of this refund will be made with the Electricity and Water Undertaking Funds before the close of the financial year. I anticipate that the items benzine and oils and cemetery will exceed the budget before the close of the year. Provision has been made in the budget to cover the increased Fire Brigade Board precept (£371/9/- to £649/11/10), and the first moiety of £324/15/11 has been paid. Final payment will be made in March of this year.

A payment of £160, being the year's instalment in reduction of the old Town Fund overdraft, was made during the six months under review. The Auditor General has advised that in future interest and redemption repayments on account of Council loans must be made from the Loan Rate Fund. The position with the Undertaking Funds (Water and Electric) is the reverse, as a transfer is effected from the Electric Loan and Water Loan Funds to the relative Undertaking Funds, and interest and Redemption paid from the latter funds.

On 30/6/42 the banking account for the new Town Hall Account was closed and merged with the General Fund.

The majority of expenditure items are in accord with the budget, and provided expenditure of an extraordinary nature is not incurred, the result as at 30/6/43 should be an excellent one.

ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING FUND.

This fund was in credit £631/15/6 on 31/12/42, and the budget provides for a surplus of £30/0/9 for the financial year. Owing to an oil company not forwarding invoices for diesel oil supplied, an amount of £450 is still owing for that item, and a credit balance of £181/15/6 would reflect the true position as at 30/12/42. The nett collections for the sales of light and power for the six months amounted to £4881/3/8, as against the budget figure of £9850 for the year. I anticipate that the budget figure will be realised, but the excess (if any) will be slight.

It would appear that the reduction in the discount allowance from 10 to 5 per cent was warranted, seeing that the budget estimate for the nett sales of light and power was increased by £702/14/4 over the actual nett collections for the previous financial year.

On the previous year's discount figures the reduction of 5 per cent in the discount allowance would result in a gain of £457/7/2, so that actually additional revenue amounting to £245/7/2 over last year's figures has to be collected during the current financial year.

Due to restrictions in hours and commodities the reading of certain trading houses have been considerably reduced. The elimination of shop window lighting and the brown-out restrictions have also resulted in a loss of revenue. However, the revenue from increased industrial activity should balance the losses from these sources.

An amount of £25/4/- was received for the sale of D.C. meters, also £93/9/3 from the Shell Coy. for material supplied and work performed. The remaining receipts items are in conformity with the budget.

On the disbursements side of the statement no item has exceeded the budget, and extraordinary or emergent expenditure has not been incurred. I anticipate that the items "wages and oil" will exceed their relative budget figures.

I have mentioned the fact that £450 is still owing for the purchase of diesel oil, and the amount of £1045/16/7 in the "actual" column should read £1495/16/7, as against the budget figure of £2750 for the year. It is most difficult to obtain an accurate estimate for this item owing to the fluctuating market price.

Increases amounting to £1/2/6 per ton have occurred during the six months. The remaining disbursement items are in accord with the budget. If the anticipated surplus of £30/0/9 is to be realised I would suggest that a strict control be exercised over expenditure and a continuous drive carried out against those consumers in arrears for light and power.

ELECTRIC LOAN RATE FUND.

The estimate for the collection of electric loan rates is £500 and £361/16/9, and has been collected for the six months, and I anticipate that the budget figure will be realised. An amount of £357 was transferred to the Electricity Undertaking Fund to meet interest and redemption repayments.

CLEANSING FUND.

This fund is in credit £756/0/1, and the estimated surplus of £59/8/6 for the year would appear to be accurate. Cleansing rates, amounting to £2090/4/7, have been collected, or £559/15/5 short of the estimate for the year. It seems certain that the expenditure item, "sanitary contractor," will exceed the budget figure. A considerable number of additional daily services are at present being carried out, thus the anticipated excess. A corresponding increase in revenue will be effected. An amount of £156, representing clerical assistance, was transferred to the General Fund during the six months.

As previously mentioned, the credit balance of this account, amounting to £225/6/6, was transferred to the General Fund on 1/7/42.

LOAN RATE FUND.

Loan rates, amounting to £1208/4/3, have been collected for the half year, the budget figure for the year being £1440. Interest and redemption of Council loans amounting to £1060/12/9 was paid during the period.

The banking account for this fund was closed on 1/7/42, and the credit balance of £16/4/1 transferred to the General Fund.

WATER LOAN RATE FUND.

This fund is in an excellent position, as a credit balance of £776/15/10 would indicate. Water loan rates amounting to £1681/9/6 have been collected, the budget figure for the year being £1920. An amount of £953/9/2 has been transferred to the Water Undertaking Fund to meet interest and redemption on water loans.

I anticipate that this fund will finish the year with a surplus of approximately £200, or £191/4/6 in excess of the budget figure.

WATER UNDERTAKING FUND.

This fund is in credit £1196/19/10, and it would appear that the budget surplus of £120/18/7 for the year will be realised. The sales of water by meter are very satisfactory. An amount of £638/16/2 has already been collected, as against the budget figure of £900 for the year. The December readings amounted to £200, and the revenue from these sales will be received during the current month (January).

The six months' collection of water consumers' rates amounted to £1796/11/7, the budget figure for the year being £1950. This was a difficult item to estimate owing to the allowance made to consumers for the period that the town water supply failed.

A transfer of £953/9/2 was received from the Water Loan Rate Fund during the period. No expenditure item has exceeded the budget, and emergent expenditure has not been incurred. I anticipate that the items "wages and new water scheme" will exceed their relative budget figures before the close of the financial year. The chlorination plant at the Waterworks cost £151/16/-, but this will be a charge against the loan of £15,000 when funds are made available.

The remaining expenditure items are in accord with the budget.

It is pleasing to note that the cast iron pipes for the first section of the Boyne River scheme have been landed and are at present being carted along the reticulation main. The completion of the scheme in its entirety would be welcome news for the whole community.

INTEREST AND REDEMPTION.

Amounts of £2801/6/4 and £758/4/8, being interest and redemption repayments on Treasury and State Government insurance loans respectively, have been paid during the six months.

LOAN POSITION.

The following is the loan position after the above amounts have been credited:—

Original amount borrowed. £ s d	Nature of Loan.	Balance owing at 31/12/42 £ s d
7999 17 0	Electric Light..	4871 0 4
7999 19 6	„ „	6556 19 4
16200 0 0	„ „	5770 10 10
6000 0 0	„ „	5445 14 0
27872 17 6	Water	15636 3 10
6027 13 1	„	5449 1 10
1772 9 1	„	1555 4 11
1000 0 0	„	641 9 7
3623 9 11	Half cost New Town Hall	2692 1 7
568 4 3	Town Hall furnishings	410 12 5
11600 0 0	Street works and channelling ...	10514 10 11
4000 0 0	Half cost street works	2675 13 7
2514 8 4	Half cost Baths	1839 16 11
6556 17 5	Street works ..	2600 3 2
450 0 0	Truck	236 17 5
613 6 5	Main Roads ...	481 18 6
255 18 0	„ „	202 9 8
258 18 10	„ „	215 1 3
30 15 2	„ „	26 3 7
181 17 1	„ „	157 1 11
57 2 4	„ „	50 16 4
129 18 6	„ „	120 16 6
656 13 4	„ „	622 17 10
24 15 5	„ „	23 18 9
*736 4 4	Civil defence	736 4 4

*Incomplete.

BANK BALANCES.

The bank balances of the several funds at as 31/12/42 are as follow:—

	£ s d
General Fund, credit	2509 0 0
Loan Rate Fund, credit ...	163 15 7
Electricity Undertaking Fund, credit	631 15 6
Electric Loan Rate Fund, credit	5 15 3
Cleansing Fund, credit	756 0 1
Water Loan Rate Fund credit	776 15 10
Water Undertaking Fund, credit	1196 19 10
Total credit balances ..	6040 2 1
Town Fund, old overdraft account, dr.	1440 0 0
Excess credit over debit balances	£4600 2 1

The report was adopted.

BOWLING

WIN FOR L. CAMERON.

Main interest at the Bowling Club centred in the competition to select a member to represent Gladstone in the district singles title to be played at Rockhampton.

L. Cameron just beat A. W. Drewe 31-30 after a splendid contest. No less than 37 ends were played before a decision was reached.

Social matches resulted:—

Coxon, Ferris, Bycroft, Wilson v. Garrett, Schmidt, Hogan, Jackson 31-6.

Hixon, Dennis, Johnston v. Witty, Friend, Golding 28-23.

Henery, Joyner, Busteed v. Duff, Weiske, Archay 28-15.

Ferris, Barker, Drewe v. Garrett, Seaton, Chapman 25-17.

Coxon, Hickey, Wilson v. Friend, Dennis, Greasley 12-23.

Lodder, Sly, Busteed v. Burton, Joyner, Loveday 29-21.

INQUESTS HELD AT GLADSTONE

BARRAM DIED FROM EXTENSIVE INJURIES

"NO ONE TO BLAME FOR MEATWORKS ACCIDENT"

An inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Noel Barram (18), cheese factory employee, Bracewell, which commenced on December 22, was concluded at Gladstone last Monday. The Coroner (Mr. J. Donovan) presided.

ENGAGED CHANGING A PULLEY.

Constable C. S. Fielding, Mt. Larcom, stated that Noel Barram, who resided with his parents at Bracewell, was fatally injured at the Cheese Factory about 3 p.m. on December 4, and was admitted to the Gladstone Hospital, where he died at about 8.30 p.m. the same day. At the time the deceased was injured he was engaged changing a pulley belt attached to a machine known as the curd mill. Acting on instructions he made a thorough examination of the scene of the mishap. As different machines are used in the processing of the curds, it is necessary to use different belts of varying widths and lengths.

CURD MILL.

The witness interviewed the manager of the factory, Robert Burton, who stated a little before 3 o'clock on December 4 he gave two of the employees, Tom Fiddes and Noel Barram instructions to mill the curds in vat 3. A lad named Arthur Andersen also joined Fiddes, and the three then prepared the curd mill for operation. The curd mill consists of a wooden frame, which holds a series of cutters, which force the curds into a box-like arrangement, which cuts the curds into small squares. These cutters are driven from a belt extending from a pulley wheel on the main drive shaft above on to a pulley wheel on the frame of the curd mill.

DRAWN VIOLENTLY UPWARDS.

The ends of the belt hanging down were seized by Arthur Andersen, who passed them around the pulley of the curd mill, and Fiddes assisted him to effect the join. Andersen then with Fiddes bent down to affix the curd mill to the rim of the vat, and at the same time let the belt go. Anderson then stated that he idd not quite realise what happened, but the curd mill flew up into the air, striking him in the groin as it was drawn violently upwards, not being fastened down to the vat. The blow spun Andersen around, and when he looked up he saw Barram had been wound around the drive shaft by the belts. Both belts were still there, as the agitator belt had not been dropped, although it had been removed from the pulley wheel and had been resting lightly on the shaft. As far as Andersen was aware Barram did not cry out.

ENTANGLED IN THE BELTS.

Fiddes at once ran to the engine for the purpose of stopping it, which he did. Fiddes had to run a distance of about twenty-five yards, and he slipped when crossing the whey drain, which delayed him. Barram was then hanging up on the drive shaft and twisted around it, being entangled in the belts. Fiddes cut these away, which released the curd mill. William Andersen then got a rope, which Fiddes tied around Barram's body, but he had lapsed into unconsciousness. With the aid of the rope the body was steadily lowered into Fiddes' arms, after which he was carried into the storeroom and placed on a bench.

INJURIES.

Barram was still unconscious, his right arm being badly fractured at the shoulder, also at the forearm. There were also lacerations on the face and neck. The wound in the arm near the shoulder had been caused by a compound fracture, the end of the bone protruding and tearing the flesh and severing the artery.

NO SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

From the result of his inquiries and investigations he was unable to ascertain whether the cause of the accident was from the curd mill not being bolted down to the rim of the curd vat, and so flying up along the belt to strike Barram, or whether he fell off the agitator assembly when stepping off on to the ladder, or whether he was caught by either of the belts. He was of the opinion, however, that the occurrence was accidental and there were no suspicious circumstances.

BLEEDING PROFUSELY.

Thomas Fiddes stated he was a general assistant at the Cheese Factory at Bracewell, where he had been employed since April 28, 1942. Following the accident his first thought was to stop the engine, and to do this he had to run round the end of the vat. In doing so he fell into the whey drain, delaying him for a few seconds. Barram then appeared to have lapsed into unconsciousness. His first thought was to effect his release, and to do this he borrowed a knife from Andersen senr. and cut the belt. He then climbed the ladder to unwind the tangled belt from Barram's body and neck. When the body was lowered he could see that Barram had received a serious injury to the right arm near the shoulder, from which he had been bleeding profusely, also a deep laceration to the left lower jaw. Mr. Miller, Ambulance superintendent, Mt. Larcom, had then arrived and attended to him, and subsequently Barram was conveyed to the Gladstone General Hospital.

SHOCK AND HAEMORRHAGE.

Constable J. O. Holley stated that Dr. Skinner had informed him that when Barram was admitted to the hospital he was found to be suffering severely from shock and haemorrhage, resulting from his injuries, which consisted of a crushed and almost severed right forearm, a crushed and almost severed right upper arm, a large deep lacerated wound on the left side of the face through which the jawbone was showing, a dislocated right knee, and multiple bruises around the neck, on the right hip, on both legs, and on the right side of the face.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

After admission to the hospital Barram was kept under the anaesthetic by Dr. Yum while Dr. Skinner gave him a blood transfusion. Barram's condition improved, and the right arm was amputated by Dr. Skinner just below the shoulder, and the large deep wound on the left side of the face was sutured. During the operation the patient's condition became worse, and soon after it was finished Barram died.

EXTENSIVE INJURIES.

Dr. Skinner told Constable Holley that everything possible was done to save Barram's life, and it was a wonder that he lived so long owing to the extent of his injuries.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

The medical certificate issued by Dr. Skinner showed that the cause of death was haemorrhage and shock, which was brought about by the injuries received.

Evidence was also given by Robert Burton, William Andersen, and William Henry Miller.

The inquest was closed.

Meatworks Accident

In the new Court House on Thursday afternoon the Coroner (Mr. J. Donovan) held an inquest into the cause and circumstances surrounding the death of Richard Joseph Ryalls, who died in the General Hospital on December 18, 1942.

Sergt. S. Coxon conducted the inquiry, and Mr. M. B. Ryalls appeared to watch the interests of his late father.

HEAD INJURED.

Constable J. O. Holley deposed that under instructions from Sergt. S. Coxon he made inquiries on December 18 into the death of Richard Joseph Ryalls, aged 65 years, who had died in the General Hospital about 1.15 p.m. on that date. He proceeded to the Hospital, where he met Dr. Skinner, and accompanied him to the morgue, where he saw the dead body of the deceased. Dr. Skinner pointed out an injury at the back of the deceased's head. The injury was a large swelling at the base of the skull, and it was bluish black in colour. Dr. Skinner also informed the witness that deceased had met with an accident at the Meatworks, a calf having charged and knocked a gate down, causing Ryalls to strike his head heavily on the concrete floor. Deceased was conscious when he arrived at the Hospital, but he could not remember anything that had occurred.

FRACTURED SKULL.

Dr. Skinner stated that he had examined the deceased, and the result of the examination showed that there was a large bruise and a small cut on the back of his head, and there were signs to indicate a fracture of the base of the skull, with haemorrhage inside the skull. There were also abrasions on the back of the right hand. Deceased's condition rapidly grew worse after his admission to the Hospital. At first he was very drowsy, and then became unconscious, and subsequently died.

SCENE OF ACCIDENT INSPECTED.

Constable Holley proceeded to the Gladstone Meatworks, where he made an inspection of the scene of the accident with Mr. Drewe, the manager of Swift Australian Company (Pty.) Ltd. He went to the stockyard, where cattle were being drafted into separate lots before being killed. From this yard there are long narrow yards, one being known as the cattle race, and the other is used for sheep and calves. The walls of these yards are very strong, and about 8ft. high, the floor being made of concrete.

A WILD CALF.

Constable Holley interviewed William Shuck, Thomas Slater, and Robert Edward Stewart, all of whom witnessed the accident, and who are all employed at the Meatworks. He ascertained that Ryalls was assisting these men in assembling the calves from the other cattle in the races. One calf was separated from its mother and driven into the cattle race. Slater placed the top bolt into position on his side, and he saw deceased at the other end with the hurdle, apparently leaning on it. The calf in question was of fair size and very wild. It rushed the hurdle and attempted to jump it near where the deceased was standing. The calf crashed into the hurdle, which swung back on to deceased, hitting him near the chest, and he fell, striking his head on the concrete floor. He ascertained that the weight of the calf after being dressed was 160 lbs., which would be a fair size one.

NO NEGLIGENCE.

From the result of his inquiries Constable Holley was of the opinion that the death of the deceased was accidental, and was caused by his head striking the floor heavily. He could not find that there was any negligence on any person's part other than deceased, as he apparently made no effort to place the holes in the race. The only way, in his opinion, to obviate any further accident in future would be to put swing gates at the races, and concluded his evidence by stating "the wooden hurdle is only a flimsy affair, and I think it should be built much stronger."

"PURELY ACCIDENTAL."

By Mr. Ryalls: I did not witness the yarding of any calves, but if a calf was separated from its mother it would be natural for it to rush back to its mother. In spite of this I still say that deceased should have had ample time to have had the bolt of the hurdle put in. It is possible that deceased may not have noticed the calf coming at the gate of the race, and if such was the case he would not have had time to put the bolts in to the hurdle. It is possible that deceased's age would operate against him in that he would not be so quick as Slater with the bolts. In my opinion, even had deceased bolted the hurdle, the calf charging it would have broken it. The occurrence was purely accidental.

CALF JUMPED THE HURDLE.

William Shuck deposed that he was employed by Swift Australian Compan (Pty.) Ltd., as a foreman stockman, and knew deceased for about eight years, who was employed at the Meatworks as a yardman.

As witness walked up the race the calf rushed down the hurdle, and at this time he saw the deceased at the other end of the hurdle. The calf did not go through the gate, but jumped the hurdle near where Ryalls was standing. The calf hit the hurdle, and the hurdle hit deceased across the chest, knocking him right over, and he hit his head on the concrete floor of the race. Deceased seemed to be knocked stiff, and his head went right back. He went to his assistance, but he was unconscious at this time.

"I'M DONE."

About a quarter of an hour later Ryalls regainsd consciousness, and he tried to raise himself up, and said to witness: "I'm done; take me out of this!" He mentioned that his right ear was sore, and was feeling it. Witness noticed a large lump at the back of his head, which was turning blue, and it was changing colour the longer he was there. Ryalls was conveyed to the General Hospital by the Ambulance, and about 10.30 a.m. Shuck went to the Hospital and saw deceased in bed, but he did not know him, as he was unconscious.

NO ONE TO BLAME.

Witness was certain that the whole occurrence was purely accidental, and was of the opinion that deceased did not have time to put the pin in the hurdle when the calf charged it. He did not consider that anyone was guilty of neglect or contributory negligence, or was in any way to blame. If the hurdle was dispensed with and a gate made in the wall at the end of the yard this would prevent any further similar accidents to this one.

OBVIATE OTHER ACCIDENTS.

Robert Edward Stewart deposed that he did not notice any blood coming from Ryall's ears, mouth or nose, and Shuck and Slater laid him on his back outside the big shed, and placed two or three chaff bags under his head. He saw the accident, and he was certain no party was to blame for it. The system of separating stock at the works was satisfactory. However, if the hurdle was shifted away altogether this would obviate any similar accidents in the future. If the hurdle was removed and a gate put in at the end of the yard it would be an improvement.

NO SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

Michael Bernard Ryalls deposed that the deceased, Richard Joseph Ryalls, was his father. The deceased was 66 years of age, and was born at Gladstone. He saw his father at the Hospital, but he was in an unconscious condition, and he died about 1 p.m. on December 18, 1942. He had made inquiries, but did not think there was anything suspicious in connection with the death of his father, or that anyone was to blame in any way for it, and he was satisfied that the occurrence was accidental.

The inquest was closed.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

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MR. FORDE'S ACTION

"Passing the Buck"

Just when hopes were being entertained that the Federal Government would take action to see that the town of Gladstone would be connected with the Boyne River water at an early date, a letter from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) has apparently put the plan back to scratch again.

The Secretary of the A.L.P. (Mr. H. Peters) has been advised through Mr. T. L. Williams that the Federal Government does not undertake to put water schemes in the various towns of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Forde has written to the State Premier (Mr. F. M. Cooper), asking him to give it further consideration, with a view to having the scheme listed as one of the necessary works to be carried out. Mr. Forde says that he feels sure that the necessary priority in regard to the supply of material and man power can be arranged.

INDIGNATION.

There is intense indignation locally at this fresh development, and considerable despondency amongst aldermen, union, and industrial members who had been working very hard during the past few months.

"NEVER ENDING DELAYS."

The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) said that he was very dissatisfied and greatly concerned at the apparently never ending delays. Aldermen and members of the recent deputation to Mr. Williams had accepted the advice of that gentleman that the scheme be referred to Mr. Forde with a view to its completion by the Allied Works Council. After nearly seven years, it was quite evident that the Town Council was just where they started from, and the national aspects of the scheme from an essential standpoint were being lost sight of. After all, the recent representations to the Commonwealth Government they were now referred back to the State Government. Perhaps Gladstone people would be expected to go through their six years' agitation once more, and perhaps see their supply fail for the second time in that period

PEOPLE FED UP.

One well-known industrial official said that Mr. Forde's letter was a classic example of "passing the buck." Mr. Williams suggested Mr. Forde, now Mr. Forde suggests Mr. Cooper. People were getting fed up to the neck, and many would vote for the abolition of parliaments if there were many more instances of such tragic happenings.

"REFUSE TO PAY RATES AND TAXES."

Another member of a militant organisation said that the only way to bring the politicians to their senses and a realisation of the town's serious position would be to refuse to pay rates and taxes of any description until the people were given a supply of water necessary for the health of the community. Over 6000 people were being faced with a water famine, and highly essential industries supplying vital war needs were threatened with closure. If the supply failed the people should evacuate the town and leave it to the politicians.

PROTEST.

Mr. J. G. Darling, secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, said that members of his affiliated unions would meet shortly to deal with the position. The President of the A.L.P. (Ald. H. Anderson) and the Secretary (Mr. H. Peters) are taking steps to protest against the suggester further delay. Strong protests are to be made immediately, and the serious state of the present supply emphasised.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

I HEREBY give notice that on and after To-day (Saturday), January 30th, 1943, I will not be responsible for any debts incurred by (Mrs.) Ellen Walker.

(Sgd.) G. N. WALKER.

CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATION.
AIR RAID TEST.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Air Raid Test will be carried out on Saturday, 6th February, 1943, and all sections of the Local Civil Defence Organisation are requested to be at their posts at 2.15 p.m. on the above mentioned date.

By order of the Committee,
R. H. GRAYSON, Hon. Sec.
Gladstone, 29/1/43.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

AS a result of the Order banning the use of Citric Acid we have no alternative but to discontinue our service to our customers for the time being at least, and there will be no further deliveries.

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FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS (INC.).

QUEENSLAND Candidates for the April 1943 Examinations of the Federal Institute of Accountants, commencing on Tuesday, 13th April, are hereby notified that their entry forms and fees must reach the undersigned on or before Wednesday, 17th February, 1943.

L. T. CRAWFORD,
State Secretary.
115 Queen Street, Brisbane.

ARCHITECTS' EXAMINATION.

PERSONS desirous of sitting for examination as prescribed under "The Architects' Act of 1928" for registration under that Act, are notified that applications should be received not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, 1st March, 1943, by the Registrar of the Board of Architects, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

A. B. LEVEN, Chairman,
Board of Architects of Queensland.

SEEDS - SEEDS

PLANT DURING FEBRUARY

Vegetables

Beet	Parsley
Beans	Peas
Carrot	Silver Beet
Parsnip	Turnip
Cabbage	Celery
Cauliflower	Kohl Rabi
Lettuce	Onions
Radish	Cress

Flowers

Snapdragon	Delphinium
Calendula	Larkspur
Candytuft	Mignonette
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Pansy	Petunia
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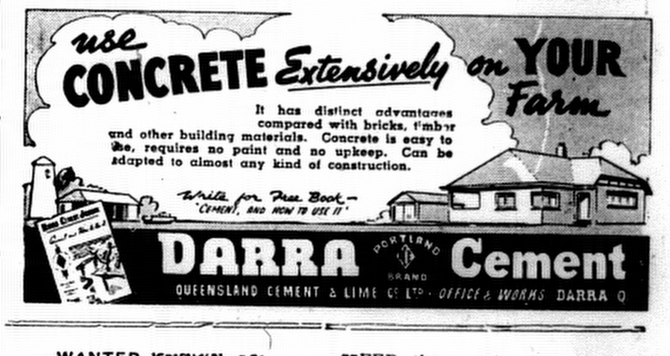

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

AMBULANCE DANCES.—Trocadero, Friday Nights, February 5th and 19; Calliope (Euchre and Dance), Saturday Night, February 20th, 1943. Kindly make a note of the above dates and come along and support your Ambulance.

A STREET STALL, conducted by the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., will be held on Tuesday, February 9. Donations of cakes, sweets, flowers, etc., will be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames P. Irwin and M. Brown.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, February 19th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

A DATE to remember.—Vice Versa Night, Trocadero, Friday, February 12. Cash prize for best Vice Versa Couple.

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French underground newspapers tell the story of twelve student pilots at an air school, who were dismissed when France gave in, refused to return to their homes, and at a secret meeting agreed to join the Free French movement.

They borrowed money from friends, bought a 9-ton sailing vessel, fitted it with an outboard motor, and on a cold, foggy morning, put out to sea, hoping to reach England. The motor broke down and they were overtaken by a German patrol boat and arrested.

When they returned to port and were led to prison, surrounded by German soldiers, the townspeople looked on, grim and sad. The German judges offered mercy to any who would denounce the instigators of their flight. The twelve refused to tell, and the Nazis sentenced the two eldest to death and the other ten to hard labour for life. Not one flinched.

The ten sat gloomily in a cell apart from that occupied by the two condemned lads, when a prison guard brought a letter. It read:—

"Dear Friends and Brothers.—Tomorrow at dawn we will be told that our petition for clemency was refused, and an hour later we will have left this life. Before we fall beneath the German bullets we will stand hand in hand and cry 'Vive la France!' You, like us, have committed the crime of loving our country. We pay without regret the price of our patriotism. And you, dear comrades, in time of hope and illfortune, remember us and be worthy of us. Pray for us, and for our dear France, too, and tell the truth everywhere. Adieu."

Both were shot at dawn. The ten others are still in German concentration camps. Air Force cadets; their ages from 15 to 18 years.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

JANUARY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
30	3.44	3.41	.....	10.11	10.36
31	5.04	5.06	.....	11.27	11.39

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.19	6.26	.....	——	12.38
2	7.20	7.30	.....	12.38	1.44
3	8.14	8.26	.....	1.35	2.41
4	9.04	9.18	.....	2.29	3.35
5	9.50	10.06	.....	3.21	4.26
6	10.35	10.54	.....	4.11	5.14
7	11.19	11.40	.....	5.02	5.58
8	——	12.01	.....	5.51	6.42
9	12.26	12.44	.....	6.40	7.25
10	1.12	1.26	.....	7.31	8.08
11	2.03	2.11	.....	8.26	8.54
12	2.59	3.06	.....	9.27	9.44
13	4.06	4.14	.....	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	.....	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	.....	——	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	.....	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	.....	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	.....	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	.....	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	.....	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	.....	4.01	4.52

THE MOON.

New Moon	February	5
First Quarter ...	February	12
Full Moon	February	20
Last Quarter ...	February	28

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A Family in Action

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Recently he received his discharge from the R.A.A.F. (where he had an administrative job). He is now chief engineer on a ship which will carry ammunition and food to Allied bases through highly dangerous waters. He is "in action" again, and glad of it.

In 1920 a patchwork plane, comprised more of makeshift replacements than original and orthodox parts, struggled across the Timor Sea to make a landing in Australia. No one was more amazed than the two pilots. They had seen death face to face many times on the flight from England. Flying over Vesuvius, the plane was caught in the downward current of air created on the lip of the volcano by the rising hot gasses. It was sucked down so rapidly that bolts and screws lying on the floor of the plane were showered on their heads. At Moulemein, in Burma, they crash-landed to save running into the crowd which had gathered to meet them. A wrecked plane and three months in hospital were the results. A new undercarriage, a new propeller, and two motor car radiators helped patch up the plane, and the two pilots flew on to Australia, hopefully rather than expectantly.

The flight in this patchwork plane was the second flight from England to Australia—an epic achievement lasting 206 days (the actual flying time was 168 hours) in the face of continual engine trouble, financial worries, nerve-racking anxieties and experiences.

One of the pilots was Lieut. J. D. McIntosh, killed a few months later in an air crash in Western Australia. The other pilot was Lieut. Raymond Parer.

Ray Parer is not the only member of his family with this unquenchable spirit of adventure. His brother Bernard is a commando. His cousin Cyril is a commando. A cousin's husband is a commando. His cousin Damien has won recognition as a war photographer. His brother Kevin is claimed to be the first pilot killed in New Guinea in this war. He was killed on January 21st last year.

New Guinea, aviation and the Parers have been inseperably connected for many years. Ray Parer ran his own aerial transport from Wau to Salamaua. Kevin Septimus Parer, youngest of this family of seven sons and two daughters, continued the service from Salamaua to Wewack, 500 miles up the coast.

At the time of his death Kevin Parer was flying under Government orders, evacuating women and children across the island to Port Moresby. He and his assistant pilot, Ernest Clarke, were caught in an early morning raid by 13 Zeros which swooped low across the aerodrome, firing incendiary bullets. Kevin's plane caught fire, and Clarke was badly burned making a gallant attempt to rescue him. Clark himself, now flying with Astra Airways, was seriously wounded when the Zeros made a return sweep across the 'drome.

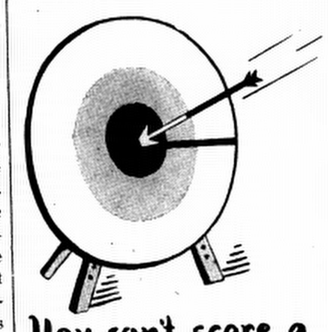
There are close and affectionate ties between two branches of the Parer family. The two fathers were brothers. The two mothers were sisters, and the second generation have common interests and a common sympathy.

Leo Parer, now doing x-ray work in Sydney, is the eldest of his family. His brothers are Ray, Vincent, a doctor in Brisbane and a captain on the Army reserve; Tony a doctor at Maleny, 40 miles out of Brisbane; Bob (the father of two sets of twins), an aircraft inspector in Queensland. He used to be Kevin's ground engineer—and Bernard. The two sisters are Mary, a nurse, who keeps house for Tony, and Josephine, who has a job with the American Army in Melbourne.

Damien Parer, whose films and photographs from various war fronts have shown uncommon artistry is one of the cousins. He had an interesting experience of coincidence recently, when he visited Wau. In looking over the ruins of his sister's home there he found two things—a doll which he had sent one of his little nieces from the Middle East, and a letter addressed to him which his mother had written and forgotten in the haste of the evacuation to post.

Damien's brothers are Fonso, on the staff of a Sydney munition factory; Adrian, a Franciscan priest in Melbourne; Stan, who works with his cousin Leo in Sydney; Ben, returned A.I.F. sergeant from the Middle East, now doing x-ray work in Brisbane, and Cyril. The only sister of this family, Doreen (the mother of two sets of twins) is married to commando Sgt. Owen.

During a recent broadcast from the States, Lowell Thomas asked if anyone had news of his old friend, Ray Parer. He would be interested indeed to know that this adventurous Australian has now joined up to carry on the fight with his own countrymen.



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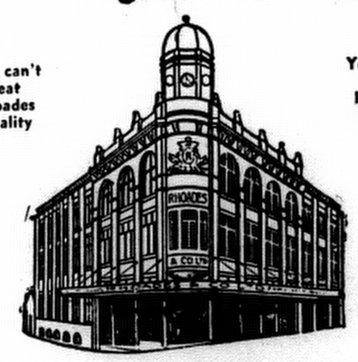

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TOMATO DISEASES

Target Spot

Unlike Irish blight, the disease of tomatoes known as target spot is most commonly encountered during the warmer months. Growers in the Stanthorpe district and in coastal areas in which tomatoes are still being planted are therefore advised to take precautions against the incidence of this disease.

The general effect of target spot on the plant is to produce dark-brown leaf and stem spots, a quarter to half an inch in diameter. These are often marked by concentric rings, and it is these markings which give the disease its name.

Affected leaves gradually turn yellow and dry out, the plant becoming defoliated from the base up. Other common symptoms produced by the casual organism consist of a black spot on the fruit, usually commencing near the insertion of the stalk, and a brown shrunken area at the base of the seedlings, which may eventually cincture the stems and cause their death.

The dark spot first formed on the fruit often becomes covered with a greenish-black felt-like mound of mould of characteristic appearance.

The disease may be controlled by applying copper sprays or dusts commencing in the seed bed. The spray or dust should be thoroughly applied and used sufficiently frequently to keep the whole of the plant, including both upper and lower leaf surfaces, well covered.

In wet weather, when there is danger of a very quick spread of the disease, this may have to be done every few days. It is also preferable to spray rather than dust under such epidemic conditions, though where speed is necessary or the ground is too wet for heavy spraying implements, dusting may have to be employed.

As it is very unusual to find a tomato crop free from insect pests, such as corn-ear worm, growers are reminded of the value of combination sprays and dusts which will control not only the commonest fungous diseases, but also the more frequently encountered insect pests of tomato fruit and foliage.

The remains of all tomato plants should be cleaned up and burned at the end of the season.

Full information on the spraying and dusting of tomatoes is obtainable from the Department of Agriculture and Stock.

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FRENCH MADAGASCAR

Cross of Lorraine

That the majority of the French in Madagascar were sympathetic to General de Gaulle and anti-Vichy was amply shown.

A speaker in the B.B.C. programme "La Vraie Voix de Madagascar" told of many subtle as well as boldly defiant devices used there by those resisting the "new order."

The "Cross of Larraine," the symbol of liberation, was found everywhere. Such a cross, "one metre fifty high," was painted at each corner of the door of the Surete Generale. This had been done over night.

Much more daring was another night's work. The people of Tananarive awoke to find upon the lawns of the Square Gallieni, an immense Cross of Lorraine, fifteen metres by ten. The authorities ordered the Kaolin to be rubbed out. Perhaps it was rubbed in. Anyway, the result was that the cross became incrusted in the turf. A new order was given: "Take up the turf." It was obeyed. Yet once more the desired result was not achieved.

The naked red earth formed the Lorraine Cross, most marked in the middle of the green sward. This became the subject of jibes and rejoicing throughout the town. Now authority's blood was up. The Governor ordered the bare space to be filled in with fresh turf. But the new turf is a young, more delicate green. There is still the unmistakable impress of the Croi de Lorraine. It is as the French inhabitants say, the youthfulness of the Cross of Larraine which makes it ineffaceable.

CONCENTRATION CAMP

Women Do Not Weep

A Croat author, Ivo Balentovic, visited a women's concentration camp in Yugoslavia a short time ago. Afterwards he wrote an article about it which was published in the Hungarian paper "Magyer Nemzet" (which is by no means anti-German). The article was read in the broadcast to Austria, in the B.B.C.'s European service. The following is an excerpt (translated from the German) from Balentovic's article:—

"A young woman was pointed out to me. She had formerly been the leader of a group of Cetnicks and Partisans in Bosnia. I will just call her Maria. She is a Croat and a Catholic. She is very intelligent, and has organised the various groups of Serbian and Croatian women taking armed action against the German and Italian troops. For more than a year they remained hidden in the woods.

"I questioned her: "Are you sorry for what you have done against the Fatherland?"

She deigns no reply. I ask:

"When you are free again, will you recognise Croatia as an independent State?"

"I?" she says, and I can see from the look on her face. She regrets nothing. She has no remorse for the cast that her actions have led to the Germans burning down whole villages as a reprisal. No, she knows no repentance. She just glares at me and says:

"There are 2000 women in this camp, and not one of us weeps."

Before you strike a light remember the needs of the armed forces. The demand for matches is enormous, but the output is adequate for all, provided matches are used sparingly. Some of the chemicals used to make matches have to be shared with the munitions industry. So adopt the slogan: Fewer matches, more munitions.

AMERICA-RUSSIA

Another Highway Opened

Last week's Sydney letter gave a brief account of the linking of Alaska to the United States (which bought it from Russia in the early days) by the engineering triumph of the Alcan Highway.

Yet another link in what may well be a highway connecting the Straits of Magellan to Cape Finisterre, on the west coast of Spain, which would measure more than the circumference of the world, was completed recently.

This is the largest suspension bridge in Latin America, erected by the Republic of El Salvador to link the two American continents by a 14,000 mile pan-American highway.

The Russian Government instituted some time ago a 5000-mile road building scheme to link the east cape of the Russian foreshore of Bering Strait with the gigantic Trans-Siberian and Vladivostock systems. This should be completed early this year, and with the opening of the Alcan Highway, may provide a valuable alternative route for the supplying of lend-lease goods from the United States to Russia.

CAN YOU HELP?

Books, magazines and old clean newspapers are urgently needed by the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. If you have any old newspapers, books, or magazines, kindly leave same at Gladstone Cash and Carry, where they will be collected regularly and despatched to the troops in camp. The camps in the outlying centres are much in need of reading matter and indoor games, such as playing cards, etc. See what you can do.

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

(Daylight Saving Time, 1942-3)

NATIONAL PROGRAMME
Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to all Regionals.

a.m. WEEK DAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
7.00—State News.
7.45—Australian News
7.50—Overseas News
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News
1.30—Australian News
1.35—Overseas News
1.45—State News
5.15—B.B.C. News
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15 —Australian and Overseas News.

a.m. SUNDAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Australian News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
5.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME
(Relayed from No. 2 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals)

p.m.
12.30—Australian News (Week Days).
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News (Week Days).
9.00—Overseas and Australian News (Daily).

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Some of Our Readers

MAY HAVE WONDERED WHAT HAS THE RED CROSS (Gladstone Branch) done in the LAST SIX MONTHS

Apart from the fact that it has made and sent to Headquarters thousands of articles, particulars of which have been advertised in the "Observer" at regular intervals, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure below shows that

£1034/8/9

has also been sent in cash towards the General Fund and the Prisoners of War.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, Gladstone Branch

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - HALF YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1942

RECEIPTS.				£	s	d
To Balance 1st July, 1942				464	19	5
„ Membership Subscriptions	5	10	0			
„ Sale of Badges		3	0			
„ Donations	16	13	2			
„ G.A.S.S.A. Ball	26	17	11			
„ Swift's Ball	15	13	11			
„ Friends' Ball	34	10	8			
„ Paddy's Market	254	16	0			
„ Dinner Basket	28	6	5			
„ Red Cross Boxes	1	10	4			
„ Band Recital	29	17	10			
„ Benaraby Sub Branch	43	9	2			
„ Many Peaks-Builyan S.B.	88	8	11			
„ Dances, etc.	71	8	1			
„ Prisoner of War Receipts—				617	5	5
Pt. Curtis Dairy Employees	23	16	3			
Donations	14	5	0			
Dances	230	9	6			
Dinner Basket	22	3	9			
Street Scheme	12	8	0			
Calliope Rodeo	115	4	11			
Taragoola Rodeo	33	15	9			
Calliope Valley Group	53	10	0			
				505	13	2
				£1587	18	0

PAYMENTS.				£	s	d
By Materials purchased, Gladstone, Boyne Valley, and Benaraby				199	12	2
„ Insurance				1	4	8
„ Light					18	0
„ Printing and Advertising				2	10	10
„ Cupboards (2)				1015	0	
„ Petty Cash, Benaraby				1	0	0
„ Membership Badges, Nagoorin				1	16	0
„ Remittances to Headquarters, Brisbane—						
General Fund	600	0	0			
P.O. War Fund	434	8	9			
				1034	8	9
„ Balance				335	12	7
				£1587	18	0

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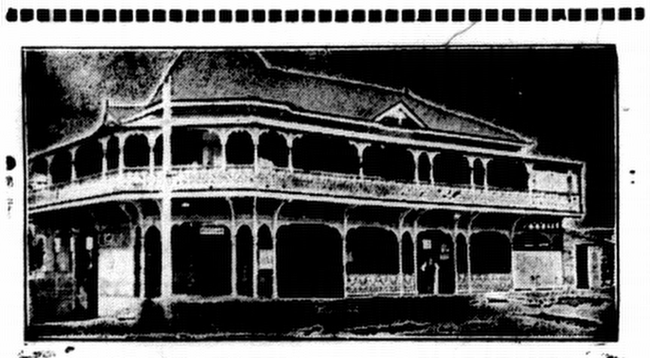

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In Memoriam

COASE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Coase, who died on February 2nd, 1939.

"Lovingly Remembered."

(Inserted by her son and daughters.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

AIR RAID TEST.

An air raid test will be carried out in Gladstone on Saturday, February 6, and all sections of the local civil defence organisation are requested to be at their posts at 2.15 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Miss Butterworth, Auckland Hill, Gladstone.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL.

The annual St. Patrick's ball will be held in the Trocadero on Wednesday, March 17, and the ladies of the Catholic Church are hard at work to make this year's function an outstanding success. The admission charges are, gents 4/-, ladies 3/-.

A.C.F. STREET STALL.

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the A.C.F. and Patriotic Fund will be conducted on Friday, February 19, and the convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) will be pleased to receive donations of jam, cakes, sweets, pickles, vegetables, flowers, etc., for sale on that date.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The usual monthly street stall of the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., will be held in Gondoon Street on Tuesday, February 9. Donations of produce, cakes, jams, sweets, flowers, etc., would be much appreciated by the organisers (Mesdames P. Irwin and M. Brown).

PATRIOTIC DANCE.

The slogan of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund is "Help us to help our local boys," and with this in view the first dance of 1943 will be held in the Trocadero to-night (Wednesday). Music will be supplied by a full orchestra, and all roads should lead to the "Troc," to-night (Wednesday). Soft iced drinks will be on sale.

PROSPECTIVE BRIDES.

The Rationing Commission cannot make any special allowance to prospective brides. If a girl gets married in war time—a natural thing to do—she must expect to submit to war time conditions, as brides of the last war had to do, and as all other women have to now. A trousseau represents an extra stock of underwear and spare dresses. The Commission suggests that girls who marry can plan for the future by buying the minimum of clothes at present, and thus help the war effort by not imposing an unnecessary strain on our stocks of clothing and man power.

GERMAN BIRTH RATE

Sunk to Low Leel

A recent B.B.C. German broadcast, addressed more especially to the women, gave the figures of German losses in Russia. Dead or permanently disabled amount to four and a half millions.

The same transmission quoted the Frankfurter Zeitung's statement that the birthrate in Hitler's wartime Germany has sunk to a lower level than it did in the last war. The decline in the first four months of 1942 totals 120,000 birth, a drop of 24 per cent. The broadcast pointed out that the more territory Hitler occupies the fewer Germans will remain to populate the extended Lebensraum.

To counterbalance the falling birthrate the Nazis are introducing new laws to cover children born out of wedlock. A decree has been in force for several months in Holland and Norway specifying State benefits for the unmarried mother and her child of a German father. It appears that this decree is now to extend to other occupied countries.

State provision for this "stud" morality is far-reaching, and embraces considerable financial support—at the discretion of the Reich Commissioner, and be it noted, the military courts.

SOCIALISM

OWNERSHIP OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

Mr. K. J. Hansen in Reply

Mr. K. J. Hansen, Gladstone, writes:

Enclosed you will find my reply to Mr. Funk's letter. For my part the matter rests, because, unlike the babbling brook, which hails that—

"Men may come and men may go
But I go on for ever."

I can't go on for ever, hence for my part my argument and ideals must be accepted by the Gladstone public as I have written.

Thanking you very much for your kind consideration in publishing my articles.

THE LETTER.

Mr. Hansen's letter is as follows:—

Now, firstly, comrade Funk, let us consider the right of ownership of private property, which I may add you wisely neglected to discuss in your recent letter.

Formerly socialists were determined to eradicate property altogether, but comparitively recently they have discovered a distinction between private and "personal" property, as it came to be appreciated that clothes and other things were "private," or we are now asked to say "personal" property.

Private ownership of the means of production is a much more narrowly restricted question, comrade. The advocates of its abolition or prohibition, as the case may be, are simply putting the demand for public or State ownership in other words. But to abolish private ownership of the means of production is not to abolish private property in general.

Morally, it is true, we are trustees for all our property. At the same time in human affairs, property may be described as a natural right. There is no mysticism hovering over the origin of such a right. It is based simply upon the expediency for the common welfare, an expediency rooted in the very nature of things.

But though private property may be held subject to all kinds of restrictions and conditions, the principle itself cannot be dispensed with if any freedom of self expression is to remain to the individual; if society is not to be reduced to a hideous dead-level of impoverished barbarism.

Even in a socialist State, your Utopia, comrade Funk, it must remain true that the first necessity of all economical government is to secure the unquestioned and unquestionable working of the great law of property—that a man who works for a thing shall be allowed to get it, keep it, and consume it in peace. Note, sir, that I used the words "economical government."

Now, comrade, let us consider another fundamental principle, viz., the equalisation of incomes. The cry for equalisation of incomes succeeded the earlier cry for the distribution of wealth. This latter has at last, I think, been abandoned, since even the socialists have come to recognise—besides a multitude of other difficulties—that even if an equal distribution could be effected, a few months later there would be no equality at all; the thrifty, the enterprising and the talented would be beginning to resume the position of the more wealthy.

The advocates of equal incomes, as of most socialist ideas, usually support their demand with the claim of justice. With regard to this plan, it must be pointed out, firstly, that it is impossible to base any scheme for the distribution of wealth upon merit, which is wholly incalculable;

Secondly, that merit is not even approximately equal, so that there is no justice in equal reward for unequal deserts.

Thirdly, that there is likewise no more equality in the varying needs of different people.

Fourthly, it is manifestly unjust that easy and pleasant work should be paid for at the same rate as that which is disagreeable and arduous.

So for all these reasons the equalisation of incomes would be very far from affording a just distribution of wealth.

No State can lawfully attempt within the area of its jurisdiction to introduce a condition of communism or to abolish all private ownership of productive wealth, and thus establish a socialist regime, because such action of the State would violate the strict natural right of existing private owners of productive wealth, in so far as it would deprive them even of that portion which would yield them a decent human livelihood. The law of nature itself gave them a strict right with which the State has no lawful power to interfere, and with which the common good demands that the State must not interfere.

No, comrade, I have never asked anyone to become an advocate of Fascism. I never asked you, nor am I of the opinion that anyone should accept the barbaric principles and justice of such a totalitarian state as Fascist Germany.

Fortunately, my ideals of true justice and equality rank far above those of a maniac. I refer, of course to Hitler.

I have just finished reading a book entitled "Mission to Moscow." I would be very glad to lend it to you, sir. The author voices my opinion on Socialist Russia. I quote from him: "Leaders of the Soviet Union I came to know. They are a group of able strong men. I disagree with them in many respects, but I accord to them that which I assume unto myself, namely, credit for honest convictions and integrity of purposes."

That is Ambassador Davies opinion of the leaders of Russia. But unfortunately, Mr. Funk, I am not in accordance with many of the socialistic ideals. These convictions I have written about. The matter rests.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

"A COURSE OF ACTION"

Mr. Forde and the Premier

The Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. has received further advice from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) regarding the Boyne River water scheme. The letter reads as follows:—

"I have your letter of the 14th January concerning the desire of members of your organisation that the Boyne River water scheme be completed as soon as possible.

"I discussed the matter with the Premier (Mr. F. A. Cooper) in Brisbane yesterday, and we decided to follow a course of action which we hope will have the desired effect.

"I will write you further at the earliest possible moment."

This branch noted the Press reports regarding a letter received from Mr. Forde to this branch, a copy of which was also forwarded to the Town Council. As this letter had not been before a Council meeting, the A.L.P. refrained from making comments, good or otherwise. The Secretary (Mr. Peters) understands the Council is having a special meeting to-night (Tuesday) regarding this letter, and the Press will be in attendance to publish all Aldermen's opinions.

The A.L.P. has also received a letter from Mr. T. L. Williams as follows:—

"I have to advise that I am getting in touch with Mr. Kemp to ascertain if it will be possible for him to visit Gladstone at an early date. If he can go I will make an effort myself to accompany him."

The A.L.P. has asked the Mayor to allow all bodies who attended the previous meeting to attend this special meeting, and they are awaiting his reply.

BOXING

GLADSTONE TOURNAMENT.

A boxing tournament, under the auspices of the Port Curtis Amateur Boxing Association, will be held in the Town Hall next Friday night in aid of the funds of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund.

An excellent programme has been arranged, and will include eight events.

The main fight of six rounds is between two well-known boxers, Jack Sweet (Benaraby) and Frank Bastean (Newcastle), and this should be a thrilling contest.

The other fights arranged are:—

Ernie Hughes v. Pat Pershouse, Terry Smith v. Stan Pershouse, Des. Raynor v. Colin Weldon, Reg Ringuet v. M. Rooney, Monty Montgomery v. Pat Byrne, Kevin Lindley v. Jack Johnson.

Two other contests will be arranged, and the admission prices are: Ringside 5/-, and 3/- and 2/-, with ladies 1/-.

The tournament is in aid of a worthy cause, and all roads should lead to the Town Hall next Friday night.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

L.A.C. N. Milne, of Gladstone, who has been spending his leave with his parents, returned to his unit in the south last Monday.

COMMUNISM

OBJECTIVE AIM OF SOCIALISM

How the "State" Dies Out

Mr. Leo Funk, Gladstone, writes:—

In offering some comment on the article on education which appeared in your columns of Wednesday, January 27, under the pen of Mr. K. J. Hanson, I would point out that my remarks are not to be considered as in any way personal. They are completely impersonal, in so much as I would address them in the same manner to anyone who wrote a similar article.

It is quite easy to see that Mr. Hanson is not satisfied with the "State" and its functions, and realising that he has the makings of some "good material," I am offering these few remarks in the hope that it may put him on the right track.

Before we can attempt to criticise the "State" we must first of all clearly understand what is the essence of the "State," and the purpose for which it was created, and to do this we must start back into history many thousands of years.

The original form of society (i.e., amongst primitive man) was classless. They lived in groups, each sharing in the common toil, each sharing in the common spoil.

As could only be expected, some of the tribes domesticated the animals which abounded at that time, whilst others reaped a rich harvest from the grain, fruits and berries, growing wild. The gradual depletion of these sources of supply led to the earliest efforts at cultivation. The development of fire made travel easy and safe at all seasons, for the fire could give warmth, and at the same time keep away prowling beasts. Through this wandering tribes contacted one another, where previoosly distance and a lack of fire, etc., was a bar to travelling. Through these contacts we are brought to the development of the system of exchange, with the result that the more there was to exchange the more there was to be had by this system of barter; so formerly, where it was neither necessary nor desirable to take prisoners during tribal wars, it now became apparent that the prisoners could be forced to do the cultivating and any other menial tasks, and thus we have the first division of classes—slave-owner and slave.

It is quite easy to follow from this how there developed the classes of land-owner and slave, with the owner having over the slave the right of sale, life, and even death.

As each slave could and did produce more than was actually necessary for the immediate needs, he created a surplus; and as this belonged to the slave-owner the class of slave-owner was established.

Right throughout the course of history, wherever there has been classes there has been struggle, as between oppressed and oppressor, and as this struggle became violent, the owning class, which naturally was in a minority, had to have some central authority which could and would subject the oppressed class, and thus it became necessary to have a "State" or central authority.

This type of State was much weaker than its counterpart of to-day, due principally to lack of means of transport and communication.

Both ancient Rome and Greece were founded on slavery, and whether the system be monarchical or republican, the slave-owning epoch was a slave-owning State, wherein only the slave-owners had any rights, and the slaves were, by law, "things" or "talking tools," and the murder of one or any number of them was not considered a crime.

Thus we conclusively arrive at the basic definition of "State" as an institution which sanctified the private ownership of property, and declared this acquirement as the highest purpose of all human society, an institution which perpetuated the division of society into classes, but also the rights of the possessing class over the non-possessing, and the rule of the former over the latter.

With the change from slavery to serfdom the law went with it, but always to uphold the rights of the land-owning individual as against the masses in this state of society—the baron against the serf.

The change from slavery to serfdom effected really only one change in the position of the poor class; it merely changed its masters, with this benefit to the peasant, that he was not considered the direct property of the landlord, which at that time was a definits gain in the struggle for liberation.

History is rich with stories of the struggle of the slaves under slavery, and the peasants under feudalism. This was to be expected, and the rule of a small minority of people over the majority could not be maintained without compulsion (the State).

The development of trade towards the end of the middle ages by the discovery of America, when precious metals increased and silver and gold became means of exchange, brought into being a new class of capitalists, who developed very rapidly. With the abolition of the landlord as the principal oppressor and the development of capitalism, the masses once again changed masters, and the propertyless class was still obliged to sell its labour power to the capitalist in order that it might subsist. Every new development from slavery through feudalism down to present day capitalism has broadened and intensified the struggle of classes, which in its turn has caused the "State" to become more and more the instrument of the ruling class, backed up by every device of human ingenuity.

The intense development of capitalism in the fields of production has sharply defined two things in particular in the state of society:

(1) Intensification of the struggle of the masses to obtain the means of subsistence and freedom from domination, this being brought about by the concentration of large numbers of the propertyless class in industrial areas, and

(2) Confined power in the hands of fewer and fewer as the capitalist system of production progressed through its various stages up to the stage of monopoly capitalism of to-day.

So we see that hand in hand with the development of capitalism goes the development of the "State," whose purpose is to maintain the rights of private ownership of property, the right of rule by the few over many, even to the extent of using the "armed forces" of the State against any effort of the masses to gain improvement of conditions, as witness the introduction of soldiers against the strikers in pre-war America.

Two thousands years ago Spartacus organised his fellow slaves into a revolt against the slave-owners of the day of the Roman empire. In the end they were defeated, seized and tortured by the slave owners.

In 1929 Suma Suma (a schooner master) and Kateo (native sergeant of police) assumed leadership of 4000 native boys who forgot all racial and tribal differences in the struggle for better conditions and approached the mission at Rabaul to ask for just one white man to put their case for improved conditions.

On arrival at the mission they were met by Rev. J. H. Margetts, who informed the authorities and set about getting the boys back to work.

On the promise that their requests would receive favourable consideration the ringleaders gave themselves up. The promise was kept to the extent that Suma Suma and Kateo, along with 30 others, were sentenced to terms of from two to three years gaol. And what about the conditions they demanded A pound a month minimum wages with more considerate treatment from their white masters.

Two thousand years makes no difference to the role of the State, and so long as we have classes, then just so long will the State fulfil its function of violent oppression of the many by the few.

Your correspondent has no knowledge of the functions of the State, otherwise he would never have mentioned the communistic "State" when dealing with Nazism or Fascism, or even capitalism.

Communism is the objective aim of socialism, and even under socialism there is no such thing as classes in society, no exploiter and exploited, no oppressor and oppressed, no private ownership of property, or means of production. Thus, there being no classes, there can be no one to oppress or suppress, and thus the functions of the "State" cease. The "State" is not abolished; it just dies out.

V.D. SUFFERERS.

Sixteen of twenty girls charged at the Central Police Court last week under the Vagrancy Act were found to be suffering from venereal disease. On another occasion seventeen girls with V.D. were released on their own undertaking that they would continue remedial treatment if allowed to return to their homes.

The magistrate explained that he had no option, because there was no proper place of detention where these girls could be treated. The need for such an institution was vital.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

DEMOCRATIC RECONSTRUCTION.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—We have been repeatedly told that we are fighting this war to make the world safe for democracy, now plans are being made for post-war reconstruction.

The people of the world, certainly, are not responsible for organising and conducting this war; they have been stampeded into it, and evidently it would appear that the people of the world will not be consulted regarding the plan of world reconstruction. Where does democracy come in?

Democracy must be caused to function. The time is ripe for responsible people throughout Australia, and the many democratic countries of the world, to, in the first place, exert their energies to the full in the mighty effort to win the war, and in the second place, see far beyond the present turmoil and tribulation, with full understanding and preparation for democratic reconstruction when peace on earth prevail.

God-given faculties, and the powers of the will of the people need to be exercised with purpose and determination. Law, order and progress, based upon the essential fundamental principle of "Freedom in Security"—local, national and economic—operating under an advanced system of local self determination and national co-ordination, await to be established.

Our future destiny is wrapped up in the effective economic expansion of Federation in Australia, together with the unshakable stability of all competent parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

To effect pro-war democratic reconstruction it is essential the Federal Constitution be revised to make it really democratic.

The people living in many areas, having interests in common, of from 40,000 square miles and upwards, throughout the continent, should be given the democratic privilege which makes British communities outstanding—the privilege of self determination.

The decentralisation of "Local Self Government" in many "New Federal Units" would give the people living within those units the opportunity of applying their initiative and resource.

Guided by hard won local experience and animated with an intimate knowledge of their own problems, environments and possibilities, they could best advise upon and direct local settlement and development, industrial and commercial expansion and transport, and fashion and administer all social services within the unit.

In this manner a wide plan of general immigration, settlement and development, both local and national, conceived by the National Government working in close collaboration with the many units, could be economically and effectively instituted to develop internally each Federal unit, and nationally the whole entire Federation.

Democratic reconstruction can be speedily advanced, and full results be more readily achieved by embracing the principles of "Economic Democracy."

Every Federal Unit, every immigrant, every asset added to the resources of the nation, further increases the nation's credit and its security.

The activities of the Commonwealth Bank must be advanced to give full national service, making available the nation's credit to finance adequately the nation's requirements, without increasing the public debt or annual interest charges.—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM AGER.

Yamba, Clarence River, N.S.W.

AT CALLIOPE

PATRIOTIC RODEO

Net Profit £76/17/-

The patriotic rodeo held at Calliope on December 26 was practically ruined by a torrential downpour of rain. The storm, which covered only a small area, yielded 2½ inches in an hour.

The only events finalised were the maiden and novice camp draft, and these were ably judged by Mr. F. G. Knight.

Results were:—

Maiden draft: W. Devine's Lightning, 62 points, 1; W. Devine's Bobbing, 58 points, 2.

Novice draft: J. Martin's Quicksilver, 64 points, 1; E. Aldous' Sally, and J. Martin's Glitter, tied with 60 points, each for second place.

All other events had to be abandoned.

The storm cleared off in time for the ball at night, which was a great success, both financially and socially, and helped considerably to retrieve the day.

NET PROFIT £76/17/-.

The net profit of the function was £76/17/-, and the four bodies participating, viz., Calliope A.C.F., Calliope Send Off and Welcome Home Committee, Calliope District Prisoner of War Fund, and the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund, each received the sum of £19/4/3.

Cash donations received were:—

	£	s	d
Alf. Stirrat	5	0	0
Galloway Plains Pastoral Coy.	5	0	0
F. Witty	1	0	0
W. Devine	1	0	0
Miss Alma Smith	10		0
Dud Small	4		0
Jack Bruce	4		0

THANKS.

The committee extand their sincere thanks and appreciation to the generous donors of money and articles for the stalls; also special thanks to Mr. Arthur Hulme for the use of the rodeo grounds and cattle, and Mr. E. D. Streeter and Mr. Geo. Small for lending cattle, and to the workers of the various stalls, who had their efforts ruined by the downpour, and to Mr. Joe Marek for his work as gatekeeper.

RAFFLE WINNERS.

Winners of raffles drawn on rodeo day were:—

Groceries, Mrs. R. Hay, Gladstone.

Pig, Dawn Mackay, Gladstone.

Iced Xmas cake, Stan Pugh, Gladstone.

Whip, Graham Mylne, Calliope.

Guessing seeds in pumpkin, F. D. Small, Calliope (a cake); D. Wright, Calliope (trophy).

SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Insistence by schools or educational authorities that their pupils wear a particular uniform or special school clothing will soon be prohibited under National Security Regulations. Stating this, officials of the Rationing Commission said that many schools were still issuing new pupils with lists of official garments for the new school year. Many of these lists are far in excess of the reasonable requirements of school children at the present time. "This is just another custom which must be shelved in the present period of serious clothing shortage," they said. "The aim of clothes rationing is to conserve limited clothing supplies, and to ensure equitable distribution of these supplies. Unnecessary use of time, labour, coupons and materials on special clothes for school children is incompatible with these aims and with a hundred per cent war effort."

ALLIED LIFE LINE.

A FAMILY ON THE HOME FRONT—Albert Joseph McAlister and one of his four sons, all of whom work at B.H.P. shipyards. The reciprocal lend-lease aid between Australia and America can operate only so long as the shipping lanes are kept open and ships are built to carry the vital goods. Australia has to do her part in keeping this life-line operating. She has a number of merchant and small naval ships to her credit, built of Australian steel by Australian workmen, and standing up well to wartime hazards.

COTTON CROP PROSPECTS

GRASSLAND ROTATION

Promotes Growth

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) stated that the reports being received from the district officers indicated that the excessive rainfall experienced in most of the cotton growing areas south of Mackay had, as a whole, not promoted satisfactory development in many of the cotton crops. This was particularly true on the older cultivations of fertile alluvial soils, where not only had a rank vegetative type of plant been produced, but an excessive growth of grass and weeds had developed which was difficult and expensive to eradicate.

Mr. Williams said that it was most unfortunate that such prolonged wet conditions had prevailed during December, for with the shortage of labour eisxting on most farms, many growers would be hard pressed to clean their cotton crops. He hoped, however, that every effort would be made to clean and cultivate every cotton crop as early as possible.

The adverse climatic conditions experienced during the planting season in some of the main cotton growing districts had resulted in a considerable reduction in acreage of cotton being planted. It was necessary, therefore, to give the present area of cotton every opportunity to produce as heavily as possible.

In some instances growers might be inclined to abandon heavily weed infested areas, but where a good stand of cotton was present it was advisable to clean the crop, as there was still ample time to produce a satisfactory yield.

One of the most efficient ways would be to start in the middle between two rows of cotton with a pony plough and plough several shallow rounds, turning the soil to the middle each time. With a quiet horse and using long traces without a swingle tree, but putting a spreader close behind the horse, the soil may be turned away from close up to the plants without damaging them. Only a narrow bar of soil is thus left around the plants.

By using a heavy chipping hoe, with one strike of the hoe this bar of soil can be cut through, thus efficiently removing any weed growth left amongst the plants. When the grass and weeds have dried out the soil should be ploughed back towards the plants by means of the pony plough. By this method very seriously overgrown fields of cotton have been saved in past seasons.

The value of the departmental recommendation to plough out grassland during the late summer and early autumn for the following cotton crop, had once more been demonstrated by the results being obtained by farmers in all districts this season.

"Where the grassland was ploughed early last autumn when the soil was moist the weed and grass seeds were turned under so well that little difficulty had been experienced in controlling weed and grass growth this season, even under the very wet conditions experienced. Where the grassland had been ploughed late when the soil was hard and dry, such good control of weed growth had not been obtained.

The grassland-cotton rotation also promotes the growth of a more suitable type of cotton plant for producing satisfactory returns. In spite of the wet conditions experienced, in most areas following grassland the cotton plants were now less vegetative and carrying more crop than were plantings of the same age and variety on old cultivations of similar soil.

The Minister hoped, therefore, that cotton growers would endeavour to plan their work programme so that ploughing of grassland for next season's cotton planting could be started in March. By ploughing then when the soil is moist, not only will costs of cultivation be reduced next season, but also the killing of the grass in March will assist in conserving subsoil moisture resulting from the summer rains for use by the cotton crop next season.

"We, the free nations of the world, can and must prove by showing a high degree of self- sacrifice and devotion to duty and by accepting greater tasks and heavier burdens that we can impose on ourselves a mightier effort and a stricter discipline than ever enforced by the Axis tyrants on their unhappy slaves."—Mr. Churchill.

CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATION.
AIR RAID TEST.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Air Raid Test will be carried out on Saturday, 6th February, 1943, and all sections of the Local Civil Defence Organisation are requested to be at their posts at 2.15 p.m. on the above mentioned date.

By order of the Committee.
R. H. GRAYSON, Hon. Sec.
Gladstone, 29/1/43.

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

NOTICE is hereby given in pursuance of Section 29 of "The Local Government Acts 1936-42," that the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1942, is open to inspection at the office of the undersigned, and may be purchased at 1/- per copy.

H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk.
Gladstone 30/1/43.

Patriotic and Comforts Fund Dance

TROCADERO HALL

TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY)

Full Orchestra - Popular Prices

Help us to help our Local Boys.

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TOWN HALL - TOWN HALL

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

(In aid of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund).

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MAIN CONTEST 6 Rounds, JACK SWEET (Benaraby) v. FRANK BASTEAN (Newcastle)'

Admission, 3/- and 2/-, Ringside 5/-. Ladies 1/-

F. JANSON, Secretary.

SEEDS - SEEDS

PLANT DURING FEBRUARY

Vegetables

Beet	Parsley
Beans	Peas
Carrot	Silver Beet
Parsnip	Turnip
Cabbage	Celery
Cauliflower	Kohl Rabi
Lettuce	Onions
Radish	Cress

Flowers

Snapdragon	Delphinium
Calendula	Larkspur
Candytuff	Mignonette
Carnation	Nasturtium
Pansy	Petunia
Stock	Sweet Pea

PLANT SEEDS THAT GROW: ANDERSON'S

P. M. JONES

Casket Agent, next P.O.

'Phone 75 :: P.O. Box 23

SHIPPING CONTROL BOARD.

INTER-STATE STEAMSHIP SAILINGS

CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING

Under Government Instructions, the Sailing Dates of Vessels cannot be advertised.

Shippers and Passengers are requested to communicate with the Agents shown below.

CARGO to and from Southern and Northern Ports.

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Remember this before you spend a penny on anything but absolute necessities—remember that the more you save and lend to the Government the more ships, guns, tanks and planes can be supplied for Victory. Stop unnecessary spending—save and lend.

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HERE IS WHAT YOUR MONEY CAN DO

6d. *buys a War Savings Stamp.*

16/- *a £1 War Savings Certificate.*

£10 *a National Savings Bond.*

Or you may make an advance subscription to the next War Loan at any Bank, Savings Bank or Stockbroker.

SAVE AND LEND

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WANTED KNOWN, etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, February 19th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

A GRAND DANCE at Trocadoro every Thursday Night. 100 per cent proceeds for Red Shield Appeal.

A.—SPECIAL Quality Jonathan Eating Apples 25/- bushel case, Granny Smith Cooking 25/- bushel case, choice Tomatoes 12/- half bush. case, Marrows 10/- sack, Cucumbers 12/- bush. case. Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques. FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

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BUY YOUR HOME now, while Finance is offering. Own your own House. See Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

BUSTEED'S (the Tyre People) for New Tyres, Full Circle Retreading, and Electric Vulcanizing. Complete Tyre and Tube repairing department.

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CYCLE Parts.—Special buy of Seat Covers, Pedals, Chains, Ballbearings, Spokes, Patching Outfits, Solutions. Everything for the cyclist. See us for your Tyres and Tubes. Port Curtis Motors.

ESSENTIAL Service Parts.—Brakes. A full range of Cups for the repair of all popular cars; Ignition Coils, Points, Condensers, Rotors, Caps. You can buy genuine G.M.H. Ford or Dodge parts from us. See Port Curtis Motors To-day.

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FOR SALE.—Very central position, Neat Home, 3 Bedrooms, Lounge, Dining, Kitchen, Bathroom, Front and Side Verandahs, neat and well kept Garden. Price £600. Good terms arranged. Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

FOR SALE.—A Snap: ¼ Acre Land, Bayne Street, price only £35; also ¼ Acre Land Scenery Street. Price only £45. Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

GRAMOPHONE.—H.M.V. Re-entrant model, English oak cabinet, condition new. Instrument with powerful tone, suitable for country dance hall. Cost £50. Will sell for £18/10/-. Apply "Gramo.." this Office.

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RED CROSS SOCIETY, Next Paddy's Market, Friday February 12th, 1943. Donations of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes, etc., can be forwarded to Friends (Pty.) Ltd., Gladstone.

R.U.R.—The Wonder Remedy for Rheumatism and Sciatica, 4/- and 7/6. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

RANEE Dry Cleaner, for all Woollen Fabrics, Carpets and Lounge Suites, grease stains, Felt Hats, etc. 1/2 packet. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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The Society is purely co-operative. That is to say, it belongs to its members and is controlled by its members. Through membership in it an average of one family in every three in the Commonwealth has some measure of financial security, that measure being decided by each member, without let or hindrance.

The Society is, indeed, the greatest co-operative institution in the Commonwealth. Its accumulated funds have reached £140,000,000. Last year it paid out £8,250,000 in benefits to its members or their beneficiaries. For some time it has been putting £500,000 a month into the War Loans; the total now lent to the Commonwealth is £46,000,000, so the Society helps to protect the Nation while it protects its members.

The strength of the A.M.P. and the security of its members come of Co-operation, allied with Prudence. When men and women pull together for their mutual happiness and progress there is no limit to what they can do, provided they seek the things it is wise to seek and shun those it is wise to shun.

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The Commonwealth War Insurance Scheme is designed specially to cover your private belongings against War risks. No commercial policy does this. The premium is only 8/- per cent. Although it is voluntary, remember that, if you are unfortunate enough to lose your belongings by air raid or other enemy action, you will have no claim for compensation whatever without this insurance.

NOTE. — Buildings and fixed property are separately and compulsorily protected. Owners need take no action at present —Local Governing Authorities will shortly call for valuations.

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Strict Sanitation Essential

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Strict sanitation in this respect is important in the control of contamination of foodstuffs and dairy products. All properly equipped premises should be provided with a barrow, shovel and broom in the milking yard. After each milking the concrete surfaces of milking sheds and the inner yard should be swept, dung and litter removed to the dung heap or bins, and the floors washed down.

Sweeping should not be commenced until the milk and cream have been removed from the vicinity of the bails, etc., or where milk and cream are stored adjacent to the bails until the concrete surfaces to be swept have been thoroughly damped with water to reduce the risks of contamination from dust.

The surface of the main yard should be kept clean, and the dung and litter removed to the bins daily. Dung heaps or bins should be kept not less than 30 yards from bails, milk rooms and yards. They should be situated where prevailing winds will not convey air-borne infection to the dairy premises.

The surroundings of yards should be kept clean and tidy, and when cattle are allowed to camp near yards the droppings should be cleaned up frequently—not less often than once weekly.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.19	6.26	——	12.38
2	7.20	7.30	12.38	1.44
3	8.14	8.26	1.35	2.41
4	9.04	9.18	2.29	3.35
5	9.50	10.06	3.21	4.26
6	10.35	10.54	4.11	5.14
7	11.19	11.40	5.02	5.58
8	——	12.01	5.51	6.42
9	12.26	12.44	6.40	7.25
10	1.12	1.26	7.31	8.08
11	2.03	2.11	8.26	8.54
12	2.59	3.06	9.27	9.44
13	4.06	4.14	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	——	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	4.01	4.52

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... February 5
First Quarter ... February 12
Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

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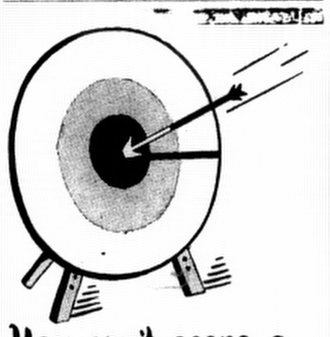

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Food Material for Plants

There need be very little waste in the home garden. When the annuals are finished they can be turned into the soil to improve its texture and to return some of the plant foods that they have taken out. The best of them are the plants of the pea and bean family—sweetpeas, peas, beans, lupins and the like. These are too good to be thrown on the rubbish heap and burnt. Scraps from the kitchen should be systematically buried, and any fallen leaves make a good mulch when spread under plants to help retain moisture in the soil.

These materials, in the course of decay, not only release their own plant foods, but help to make available what is already present in the soil by encouraging bacterial activity. Too often such material is thrown away or burnt.

Generally speaking, the only vegetable rubbish from the kitchen or the garden that should not be turned into the soil is that which is diseased or contaminated with troublesome weeds. This can be burnt and the ash used as a soil dressing.

Now that potash isnot available for the home garden, ash from the rubbish heap and other fires should never be wasted. It has quite a useful potash content, and is specially useful for roses and such plants in helping them to resist mildew.

Bones should be burnt, and they can then be broken down to a powder with the back of a spade and used as bonedust. The finer the powder the more effective it is as a plant food. Ashes and powdered bones provide two of the three standard substances used as fertilizers—namely, potash and phosphate. The third, nitrogen, is deficient, but it may be supplied by animal manure or urine, the latter being diluted with about four times its volume of water.

Where it is inconvenient to adopt a regular programme of burying rubbish, a compost heap may be built. Vegetable trash is piled in a pit or an old tank, or even in a heap in some corner, and sprinkled liberally with lime. Successive layers are built up, each sprinkled in turn with lime and kept moist, but not wet. The heap rots down to a valuable compost for the garden beds, especially if it is turned over with the fork from time to time. Where there are shrubs in the garden grass clippings fallen leaves, and the less troublesome types of weed can usefully be piled under them to form a heavy mulch to conserve moisture. In the course of time they will rot down and perform the further service of providing food material for the plants. Such a practice often produces unexpectedly good growth in the mulched plants.

There are certain materials which may find their way into household rubbish and which should not be put on the garden.

Boracic acid and borax are very injurious. Borax is often used for controlling cockroaches, and if it is swept up and dumped on a garden bed will produce a barren patch. The same is true for most antiseptics and disinfectants, though the effect may only be temporary. Salt solutions are injurious, though salt washes out of the soil readily and does not produce lasting ill-effects. Such solutions (corn beef water for example) may be poured on weed clumps to kill them.

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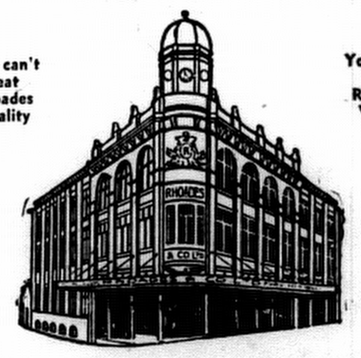

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

ANNUAL MEETING

President Mrs. P. Irwin

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held in the Diggers' Hall on Wednesday, January 20. Present: Mesdames H. J. Welsh (president), Gardiner (vice-president), L. M. Walker, Brown, Irwin, Soppa, Farnsworth, Gordon and Stanfield. Mr. P. A. Friend (president) and Mr. Lodder (secretary), of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A., were also present.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Patrick, P. A. Friend, Lodder and M'Guire (Curtis Island).

The meeting was opened with the National Anthem, followed by a minute's silence for the fighting forces.

WELCOME EXTENDED.

Mrs. Welsh extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Friend and Mr. Lodder to the meeting.

The hon. secretary (Mrs. Anson) was unable to attend, and Mrs. Stanfield kindly took the minutes.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The President (Mrs. Welsh) presented the following annual report:—

I have much pleasure in presenting the fifth annual report of the Women's Auxiliary of the Gladstone subbranch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

At the annual meeting, held on January 21, 1942, the following officebearers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Mrs. P. M. Jones; vice-presidents, Mesdames F. Gardiner, W. Collins, H. Welsh; hon. sec., Mrs. E. Ogg.

MEETINGS.

Four monthly and four special meetings were held during the year.

RESIGNATIONS.

During the year our President (Mrs. Jones) and our Secretary (Mrs. Ogg) resigned, both leaving the State.

At a special meeting, held in October, Mrs. H. Welsh was elected president, and Mrs. Stanfield kindly offered to carry on as secretary.

Mrs. Stanfield resigned in November, and Mrs. H. Anson offered to carry on for the remaining term, for which the Auxiliary is very grateful.

REGRET EXPRESSED.

This year we have lost a few of our members, who have left the town, and much to our regret we have lost the benefit of their services.

STREET STALLS.

Four street stalls were held during the year, and proved a financial success. Our thanks are due to the convenors, Mrs. P. Irwin and Mrs. M. Brown.

THANKS.

The Auxiliary wishes to thank all kind friends for the great assistance in donations and cash.

THIRD FETE.

Our third fete was held on the first Friday in November, the result being far from satisfactory, the attendance being disappointing. The dance at night was a great success, and this somewhat compensated for the small attendance at the fete.

SALE OF POPPIES.

On account of the war the Armistice Day celebrations were again cancelled, but the Auxiliary took over the sale of poppies for the sub-branch, and all members who worked so hard are to be congratulated on the success achieved.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.

The Auxiliary forwarded hampers for Xmas to the sons of returned soldiers and Auxiliary members, who are serving with the armed forces. Several letters of thanks have been received.

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED.

Our deepest sympathy was extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Patrick in the death of their son, Lieut. Ron Patrick, M.M., also to Mrs. J. Taylor, on her son, Lieut. P. Taylor, being a prisoner of war. During the year we lost a valuable member in Mrs. W. Hort, who died recently. She was a great worker for this organisation.

£50 IN WAR LOAN.

£50 was invested in the Austerity Loan, and £50 donated to the Gladstone sub-branch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

SOCIAL EVENING.

The year's activities ended with a social evening, members of the subbranch being invited to be present, and all spent a pleasant evening.

LOYALTY AND SUPPORT APPRECIATED.

I wish to thank you all for your loyalty and support, and to those members who have gone away I also extend my thanks, and wish them every success in their new sphere. I hope the Auxiliary will continue to function as successfully in the future.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Mrs. Stanfield then read the financial statement, which was confirmed by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Irwin and carried.

AUXILIARY CONGRATULATED.

Mr. Friend spoke of the very satisfactory reports of the Auxiliary, and hoped it would function just as successfully through the coming year. He sincerely wished 1943 would see the Allied Nations closer to victory and peace, and closed by congratulating all members for their work and support.

Mr. Lodder, hon. sec. R.S.S.A.I.L.A., also congratulated the Auxiliary, and was pleased that £50 had been invested in the Austerity Loan, and wished them every success in the future.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mr. Friend kindly acted as chairman for the nomination of officers for the coming year. The following were elected:—

President, Mrs. P. Irwin; vice presidents, Mrs. F. Gardiner and Mrs. W. Soppa; hon. sec., Mrs. R. Farnsworth.

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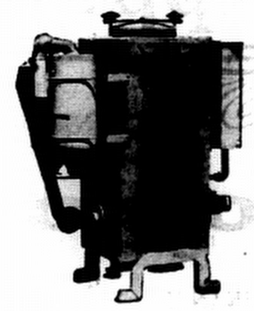

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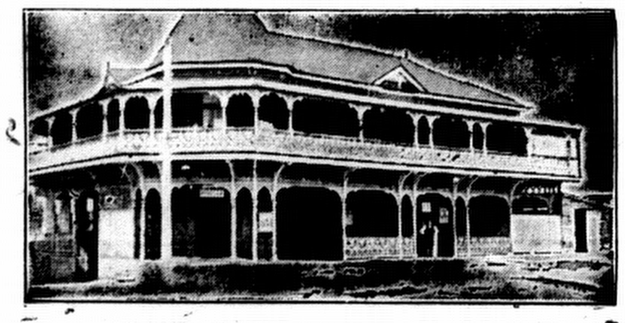

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Thanks.

MRS. S. HALL and Family, of Yarwun, wish to thank all kind friends and relatives for their messages of sympathy in their recent sad loss of their son and brother, Les.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

FELLOWES.—In loving memory of her husband and their father, Edward Clement Fellowes.

Deeply mourned and sadly missed.

(Inserted by his loving wife and family, Clem, Lewis, Florence, Winsome and Jessie.)

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CURRENT TOPICS

PRISONERS OF WAR DANCE.

Owing to the storm last Saturday it was not possible to hold the weekly dance of the Red Cross Prisoners of War appeal. The convenors wish to advise the dancing public that the dance will be held as usual this Saturday, and appeal to all dancers to attend, as with the extra expense of distributing necessities to sick and wounded soldiers the money is urgently required. Special novelties will be a feature of this Saturday night's dance, and a "full house" would be slight recognition of the good work being carried out by the Australian Red Cross.

ABLE SEAMAN JOHN TAYLOR.

Able Seaman John Taylor, who was recently married in Sydney to Miss Joy Collins, a member of the W.A.A.A.F., was posted to a course in radio location at the Sydney University. He was one of five successful candidates, and secured first place in his examination. However, when volunteers were called for urgent naval duty John immediately volunteered, and has returned to duty. He is the third son of Mrs. J. Taylor, Auckland Street, to be on active service. In fact, the whole family (three sons and daughter Betty) are in the forces. Lieut. Alec, who was one of the original defenders of Tobruk, is in the Far North, and Philip, who fought through the Middle East, is a prisoner of war in Italy.

RED CROSS WORK APPRECIATED.

Corporal Joe Schneider, who is spending a short period of leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider, West Gladstone, called at the Red Cross Sewing and Knitting class and handed the convenor a donation of £1/1/-. Corporal Schneider said that he had been in a position to appreciate the wonderful work of the Red Cross in assisting the sick and wounded, and felt that the least he could do was to show his appreciation. When the little band of ladies first formed their knitting and sewing circle young Joe volunteered to keep members' scissors sharpened. As the class grew the job became one of considerable work, but he never missed, and on all periods of leave carried on the necessary repairs. Once again he has the members' scissors in perfect order.

MR. WILLIAMS FOR CANBERRA.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) will leave for Canberra next week in order to attend the regular meeting of the Agricultural War Council, which comprises the various Ministers for Agriculture and Stock from all the States and Tasmania. The meeting, which is expected to last a week, will be presided over by the Federal Director-General of Agriculture (Mr. F. W. Bulcock), and will be attended by several members of the Commonwealth ministry as well as the different under secretaries attached to the State departments of agriculture and stock. As this will be Mr. Williams' first visit to Canberra on behalf of the State's agricultural activities, it is expected that he will be fully occupied while there in urging the claims of Queensland for better recognition than has been the case in the past, particularly in respect to essential supply needs for the primary producer, as well as a better price for his labours generally.

BOYNE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

STILL HELD UP WAITING FOR AN A1 PRIORITY

POSITION REVIEWED BY ALDERMAN W. R. GOLDING

A special meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson). Apologies for the unavoidable absence of Aldermen R. R. Tudman and J. Deveney were tendered, and leave of absence granted.

The business of the meeting was to consider and deal with matters appertaining to the Boyne River water supply scheme.

THE LETTER.

The Town Clerk (Mr. Grayson) read the following letter, which was received from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) through the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams):—

"With further reference to your letter of the 24th December, regarding a water scheme for Gladstone, I have to inform you that I am writing to the Hon. F. A. Cooper, Premier and Treasurer of Queensland, in regard to the matter, asking him to give it further consideration, with a view to having it listed as one of the necessary works to be carried out.

"You will quite understand that the Federal Government does not undertake water schemes for the various towns throughout Australia. The only water schemes that have been undertaken by the Federal Government have been in connection with military camps.

"I am anxious to help the people of Gladstone in every way possible, but it is no use misleading them into thinking that the Commonwealth Government is about to put down water supply schemes throughout the various municipalities of Australia, because this has always been primarily the responsibility of the local authorities and the State Governments.

"The Federal Government enters into the matter by making available the necessary loan money to the State Governments to be spent on approved works put up by the State Governments to the Loan Council, and there approved as necessary public works to be carried out with the loan money supplied to the State Governments.

"If the Gladstone water supply scheme is recommended by your State Government as one of the urgent works to be carried out, I feel sure that the necessary priority in regard to supplies of material and man power can be arranged, having due regard to other urgent Army and Air Force commitments."

A1 PRIORITY ESSENTIAL.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) said the letter had been commented on by himself and other aldermen. He would say at the outset that he was very disappointed, as it was just another instance of "passing on the buck," and it would appear they were back to where they had started some years ago. A good water supply scheme for Gladstone was essential, but in the carrying out of the scheme they must get some substantial assistance from the Government. However, as Ald. Golding had previously pointed out, it was absolutely essential to obtain an A1 priority in regard to machinery and manpower before the scheme could be started, and until that priority was received, added the Mayor, no real progress could be made.

"CAN BE ARRANGED."

Ald. Smith drew the Mayor's attention to one section of the letter in regard to priority, and it was read as follows:—"If the Gladstone water supply scheme is recommended by your State Government as one of the urgent works to be carried out, I feel sure that the necessary priority in regard to supplies of material and manpower can be arranged, having due regard to other urgent Army and Air Force commitments."

NO EVIDENCE.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) said the Council had no evidence that a priority had been granted, despite the fact that it had been recommended by the Co-ordinator-General of Public Works (Mr. Kemp).

Ald. Smith said they could take it from Mr. Forde's letter that priority would be granted in respect to machinery and manpower.

IMPORTANT MOTION.

Ald. Golding moved:—

(1) "That a letter be written the Hon. the Minister of the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) to the effect that this Council, being representative of the citizens of Gladstone, views with great disappointment the decision of the Federal Government to refrain from contributing to or constructing the proposed water scheme for this town, from the Boyne River, on the grounds that its military significance, the trade of the port and the industries established in this area are not of sufficient national importance to justify the expense involved.

(2) "That this Council is of the opinion that such decision could not have been reached had he (Mr. Forde) and his colleagues carefully weighed the facts, which are:—

(a) "That the port is taking a very prominent part in a co-ordinated plan for the conduct of the war, for which water, in quantity, is so vital and urgent.

(b) "That many industries engaged exclusively on war work in this area are dependent on a good water supply.

(c) "That in view of the urgency of the whole scheme and the necessity for its early completion it should not be expected that the citizens of Gladstone should be called upon to bear the extra cost of the scheme brought about by the war.

(d) "We therefore request that the whole question be reviewed with a view to the Federal Government granting a subsidy on the scheme.

(2) "That Mr. Forde be requested to contact the Co-ordinator-General (Sir Harry Brown) and support the Deputy Co-ordinator General for Queensland (Mr. J. Kemp's) request for the scheme to be declared of sufficient national importance to have it declared an A1 priority job, and thus enable the first section of the scheme to be commenced immediately, which is now only held up awaiting priority."

The motion was seconded by the Mayor.

OUTSTANDING ESSENTIAL.

Speaking to the motion, Ald. Golding went on to say that as a citizen of a democratic country he would state without fear of contradiction that one of the most outstanding essentials of life was a good water supply, not only from a health point of view, but essential to industries and industrial expansion, and this Gladstone had been denied.

INTEREST AND REDEMPTION.

The Boyne water supply scheme, continued Ald. Golding, had passed through many phases, and had been reported on time and again, and the correspondence in regard to it had grown to huge proportions. It would be remembered that the State Government, in answer to an application for a substantial subsidy, offered the Council one-third of the cost on wages expended, but this was considered by the Council to be quite inadequate. He (Ald. Golding), with the Mayor, took the opportunity last year of waiting on the Treasurer (Mr. Cooper) at the Railway Station when he was passing through Gladstone, and again stressed the urgency of the scheme, and how necessary it was to get a substantial subsidy, and Mr. Cooper informed them that he would grant a remission of one-third interest and redemption over a period of fifteen years, which would mean a saving to the ratepayers of £25,000 on a scheme estimated to cost £90,000.

SUBSIDY ADVOCATED.

The Council had been pressing for the scheme, said Ald. Golding, for many years, and now the people of Gladstone were urging that finality be reached, and the work commenced at the earliest possible date. Now they were told that the scheme did not have the support of the Federal Government. He readily admitted that the people of Gladstone must play its part in paying for the scheme, but as the port of Gladstone and its industries were also playing an important part in the war effort, and large quantities of water were being taken at short notice, Gladstone's effort, in his opinion, was of sufficient national importance to justify the Commonwealth Government in granting a subsidy towards the cost of the Boyne water supply scheme, as the citizens should not be called upon to bear the extra cost of the scheme brought about by the war.

POSITION SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

Ald. Golding considered that the whole matter should be reviewed by Mr. Forde. Gladstone's position as it was to-day, the work being carried out in the national interests, and how it was playing its part in a co-ordinated effort in the successful conduct of the war, when large quantities of water of first-class quality was so vital.

CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT.

The Council in the past had received many rebuffs, continued Ald. Golding, but for all that aldermen were still fighting hard for an adequate water supply for Gladstone, and with the assistance and co-operation of the unions and a united people, he felt sure the politicians would not dare turn the scheme down.

QUESTION OF PRIORITY.

Ald. Anderson said the statement made by Ald. Golding that Mr. Forde had turned the scheme down was not correct. Mr. Forde's letter indicated that priority would be granted in regard to materials and manpower, and when this priority was received the whole scheme could be started and completed.

"ANXIOUS TO HELP."

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) pointed out that Mr. Forde had said in his letter that he felt sure the priority could be arranged for materials and manpoyer, but there was nothing definite that "priority" had been granted. The Mayor then read portions of Mr. Forde's letter, which stated: "I am anxious to help the people of Gladstone in every way possible, but it is no use misleading them into thinking that the Federal Government is about to put down fater supply schemes throughout the various municipalities of Australia." . . . Another portion of the letter stated: "I feel sure that the necessary priority in regard to supplies of materials and manpower can be arranged, having due regard to other urgent Army and Air Force commitments."

PIPES IN GLADSTONE.

Ald. Anderson stated it could be taken for granted that an A1 priority would be received by the Council, and that the Federal Government would sanction the scheme being carried out. The Council had not made any effort to get a priority, except the action taken by Ald. Golding to get an A1 priority for machinery and manpower when he got in touch with Mr. Reinhold by telephone. However, he considered someone should have gone to Brisbane and made the request so as to enable the first portion of the scheme to be put under way, as the pipes were now on the site in Gladstone.

"A COURSE OF ACTION."

Ald. Anderson went on to say they should be careful not to antagonise Mr. Forde, as the A.L.P. had received a letter from him to the effect that he (Mr. Forde) had discussed the matter with the Premier (Mr. Cooper), and they had decided to follow "a course of action which it was hoped would have the desired effect."

The Mayor: Mr. Forde should have advised the Council, as the governing local authority dealing with the matter as to what action had been taken.

ADEQUATE SUPPLY ESSENTIAL.

Ald. Anderson stated the Council should have been advised, and no doubt a letter would be received in due course. An adequate water supply was essential to the progress of Gladstone, its industries, and the war effort, and everything must be done to push forward the agitation until the whole scheme was an accomplished fact, and he would do everything possible to bring this about.

SCHEME AT PRESENT NOT PROTECTED.

Ald. Golding said the Council, as the governing body of the town, should have been advised as to what action had been taken. "Why should an outside body receive a letter days before the Council?" added Ald. Golding. He (Ald. Golding) had no intention of offending Mr. Forde, far from it, but at the same time they should press for a grant for the scheme on account of its national importance. He wanted the ratepayers to clearly understand that before the scheme could be started with no interruption to the work it was absolutely essential for the Council to obtain an A1 priority in regard to machinery and manpower. The Boyne water scheme at the present time was not protected, and "it can't be until it is so declared by the Commonwealth Government," added Ald. Golding. The whole matter rests in the hands of the Commonwealth authorities in regard to the issuing of an A1 priority.

"DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE."

They had the men in Gladstone, said Ald. Golding, with the ability to carry out the job, but certain restrictions had been imposed on them. In conclusion, he said he would do everything possible to get the scheme started, and would leave no stone unturned until the people of Gladstone had a first-class water supply.

SHOULD GO TO BRISBANE.

Alderman Smith said that seeing that Engineer Fenwick would not arrive in Gladstone until Friday week he considered that someone should be sent to Brisbane to wait on Mr. Cooper, Mr. Kemp, and Engineer Fenwick in regard to the scheme.

MOTION CARRIED.

The motion, as moved by Ald. Golding, was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

FIRST SECTION.

Ald. Anderson: What would you suggest about getting an A1 priority for the first section of the scheme?

The Mayor: We will make application to the Co-ordinator General for Public Works (Mr. Kemp).

Ald. Anderson: Would it not be better to send someone to Brisbane to explain the whole details of the scheme, and thus obtain a priority.

Ald. Golding: I do think someone should be sent to Brisbane with a view to getting the scheme started.

The Mayor: Gentlemen, I will leave it in your hands.

REPRESENTATIVE TO BRISBANE.

Ald. Smith then moved that the Council send a representative to Brisbane with a view to going into the scheme with the Premier (Mr. Cooper), the Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp), and Engineer Reinhold.—Seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried.

POSITION EXPLAINED.

At this stage delegates from the various local bodies, who attended the recently called public meeting, waited on the Council, and at the request of the Mayor Ald. Golding explained the action taken by the Council in regard to Mr. Forde's letter, and read the motion that had been carried.

"IF THEY GOT ANOTHER REFUSAL."

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) also stated that a representative would be sent to Brisbane to meet the Premier (Mr. Cooper), Mr. Kemp, and Engineer Reinhold, and they were not in the position to do any more at present; but if the Council got another refusal he would take the necessary action to call another meeting.

COMMITTED TO GO ON.

In answer to Mr. Burrows, the Mayor stated the Council was committed to go on with the Boyne water scheme.

Mr. Heathwood said it appeared from an article in the paper that they were right back to where they started from in regard to the Boyne water scheme, so they were pleased to hear the resolution that had been passed.

Ald. Anderson, with the permission of the Mayor, read the letter that had been received by the A.L.P. from Mr. Forde in regard to the course of action being taken.

The Mayor said it was remarkable that Mr. Forde had not communicated with the Council.

Mr. Burrows stated that the A.L.P. had been pushing the scheme forward, and that would be the reason why Mr. Forde had communicated with it.

"GET WORK UNDER WAY."

The Mayor said the Council had done everything possible, and they would still push ahead with a view to reaching finality. The main thing was to get an A1 priority and get the work under way.

Mr. Burrows said he would like to get the whole scheme for nothing, but whatever happened they must go ahead.

ASSIST THE COUNCIL.

Mr. Heathwood said it would be good in the future for all bodies to meet and assist the Council with its problems.

Mr. Peters said the delegates were present that night to support the Council and push the scheme forward.

The meeting then terminated.

"DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE."

The Town Clerk (Mr. Grayson) has received the following telegram from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde):—

"I am doing everything possible to expedite provision of an adequate water supply for Gladstone.

"Have had interviews in Brisbane on this matter with the Premier, the Minister for Agriculture, and Mr. Kemp, Co-ordinator General of Works, and have since made representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, that the work be given an A1 priority.

"If this is done the Allied Works Council could be asked to make available the necessary labour if local labour is not available.

"Will write you further later."

A similar telegram was received by the Gladstone branch of the A.L.P.

DENTAL INSPECTOR FOR GLADSTONE.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., has received the following letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Public Health:—"Referring to your inquiry regarding the suggestion that a visit be paid to the schools in Gladstone during the period that the dental clinic is not able to function, I have to inform you that the Chief Medical Officer, School Health Services, has arranged to include Gladstone in the itinerary of one of the school dental inspectors."

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PRISONERS OF WAR

Street Adoption Scheme

The campaign to complete the town of Gladstone in connection with the Prisoners of War Street adoption scheme is being energetically carried on. More streets have been completed, and the attractive little house or gate tags fixed to denote the generous donors.

Mrs. R. Elliot finished Yaroon Street, and then went on to Auckland Street, which is now complete as far as the railway.

Mrs. A. J. Watson, assisted by her family, made a complete canvass of Auckland Hill and Marine Parade, and is now doing Bramston and Herbert Streets. Mrs. R. Ricketts has finished Fowler Estate, and is now doing Fisher Street.

Mrs. Hartley, who took over Mrs. C. Smith's collections in Roseberry Street, is now carrying on the collection for Bramston Street.

These ladies, many of whom had no previous experience, have done a splendid job. They report excellent co-operation from the residents.

In some cases they have to explain that the money collected is devoted solely to parcels of food and medical supplies for our men who are unfortunate enough to be prisoners of war in enemy hands. It is kept distinct from the funds of the Red Cross Society, and cannot be used for any other purpose.

A few people have asked if the parcels really reach our boys, and what proof we have that this is so.

The collectors have plenty of evidence to show that our boys are getting their parcels.

Going right back to the last war, when distribution difficulties were more serious, we have a letter Mr. Arthur Greasley still has from the British Red Cross, which sent him parcels regularly right through his long internment in Germany.

Mr. Len Cowan wrote recently to Ald. R. R. Tudman, and he did not mince matters about the work the Red Cross was doing. The parcels, he said, practically saved the lives of many Aussies, and he would never forget the Red Cross service.

The prisoners' daily menu from a German P.O.W. camp published in our columns some time ago hardly contained enough to keep a healthy Australian alive.

Sergt. Walter Elliott (prisoner No. 10041) in Stalag, Germany, writes:—"Food packets continue to roll in from the Red Cross. I suppose that quite a number of our fellows, now alive and well, would be well and truly under the ground were it not for the Red Cross gifts."

We have official evidence to show that Red Cross parcels are being received by our men in all enemy camps. Even Tokio radio has to admit the splendid work of the Red Cross in getting parcels to men there who are on a meagre diet of rice, bread, etc.

Bearing all this in mind, it is little wonder that Mesdames Elliot, Watson, Ricketts and Hartley are getting a splendid reception, and even demands from residents in streets not yet touched, that tags should be made available to them.

An odd resident will let imself go about heavy taxation and austere conditions generally, but when the ladies point out how fortunate we are to be living outside the actual war area, the argumentive one generally relents, and often offers a month's contribution instead of the weekly 1/-.

The Red Cross official figures are nearly 7000 Australian prisoners in Germany and Italy, and presumably 17,000 in Japan. We have not got all the names of the latter yet, but they are getting their Red Cross parcels just the same. Many Gladstone and district boys are included.

There are still many streets in Gladstone to be completed, and the assistance of any lady or gent will be appreciated.

Troopmaster C. D. Patrick has very kindly arranged the services of some of his Boy Scouts to assist Mesdames Watson and Elliot in collecting, and a similar request for assistance has been made to Troopmaster E. Barker on the Valley side of the line. This will give the ladies more time to canvass new streets.

A.C.F. STREET STALL.

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the A.C.F. and Patriotic Fund will be conducted on Friday, February 19, and the convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) will be pleased to receive donations of jam, cakes, sweets, pickles, vegetables, flowers, etc., for sale on that date.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

MR. FUNK IN REPLY.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I have always been taught that when entering into a controversy, whether written or oral, two things are essential:—

(1) Absolute honesty, truthfulness, and sincerity. Now, this would apply in any quotation being made, any authority being quoted, and any interpretation of another parties' remarks.

(2) Give your public the credit for having as much intelligence as you possess, with the power to use same.

On the basis of these two points, Mr. Hanson should never contribute to the press.

He says I have never dealt with the ownership of private property, and goes on with some gibberish about socialists originally intending to prevent an individual from owning even a shirt or pair of sox, etc. The early forms of propaganda against all things socialist, were centred around such ideas, as "if you have two cows you must give me one;" "if you have two shirts then I want one."

This form of anti-propaganda was only a stop-gap until such time as the antagonists thought out something more subtle. Since then anti-propaganda has advanced in its ideas, and thus differs from friend Hanson.

There is one thing Mr. Hanson can be sure of: If under socialism it is not possible for the individual to have two, or even three, shirts where he can afford only one now, then at lease under socialism we will be able to buy a better class of shirt at a lower cost than we do now.

For the benefit of Mr. Hanson: In any political discussion it has always been understood (yes, even before Mr. Hanson's time) that private ownership of property means the ownership of the means of production being in the hands of the exploiting class. Mr. Hanson (yes, even he) must have understood this from my previous letters, and yet, in an effort to inveigle his way out of a question he cannot answer, tries to cloud the issue by inverting my statement. Poor tactics, and one to which the public soon wakes up.

No, Mr. Hanson, there is "no mysticism" about the private ownership of property. Just read carefully my article on the "State" in the "Observer" of 3/2/43, and even you should be convinced that the right is not "natural." Even though it is, friend Hanson, who wrote that without the private ownership of property society is to become something dreadful?

I regret I cannot accept the statement without some sound argument to back it up. No, friend Hanson, your statements are as bald as your ideas. I had to correct you once before about the only form of government possible being a political one, yet I see again that you are harping on the "economic government."

To make it read slightly better I must alter your wording to read: "The first economic necessity of any form of government," and even though I have done this for you, I do not agree with the rest of your remarks.

You have acquired an obsession for using words, quite good English when used in their proper context, but totally unintelligible when dished up as you have done, merely to make an article sound imposing—unquestioned and unquestionable. This squandering of words and prostitution of the English language is nowhere taken as a criterion of journalistic ability.

You say that a man (I take it any man, and therefore everyone) is entitled to "get what he works for, to keep it, and to consume it in peace."

If this is to be so, then the worker is to be allowed to keep the fruits of his toil or production, and as the whole system of capitalism is based on the worker producing more value than he received back in wages for his labour power, thus creating a surplus, and as the worker is to be allowed to keep what he produces, there is no surplus, and naturally no capitalism.

Now, to deal with equalisation of incomes. This belongs to the limbo of anti-propaganda along with the tale of the "shirt," and I distinctly stated previously that the basis of remuneration would be different for different classes of work performed, on the basis of:—

"From each according to his ability, to everyone according to his needs." Surely you must remember having read that, and for you now to pretend otherwise is the old trick of evading to deal with a question for which you have no answer. Thus, the whole six of your paragraphs dealing with incomes are brought under this heading. You say, "no state can lawfully, within the area of its jurisdiction, attempt to introduce a system of communism."

Now, friend, how do you explain away the fact that Latvia, Esthonia, and Lithuania of their own accord in 1939 asked permission of the U.S.S.R. to be brought under that system and incorporated within its boundaries? If you cannot explain this, I will, in a later article.

The law of nature, so glibly framed by you and stated as giving the people the right to live, and insisting that the "state" cannot interfere, needs some comment.

By now you will have read my article on the "state," and from it you may possibly have learned (at least, you will have read) that in the original form of society there was no "state" and no "private ownership of property," and in that era of primitive communism we had the society wherein man was allowed to "get what he worked for, keep it, and consume it in peace."

Your mention of Hitler is unfortunate—for you. Hitler's ideas can be no more accepted than yours, but Hitler did have a certain amount of ability, and further, he had the power to enforce his ideas, which were sown on a fertile field, due to the abysmal failure of the capitalist system as it existed in Germany. The internal antagonisms and contradictions of the system left the way open for the ruling monopoly (the Thysson steel group) to nominate Hitler and back him up with their resources. How well Hitler has repaid Thysson is shown by the fact that Thysson is a refugee in Switzerland, hiding from the vengeance of the mountebank he helped to power. Such is the way of capitalism. Even you recognise that Fascism is a curse, and millions of people throughout the world have answered the call in different spheres to defeat this monster!

You go on to say that the "matter now rests." It was you who attacked my reply to an anonymous contributor, so that by common usage, I am entitled to say if it shall end, or at least I am entitled to close the controversy.

Unlike some people, I have a very open mind on all things political, and would be prepared to read "Mission to Moscow," and my address is Glenlyon Street.

In conclusion, Mr. Hanson, you have broken every canon of journalistic decency by your misquotations, misrepresentations, and mis-statements. If you butt into a man's argument, be a man and play the game according to the recognised rules, and not according to "Rafferty."—Yours, etc.,

LEO FUNK.

PADDY'S MARKET

Home-made Jams

The convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) advises that the monthly Paddy's market will be held as usual at the Red Cross hut on Friday next, February 12, when a splendid collection of jams, eggs, vegetables, cakes, flowers, fruit, and other home manufactures will be on sale.

A special call is going out to town and country supporters who have been so generous in the past.

A new and heavy demand is now being made on the finances of the local Red Cross branch. This is the supply of milk, ice cream, fruit and other delicacies to sick and wounded soldiers.

The past month was a particularly heavy one in this connection, and total expenditure was considerable, as all lines have to be bought, delivered, and distributed.

It is a service, however, which is greatly appreciated by our own and allied soldiers.

On Friday a large ham (donated by Messrs. Swift (Pty.) Ltd., will be raffled. It is on display at Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

A special feature of this market will be the large quantity of beautiful home made jams available.

Donors of produce, etc., and particularly flowers, are asked to forward the gifts to Friends (Pty.) Ltd. early on Friday, so that the ladies can have the stalls ready for business in good time.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The usual monthly street stall of the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., will be held in Goudoon Street on Tuesday, February 9. Donations of produce, cakes, jams, sweets, flowers, etc., would be much appreciated by the organisers (Mesdames P. Irwin and M. Brown).

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Pilot Huddleston, Gatcombe Head, is at present indisposed, and the pilotage work is being carried out by Captain Geo. Hildebrand, Brisbane.

L.A.C. Gordon Hando, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hando, of Gladstone, who spent a few days leave with his parents, returned south on Tuesday to rejoin his unit.

Miss E. J. Cochrane, assistant teacher of commercial subjects at the State High School, Gladstone, has been advised of her transfer to the Nambour Rural School.

Miss June Connellan, of the Commonwealth Bank staff, Gladstone, left yesterday for Montville, where she will spend three weeks leave before returning home.

Sergt. S. Coxon, Gladstone, is spending his annual leave of one month in the south, and Sergt. O. Peters (Rockhampton) has taken over the charge of the local Police Station in his absence.

News of Constable Jack Mason, who was stationed at Gladstone for many years, comes from Palmwoods, where he is now officer in charge of the Police Station. Mr. and Mrs. Mason and family are doing well in the North Coast centre, where young Noel is attending school.

Mr. R. R. Tudman, Gladstone, has been an inmate of the General Hospital for the past week, but the many friends of the genial "Bob" will be pleased to learn that he has sufficiently recovered to enable him to leave the institution during this week-end. We join in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery to his usual good health.

Mr. E. Clegg, who has carried out the duties of manual instructor for the past five years at the Gladstone State and High School, has been notified of his transfer to the Wynnum High School. Mr. Clegg is a most capable and efficient instructor, and he will carry away with him the best wishes of his many pupils, who will look forward with pleasure to his future advancement in the department. Mr. Clegg will leave Gladstone next Friday to take up his new appointment. Mr. J. E. Cartledge, of Bundaberg, will replace Mr. Clegg.

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J. MALONE,
Deputy Director, Posts and Telegraphs.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Re ALEXANDER O'SING, Deceased.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The Trustees and Executors Acts 1897 to 1924," notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of ALEXANDER O'SING, formerly of Bororen, in the State of Queensland, but late of Gladstone, in the said State, retired publican, deceased, who died at Rockhampton, in the said State, on the seventeenth day of January, 1943, are hereby required to send in, in writing and in duplicate, particulars of their debts or claims to Harold O'Sing, the Executor named in the Will of the said deceased, at the office of T. De Lacy Kellett & Joseph, Solicitors, Gondoon Street, Gladstone aforesaid, on or before the twentieth day of March 1943. And notice is hereby also given that after the expiration of the last mentioned date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the debts or claims of which he shall then have had notice, and that the said Executor will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose debt or claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated this third day of February, 1943.

T. De LACY KELLETT & JOSEPH, Solicitors for the Executor, Gladstone.
Town Agents: REES R. & SYDNEY JONES, Solicitors, Rockhampton.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Re MARY STEEL RENTON, Deceased.

PURSUANT to the provisions of "The "Trustees and Executors Acts 1897 to 1924" notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of MARY STEEL RENTON, formerly of Tank Street, Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, but late of Beecher, near Gladstone aforesaid (wife of John Renton, of the same place, contractor), deceased, who died at Goodna, in the said State, on the tenth day of August, 1942, are hereby required to send in, in writing and in duplicate, on or before the twentieth day of March 1943, particulars of their debts or claims to THE UNION TRUSTEE COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED and JOHN RENTON, the surviving Executors named in the Will of the said deceased, at the office of The Union Trustee Company of Australia Limited, 400 Queen Street, Brisbane, in the said State. And notice is hereby also given that after the expiration of the last mentioned date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts or claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said Executors will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.

Dated this third day of February, 1943.

T. De LACY KELLETT & JOSEPH, Solicitors for the Executors, Gladstone.

Town Agents: REES R. & SYDNEY JONES, Solicitors, Rockhampton.

WANTED KNOWN, etc.

A DANCE will be held in the Empire Hall To-night (Saturday) for Prisoners of War Appeal.

A STREET STALL, conducted by the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., will be held on Tuesday, February 9. Donations of cakes, sweets, flowers, etc., will be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames P. Irwin and M. Brown.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, February 19th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

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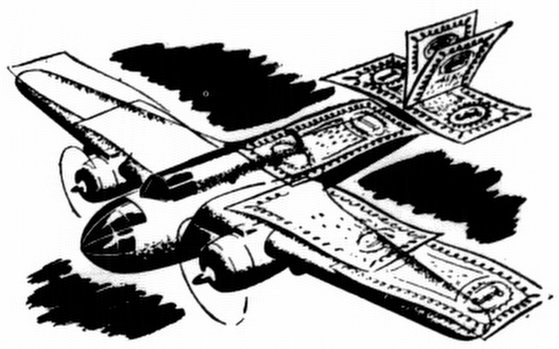

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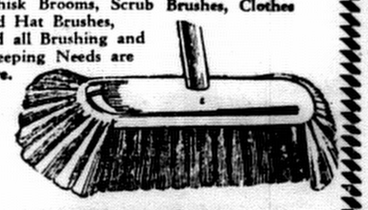

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12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News
1.30—Australian News
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1.45—State News
5.15—B.B.C. News
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
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10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
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5.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
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FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
6	10.35	10.54	.....	4.11	5.11
7	11.19	11.40	.....	5.02	5.58
8	——	12.01	.....	5.51	6.42
9	12.26	12.44	.....	6.40	7.25
10	1.12	1.26	.....	7.31	8.08
11	2.03	2.11	.....	8.26	8.54
12	2.59	3.06	.....	9.27	9.44
13	4.06	4.14	.....	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	.....	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	.....	——	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	.....	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	.....	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	.....	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	.....	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	.....	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	.....	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	.....	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	.....	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	——	.....	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	.....	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	.....	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	.....	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	.....	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

New Moon	February 5
First Quarter ...	February 12
Full Moon	February 20
Last Quarter	February 28

MARCH.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	4.36	4.48	.....	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	.....	——	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	.....	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	.....	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	.....	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	.....	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	.....	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	.....	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	.....	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	.....	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	.....	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	.....	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

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New Moon	March 6
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Full Moon	March 21
Last Quarter	March 29

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Tells of His Adventures

Born and brought up near Stalingrad, a soldier with the Foreign Legion in Tunisia and Algeria, Andrew Sniguireff, now of Sydney, speaks with authority when he says that he looks forward confidently to the outcome of the two present campaigns.

"I'm sure the Russian Army will sweep on to liberate all the territory now held by the Germans," he said, admitting that he wishes he were back in Russia to give a hand with the fighting.

Andrew Sniguireff also paid a tribute to Australian soldiers.

"They are willing, good fighters," he said, "and their equipment is excellent. Australians in general must unite so that her great strength can be used to the utmost. Strikes in the coal mines and in the factories, and absenteeism are all a gift to the enemy."

Andrew Sniguireff was born at Kamenshaja, built on the banks of the Donetz River, in an agricultural district round and through which the war has been raging during the past months. He was brought up in a Cossack community of farmers. When he was 17 Sniguireff entered a military school in a cavalry regiment. As the military schools throughout Russia were under the jurisdiction of the Government, Sniguireff was naturally called on to fight against the Reds during the revolution, and he fought against them for four and a half years.

FOREIGN LEGION "BAIT."

The defeat of the Whites found Sniguireff and thousands of other White refugees in Lemnos, where they were "dumped," as Sniguireff says, by Russian ships. In Lemnos the hapless refugees were given the choice of going to Brazil (ostensibly to buy plantations, but in reality to enrich unscrupulous land owners), returning to Russia, or enlisting in the Foreign Legion. Sniguireff accepted the "down payment" of 500 francs offered by agents from the Foreign Legion and signed on for the required five years' service.

He had an adventurous five years in the Legion, with hard work (building forts and making roads, as well as fighting), poor food, little pay, and none of the glamour with which Hollywood has surrounded the Foreign Legion.

"The films are much too exaggerated," said the former Foreign Legioner, though admitting that he couldn't resist going to see them just the same.

"In the first place, no woman is ever allowed near the Legionnaire's quarters, and though many of the men serving in the Legion were there from misfortune, it was primarily a refuge for criminals, and when we were stationed in the towns all respectable women kept clear.

"As I had served in a military college I knew something of military discipline, and as I was a good soldier I was never punished or badly treated.

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CROIX DE GUERRE WINNER.

Andrew Sniguireff won the Croix de Guerre for courage and coolness in action against the Arabs, for whom he has considerable respect as fighters.

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"But when the soldiers reached the mountains the Arabs had disappeared, only to reappear 'from nowhere' as soon as the soldiers had passed. Those of the Legion who fell out on the marches were stripped by their fellow soldiers of their ammunition and rifles. They were then less likely to be killed by the Arabs. Otherwise the exhausted men would have their throats slit, for why waste ammunition when a knife will do the job?"

HUNGRY DAYS.

The food was poor and insufficient, the long day beginning with nothing more than an unsweetened cup of black coffee, served while the men were dressing at five o'clock in the cold morning.

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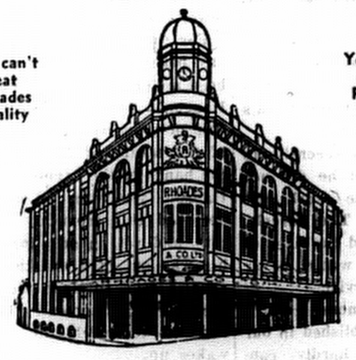

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"Women for Canberra" Movement

"What the Country Women's Association has been doing for years in helping all types of women, standing solidly behind their members, has now got to be done politically," said Mrs. I. L. Weber, M.L.A., in an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service, following the "Women for Canberra" meeting held last week in Sydney. Mrs. Weber, who is acting president of the movement, which she founded in Melbourne recently in co-operation with Lady Brookes, came to Sydney specially for the meeting, which was attended by some 250 women.

The main object of the movement is to encourage women to stand for Parliament, and to support any suitable woman's candidature, regardless of party, religion or class.

"Many Australian women, now working in munition and other war factories, are gaining an increased realisation of the real Australia. They are handling Australian raw materials for possibly the first time in their lives. They are learning to take a pride in the fact that Australian steel is the cheapest in the world, that Australia is pulling her weight in armament production, and with this growing pride and deeper knowledge these women will, I'm sure, take a far keener interest in future in supporting women candidates for Parliament.

"Australia is no longer cut off from the rest of the world," Mrs. Weber continued. "The world has come to Australia, and we have made more progress industrially in the past two years than in 50 years previously. Now let us turn the speed of production and the great initiative that has been developed into the winning of the peace."

Mrs. Weber went on to pay a tribute to the good work being done by women in factories, stating that she had been particularly impressed with their work in South Australia, where approximately 70 per cent of the employees—a bigger percentage than in any other State—are women.

In concluding her address to the meeting, which was presided over by Dr. Mary Booth, Mrs. Weber said: "Mrs. Roosevelt has stated that there should be a woman at the peace talks after this war. I say there should be one woman from every country, including Germany, Italy, and Japan."

Gas-producer trouble prevented one delegate from attending the meeting. She was Miss Irene Searls, general manager of a big Melbourne engineering factory, where she has planned an annexe to be staffed entirely by women. The factory makes machinery for all kinds of food processes, and Miss Searls finds the women already employed there to be keen and efficient, picking up highly skilled jobs very quickly.

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Churchill's Words Recalled

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Some of them, more especially the words of Winston Churchill, have become battle standards under which peoples and armies fight, while others have crystallised the strawling panoramics of war in simple, clear-cut mental pictures.

History will record the words of Churchill at a time of supreme trial: "I have nothing to offer you but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

At that time the first great tragedy of the war crashed into the minds of the ordinary people — the incredible, unbelievable collapse of France. Explanations and excuses poured out in confused contradiction: "France was rotten," "France had been sold by her leaders," "France was betrayed by the Communists"— half-truths which further obscured the underlying facts.

But when the flood subsided there remained one clear-cut summing up, one simple explanation; and it was so simple that other people felt the truth of it within themselves, a truth very close to all of them, frighteningly close.

"To live; to live at any cost, without risking anything; that was the desire of the French people on the eve of the catastrophe."

These words were written by Ilya Ehrenbourg, a writer of international fame, who had known intimately the travail of re-awakening Russia; a woman who knew and understood people and nations by their spirit. She saw clearly the sickness of France, and since those words were written many other people and many nations have become conscious of the same symptoms within themselves. "To live without risking anything"— the fatal sickness that spells defeat and the death of nations.

THE PRESCRIPTION.

There have been times when we in Australia have been aware of these symptoms; when the diagnosis made for France might well have closer application.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) pointed to this danger and its remedy when he said: "We who fight shall fight as Australians never fought before. We who labour shall labour as men and women have never laboured before. In this campaign we shall forget all privileges, comforts and rest. Nothing shall block the way to attainment of victory."

That is the prescription which, if followed faithfully and without reserve, will save us from the sickness that killed France. When this war has been won, and the nations judged, Australia can be justly praised for the deeds of her fighting men. Whether we at home shall have the right to share this praise depends upon the way in which we take to the prescription. If we follow it well it can never be said that we "desired to live without risking anything."

MILITARY HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) said that the construction of military hospitals throughout Australia was proceeding very satisfactorily and there had been no serious hold-ups. The whole hospitalisation of Australia was well in hand. "Shortage of manpower and materials have caused some inevitable delays in completing the construction of projects," said Mr. Forde, "but these difficulties have not prevented good all-round progress being made." Mr. Forde announced recently that military hospital accommodation in Australia was adequate to meet all demands.

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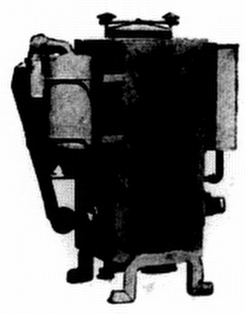

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The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

COMFORTS FUND MEETING.

The next monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Comforts Fund will be held in the Diggers' Hall on Friday next at 3 p.m. A large attendance of members is requested.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Miss Butterworth, Auckland Hill, Gladstone.

COMMUNITY CONCERT.

A community concert in aid of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund will be held in the Town Hall on Sunday, February 14, commencing at 8.45 p.m. An excellent programme has been arranged, and the admission charge is the modest shilling. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Council, to have been held on Monday night, lapsed for the want of a quorum, the attendance being the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) and Alderman W. R. Golding. Aldermen J. Deveney and H. Anderson are holidaying, while Ald. R. E. Smith was working, and Ald. R. R. Tudman is just recovering from his recent illness.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) has advised the Council by telegram as follows:—"Have to-day urged the Commonwealth authorities to grant an even higher priority for the Gladstone water supply scheme in order to further the proposal. Will support same in person while in Canberra next week." Similar telegrams were received by the A.L.P. and the Trades and Labour Council.

"LOOK BEFORE THEY LEAP."

The issue of new liquid fuel licenses for commercial use will be banned unless it is proved the vehicle for which they are issued is on essential work. The Chairman of the State Liquid Fuel Control Board (Mr. Fraser) announced a direction by the Commonwealth Liquid Fuel Board to that effect. Mr. Fraser warned prospective purchasers of second-hand cars or trucks, especially those in a commercial category, to "look before they leap." He said that difficulty in purchasing new tyres and spare parts made the purchase of second-hand vehicles unwise.

MEMBERS CONFIDENT.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) has received the following telegram from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde):—"Referring to our conversation regarding Gladstone water supply, I have conferred with the Prime Minister and the Defence Priorities Committee, and am keeping in touch personally with developments. Will advise further later." Similar advices have been received by the Gladstone Trades and Labour Council and A.L.P., and members are now confident that the member for Capricornia will be successful in getting the Boyne River scheme commenced at an early date.

BETTER DEAL FOR PRODUCERS.

Queensland "Country Life," in its last issue, reports that a good deal of interest is being created in the southern States in a recent statement by the Queensland Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) that unless primary producers received promptly an adequate return for their produce and labours a grave food shortage in Australia was inevitable. It states further that the matter will be raised at a meeting of the War Agricultural Council to be held at Canberra early this month, at which Mr. Williams will be present. The paper in question also reported that at last week's annual meeting of the Warm Milk Producers' Association (held in Brisbane), a resolution was carried congratulating Mr. Williams on his recent statement in the press supporting the principle of cost of production, plus 10 per cent., being adopted for primary as well as essential secondary industries.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 19.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) would much appreciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on this date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

A MEDIATOR.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—What might have ended in a serious brawl was nicely averted by a little tact on the part of Mr. W. R. Golding.

On Monday afternoon an altercation which may have become serious, through a little over indulgence, took place in Auckland Street among a number of boys in uniform, and fight was the order of the day.

The street was blocked for a time, and vehicular traffic had to turn into another street. But not so with Bill Golding, who drove straight into the melee, and after a short conversation with a few of the sober boys the door of his car was thrown open and the maddest fighting man manhandled and bundled into the car and held down. Mr. Golding drove the fighting boy away to his home, and in the meantime those left behind dispersed, and the motor bloke (Golding) was voted an O.K. fellow.—Yours, etc.,

"LOOKER ON."

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Private Frank Quinlan, A.I.F., is at present spending his leave with his wife and family in Gladstone. Private Quinlan served in the Middle East and New Guinea, and was once wounded.

COSTLY INQUIRY

£500 a Day

The Allied Works Council inquiry, which, it is estimated, is costing at least £500 a day, or £100 an hour, will not end in less than a fortnight. Yesterday it lumbered on into its seventh week, having occupied 28 sitting days.

The cost so far is estimated at £15,000, and more than 1700 pages of transcript of evidence have been typed totalling more than 700,000 words.

Already 70 witnesses have been examined, but possibly another dozen are to be called. So the inquiry bids fair to reach the million-word mark.

It appears certain that all this week will be taken up by evidence, after which counsel will commence their addresses. These will last another week at least.

NO PAPER HANDKERCHIEFS.

The manufacture of paper handkerchiefs and facial and cleaning tissues has been banned by a National Security order. The order is designed to reserve limited quantities of imported raw materials for hospital and other essential requirements.

HEALTH OF THE TOWN

MOSQUITOE MENACE

Dengue Carrier a Day Biter

At the next meeting of the Town Council the Health Inspecor (Mr. P. F. Browne) will report on the health and sanitation of the town for the past month as follows:—

SANITARY CONTRACT.

This service has been maintained in a regular and orderly manner. The plant is in good order and condition; the disposal work well carried out, and there is a good supply of covering material on hand. The collection, removal, and disposal of household refuse is working without complaint, and appears to be giving general satisfaction.

The tip has a good covering of sawdust, and appears to have consolidated very well, standing up to the recent heavy rains. There is a good deal of water lying about the tip, but so far no appreciable amount of sagging is noticeable. Usually after heavy rains voids and pockets form, even in the tops properly covered with earth.

DRAINAGE.

Drainage and other complaints were investigated during the month. The heavy rains have shown up all the low lying places about the town.

Off Lane and parts of Toolooa Street are definitely bad, particularly the properties near Mill's butcher shop. Something should be done to drain this area, as there is still a lot of water lying around.

Regarding the drainage at Renton's flats, this is still very unsatisfactory. Although a little work has been carried out since my last report, it is quite evident that unless action is taken to effect the necessary repairs it will drag on from month to month.

In company with the Council Overseer (Mr. Tait), an inspection of the huts erected for old age pensioners shows that the general position is fairly satisfactory.

The two huts erected for married people are now occupied. One of the huts is occupied by five persons. A portion of the verandah has been enclosed with bags to provide additional space, and there are four beds in the hut.

In conversation with the occupier regarding others occasionally residing on the premises, he states this is untrue, while admitting that a number of his friends called each week, they always returned to their own homes to sleep.

MOSQUITOES.

The position regarding mosquitoes is still very bad in certain localities. There appears to be a fair amount of dengue fever in the town.

Inspections show that there are a lot of unscreened tanks in the town, while others are leaking. Some have been concreted inside.

The mosquito that spreads dengue fever is the house mosquito, and will only breed in clean water, such as roof gutters, tanks, etc. Householders produce their own domestic breeding places by neglect.

Where tanks are not screened a liberal use of kerosene weekly will soon destroy tanw larvae, but it must be carried out regularly.

There appears to be a lot of confusion between the night biting mosquito and the dengue carrier.

The dengue carrier is a day biter, and does all his work during the day. The night bited is a disease carrier, and spreads the disease known as filaria. The individual who has sufficient mosquito larvae in his tank to make life in the house unbarable will tell you it is quite useless to do anything until all our stagnant water is drained off and treated with oil.

This argument is illogical when it is realised that the tank breeder is the dengue carrier, while the other mosquito is the night biter, and carries out all his work after dark.

OBITUARY

MR. J. M. TEMPLETON.

The death occurred suddenly on Monday night of Mr. Joseph Markwell Templeton at his home in William Street.

The deceased, who was an old and highly respected resident of Gladstone, was 63 years of age. He was an ardent supporter of football, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest members of the H.A.C.B. Society. His wife predeceased him a number of years ago.

The late Mr. Templeton leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place yesterday, Rev. Father Campbell officiating at the graveside.

TOWN WORKS

STREETS REPAIRED

Road to Coney Island

At the next meeting of the Council the Overseer of Works (Mr. R. Tait) will submit the following report:—

MEAT WORKS ROAD.

Repairs to the Meat Works Road were completed. I have inspected this road since the rain on the 30th, and report no serious damage.

BRAMSTON AND GONDOON STREETS.

Repairs have been effected to the broken places on the bitumen surface in Bramston Street from the foot of the hill at Anson's garage to Gondoon Street intersection, and in Gondoon Street from the overhead railway bridge to Bramston Street.

FRIEND STREET.

Repairs were carried out on this street, but since the rain I notice that scour across the roadway and slight damage has occurred on the far end of the causeway, which will be attended to as soon as possible.

FLINDERS PARADE.

There was a small breakaway on the stone pitching at the side of roadway between the Cattle Wharf and Auckland Point that was dangerous to traffic. This was repaired and put in order again, and gravelling was carried out between Auckland Point and Roseberry Street, but since the rain some places will have to receive further attention.

ORMONDE AND SCENERY STREETS.

A deep washout at the corner of Ormonde and Scenery Streets was repaired, and a gravel footpath formed in front of a property in Scenery Street opposite Bayne Street to prevent storm waters from flowing through this property.

CONEY ISLAND.

With reference to the road across the salt pan between Yaroon Street and Kent Street, I have noticed the foundations of this road have been moving for some considerable time now, especially since the heavy traffic has been going to and fro from Coney Island.

I first noticed this movement in the foundations after the heavy rains last year in January. At that time a crack appeared along the centre of the road on the Kent Street side, and on investigation I found that on each side the road where the wheels ran was sinking and rising in the centre, causing the bitumen surface to crack.

Since the heavy traffic to Coney Island the whole roadway is flatening out, and the surface is getting badly cracked, and will break up altogether if this traffic continues. There was no bottom coarse metal specified for this section of road, only 4in. top coarse metal, which is not sufficient on a built-up bank.

PIER STREET AND OAKA LANE.

With reference to the petition from the residents in the locality of Pier Street, I have to advise the Council that last July, after some wet weather, I cleared all the undergrowth and stumps from Pier Street, Short Street, and portion of Oaka Street, on the western side of Auckland Street, and at that time I promised some of the residents that I would be back at a later date with the grader and grade and form up those streets, but unfortunately the grader broke down and went out of commission, so I was unable to carry out my promise. Nothing much of a permanent nature can be done here until I have the machinery to do the work.

DEEP WASHOUTS.

Since the rain last week-end I have inspected all the streets, and no extensive damage has occurred, with the exception of Lord and Eden Streets, and Oaka Lane between Tank and Eden Streets, where some deep washouts will have to be attended to first; also some attention will have to be given to the drain across Central Lane at the Blue Bell Hotel corner. The other small washouts and the edges of the bitumen will receive attention as soon as possible. I also notice Noogoora burr growing in different places. I would advise that a man be put on to pull this before it starts to seed.

SCHOOL DRAINS.

Inspector Adams drew my attention to the storm-water drains through the school grounds at the end of William Street. I understand that the Public Works Department has allocated a sum of money as their half cost for this work, and if the work is not completed before the end of June this money will go back into the Treasury again, and will not be available.

PENSIONERS' RESERVE.

I have inspected the old age pensioners' reserve, and found all the single men's huts clean and tidy on the day of my inspection. One of the men was chipping the grass from around the lavatories. I purchased one door lock and put it on in the hut occupied by Mr. Summerville.

In company with Inspector Brown I inspected the hut occupied by Mr. Wenntong. There are five persons living in this hut. It was also noted that he has a fowl run built on the land adoining, and several fowls were underneath the hut at the time of our inspection. He was instructed to keep his fowls shut up away from the huts, which he promised to do. He was warned about the number of people who congregate there at times.

LORD STREET ESTIMATE.

To arrive at an accurate estimate for the formation and bitumen surface for Lord Street I would have to take centre levels and cross sectional levels every 50 feet, but an approximate estimate would be £600, and for concrete kerb and channel on both sides would be £280.

GONDOON STREET DAM.

Since the rain I notice that this dam is still leaking considerably, and the water is probably coming in at the end of the stone pitching on Easton's side. However, to ascertain this, the job would be fairly extensive, because along the top of the concrete wall across the creek and along the bank on Easton's side would have to be opened up.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

With reference to my appointment as bomb disposal priority officer I herewith tender my resignation. Since my appointment I have received a quantity of literature from the Department of Home Security, Canberra, in connection with this appointment. I am already in charge of the essential and emergency service, which takes up a good deal of my time; besides, the organising ability required for this position is beyond me.

NEW WATER SCHEME.

The work of the pipe laying is still going on. There was some delay for a few days, not being able to get labour, but this was overcome when we got two men that were discharged from Coney Island. The wet weather also retarded the progress. There still remains to be carted 400 12-inch and 76 10-inch pipes. The special castings that I stacked in the yard were carted out and put where they were required on the line, so as to make room for other castings when they arrive.

AT THE WATER WORKS

RAINFALL FOR JANUARY

1171 Points Registered

At the next meeting of the Water Authority the Foreman (Mr. D. D. Jackson) will report that the following works were carried out during the month of January:—

READING WATER METERS.

Repaired three consumers' service pipes which had been broken by ploughing trench.

Cut off several consumers pending water service repairs.

Removed meter and fitting at the old piggery; also checked over water taps in Victoria Park.

Paid two visits to No. 1 tank in connection with the electric indicator not registering at the Power House. The fault was found to be in the indicator at the Power House.

Pumping was changed from direct pumping to gravitation on three occasions during the month. At present we are gravitating.

AT THE WATER WORKS.

On January 12 the spring on the governor control broke at about 3.15 p.m. on the suction gas engine, and about three hours pumping were lost owing to the engine stopping. This was repaired next day, and the plant is in good order and running satisfactorily.

During the month the electric pump did the bulk of the pumping. The suction gas plant only ran for 65½ hours, and pumped approximately 603,320 gallons.

The rainfall at the Water Works for the month of January was 1171 points. The dam on the 1/2/43 was full, and ran over the by-wash by 6in. this being a rise of 10 feet. This is the first time the dam has been full since the 31/1/42. Nos. 1 and 2 tanks were full on the 1/2/43.

Driver J. Fisher knocked off work on January 15, owing to strained muscles of the back, and Driver H. Plumpton commenced duty on January 19.

"Our economies, our saving, our surrender of personal comforts, personal luxuries and personal extravagances will all be needed if those who have gone out to fight are to be fully supported."—Mr. Churchill.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

BYRNE WINS NICELY

Bastean Knocked Out

The boxing tournament, which eventuated last Friday night in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Port Curtis Amateur Boxing Association in aid of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund, was witnessed by a fairly large crowd.

Owing to some disorganisation of the original programme by the absence of some of the contestants, the matchmaker had some difficulty in rearranging other bouts, and this resulted in a late start being made with the proceedings. There were four bouts, which was the best that could be done under the circumstances.

The duties of referee were carried out by Mr. Geo. Dale, that of timekeeper by Mr. Dave Groundwater, and the secretary was Mr. F. Janson. The work of the officials was all that could be desired.

EXCELLENT WORK.

During the evening the President of the Association (Mr. C. Henderson) thanked the audience for their patronage, and mentioned that the proceeds went to augment the funds of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund, a body that was doing excellent work for their fighting men.

APPRECIATED.

Mr. W. R. Golding, in his capacity of chairman of the Fund, suitably returned thanks to the Association, the officials, and the boxers for their splendid work, which was deeply appreciated.

A CLOSE CONTEST.

The programme was opened with a contest between Terry Smith (10.7) and Colin Welldon (10.2), and it was a willing bout. Smith started the proceedings with a couple of nice straight punches to Welldon's face, followed by a right uppercut. A clinch followed, and they were separated by the referee.

Smith continued to be aggressive, but a nicely delivered left from Welldon flush to the face, and a hard right to the body steadied him up a bit. Smith, who was fighting well at this stage, received another couple of right hand punches to the body, and they hurt.

Towards the end of the contest both boys were very tired, but nevertheless they put up a hard fight, and there some good rallies. The decision went to Welldon by a narrow margin of points.

A GOOD CONTEST.

This paved the way for the contest between Isaac Hopkins (8.11) and Jack Smith (9.2), and it was a thrilling and exciting bout. At the sound of the gong Smith leaped from his corner and landed a beautiful left to his opponent's face, but failed to connect with his right, which went wide of the mark.

Hopkins showed wonderful skill in evading punches by ducking and clever foot work. He possesses a nice snappy right hand, which he used effectively on Smith's body on several occasions.

For a couple of rounds these two boys fought very hard, a number of strong and telling punches being delivered. The terrific pace set told on them, and they were a pair of tired boxers at the termination of the contest. The verdict went to Hopkins after a good contest.

BYRNE WAS MASTER.

The next bout was between Pat Byrne (9.4) and Monty Montgomery (9.3). There was plenty of excitement in this contest, with Byrne always master of the situation and forcing his opponent all round the ring.

Montgomery was out-generaled in ringcraft, and Byrne used some nice left leads, but failed to back this punch up with a right.

Montgomery connected with some lefts, and occasionally drove his right to the head and body of his opponent, but Byrne never failed to return to the attack with some well directed lefts to the face, and there were some fierce rallies.

Montgomery used his feet to advantage, and time and again was able to escape from many difficult situations. It was an excellent fight, with Byrne running out a winner on points.

BASTEAN KNOCKED OUT.

The main bout, which was billed to take place between Jack Sweet and Frank Bastean, did not eventuate owing to Sweet having sustained an injury to his left shoulder, and his place was filled by Harold Rowe.

A good fight was looked forward to, but Rowe had little difficulty in knocking out Bastean with a beautifully timed left hook that connected flush on the chin after one minute's fighting in the first round. When Bastean rose to his feet he was still in a dazed condition.

CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES

FIFTY PER CENT SUBSIDY

Householders Must Co-operate

The Department of Health and Home Affairs, Brisbane, has notified the Council that in order that the State contribute its maximum share to the war effort, the Cabinet on the representation of the Minister for Health and Home Affairs, has decided to request each local authority to plan its health work for the year 1943.

With this end in view, Cabinet has decided to subsidise local authorities by 50 per cent subsidy in carrying out approved schemes for the control and eradication of mosquitoes in their area.

It is desired that the following works and services be carried out by householders:—

The regular flushing and oiling of storm-water gully traps on all premises after rain.

A much more rigorous inspection of all premises to ensure that larvae is not present in rain water tanks or receptacles.

Pumping water out of all air raid shelters and slit trenches.

The drainage of spouting by a series of holes of small diameter, which would barely effect the conduit value of the spouting.

If these steps are taken immediately the effects would be apparent during the present summer.

Filling in of low-lying areas or drainage of same adjacent to populated areas.

Oiling of temporary water-holding areas within 200 yards of houses which cannot be at once drained.

Introducing fish of suitable character, as has been done by the military authorities with splendid results in swamp areas.

The regular oiling of storm-water street gullies after rain.

RATIONED FOODSTUFFS

TEA AND SUGAR

Hospital Patients

In order to simplify the sale of rationed foodstuffs it has been decided that both tea and sugar coupons will, in future, become available at the same date and for the same period.

As from Monday last, tea coupons C7 to C10, and sugar coupons B13 and B14 were available for the period ending March 7.

In order to meet the desires of the retail trade the Rationing Commission has decided that in future two fortnightly sugar coupons will be made available at the one time instead of one fortnightly coupon as at present.

Arrangements have been made to provide sugar for kindergartens throughout the Commonwealth.

The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) stated that when the increased tea issue was made to the public last October it was not possible immediately to liberalise the allowance to catering establishments, including hotels.

However, as from February 1, the scale on which permits are being issued will represent a substantial increase to these establishments.

With the improved tea stock position it is now possible also to liberalise the arrangements in connection with industrial canteens, and the burden of tea rationing to hospital patients also will be eased.

Patients will not be required to surrender tea coupons for the first four weeks of their stay in hospital, and in the case of patients remaining for a longer period, they will surrender a coupon for each additional week in hospital.

COMFORTS FUND

GENERALS MCARTHUR AND BLAMEY

High Praise for Work

Praise for the work of the Australian Comforts Fund is contained in letters from General MacArthur and General Sir Thomas Blamey to the Fund Commissioner (Mr. H. C. Gibbons).

General MacArthur's letter, quoted in the January circular of the Queensland A.C.F. division said:—

"Thank you for the amount of assistance your splendid and generous organisation has rendered the American forces during the last six months.

"I am grateful indeed, and I but reflect the sentiment of thousands of American soldiers who have shared your comforts.

"It has added another link in the strong chain of fellowship which binds together our two great nations."

BLAMEY'S GRATITUDE.

In his letter General Blamey, who commands the Allied land forces in the South-west Pacific, says:—

"Thank you very much indeed for the list of comforts supplied by plane to troops in the forward areas, and also for goods supplied by the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army.

"These comforts supplied to the troops who have carried out such strenuous fighting, have been greatly appreciated, and I am most grateful for your vigorous effort to supply their needs."

The commissioner at a front line station reports that he is sure every man in the forces in his area received a Christmas hamper.

Small boats took them to forward spots, and others were dropped by plane.

He received many expressions of praise for the manner in which the hampers were packed, and the excellence of the contents.

BIG COMFORTS LIST.

During the six months ended December 31 the A.C.F. distributed to the fighting forces 15½ million sheets of writing paper, nearly 6 million envelopes, 163 wireless sets, 60,100 pairs of socks, 41,000 miscellaneous articles, 40,100 woollen shirts, shorts, and pyjamas, as well as many thousands of pens, pencils, packs of playing cards, books, magazines, and sets of games.

The A.C.F. also distributed nearly 1½ million ounces of tobacco, 360,200 packets of cigarettes, and large quantities of cigarette papers, tooth paste, soap, boot polish, chewing gum, sweets, biscuits, handkerchiefs, and washers.

The fund's circular says that the A.C.F. throughout Australia is responsible for the goods supplied and the finance required for Y.M.C.A. operations.

The A.C.F. is also responsible for 70 per cent of the war finance requirements of the Salvation Army. This 70 per cent is found by three Southern A.C.F. divisions.

The Queensland division does not participate in this arrangement, the Salvation Army finding the Queensland proportion of its Federal expenditure.

A PENNY A WEEK FOR THEIR COMRADES

THEY HELP BOTH WAYS. Doreen Armstrong, one of 300 women now employed on the works of B.H.P., Newcastle (thus releasing men for active service), ticks up a "Penny a Week" Red Cross poster, watched by Joe Waterman (left) and Ross Menzies. Workers at B.H.P. have been regular contributors to the Workers' Red Cross Industrial Fund for some six or seven months. With many B.H.P. men in the services, the thousands of employees are proud to make a weekly contribution to Red Cross Funds.

MORE MEN FOR ARMY

FROM PROTECTED UNDERTAKINGS

Immediate Comb Out

Plans for an immediate comb out of persons in less essential industry, particularly medically unfit men, and fit men, classes 1, 2 and 3 in protected undertakings, is contemplated by manpower authorities.

In the course of these surveys men will be withdrawn from protected industries for armed service and replaced by men and women from less essential industries.

This was stated by the Director General of Manpower (Mr. Wurth) at the conclusion of his three days' conference with Deputy Directors General.

Discussing the administration of the new man power regulations, he said that Deputy Directors General would, as in the past, work closely with trade unions and employers' organisations.

Mr. Wurth proposes, to delegate powers of direction under the new regulations, which involve almost a revolutionary approach to labour allocation problems, will be administered to secure fulfilment of national needs and to meet individual wishes to an extent not inconsistent with national needs.

COMPULSORY DIRECTION AS A LAST RESORT.

"The drive is on," announced the N.S.W. Director of Manpower (Mr. Bellemore) on his return from the Melbourne Manpower Conference.

He forecast intensive surveys from Sydney to Bourke, in which areas would be combed for every person suitable for national service.

Every effort would be made to use the policy of voluntary transfer rather than compulsory direction, because the voluntary system in manpower administration had been successful, he said.

An instruction had been given to manpower officers to use compulsory direction only as a last resort, Mr. Bellemore added.

Before you strike a light remember the needs of the armed forces. The demand for matches is enormous, but the output is adequate for all, provided matches are used sparingly. Some of the chemicals used to make matches have to be shared with the munitions industry. So adopt the slogan: Fewer matches, more munitions.

GOVERNMENT SALE.

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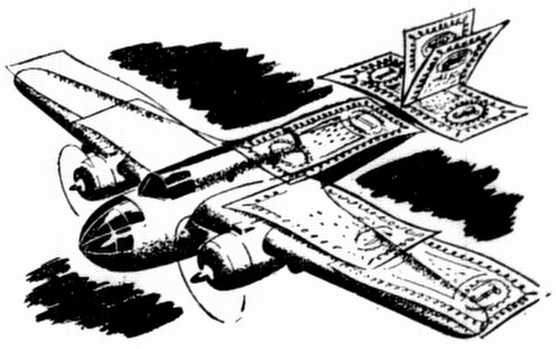

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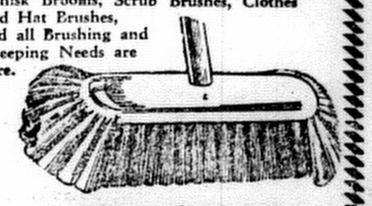

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p.m.
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12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News
1.30—Australian News
1.35—Overseas News
1.45—State News
5.15—B.B.C. News
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15 —Australian and Overseas News.
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7.00—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Australian News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
5.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.

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BRITISH PRODUCTION

Vehicles of War

British production of vehicles for war provides some remarkable figures.

In March, 1942, Britain was producing twice as many tanks as in August, 1941, three times as many as in February, 1941, and five times as many as in July and August, 1940.

Some tanks have as many as 8000 different parts, many of them used more than once, and production of these components is divided up among 6000 firms.

In June, 1942, the production of tanks, jeeps, and other mechanical vehicles was at the rate of 257,000 a year. Taking armoured fighting vehicles as a whole, production in July, 1942, was nearly four times as great as in January, 1941.

In August, 1942, the British Army had 500,000 vehicles on charge, as compared with 45,000 at the beginning of the war.

Australia, too, is putting up records in tank construction, and a brief study of the British figures provides further incentive to those on the home front to put forth every effort to bring victory nearer.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
10	1.12	1.26	7.31	8.08
11	2.03	2.11	8.26	8.54
12	2.59	3.06	9.27	9.44
13	4.06	4.14	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	——	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	——	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

New Moon	February 5
First Quarter	February 12
Full Moon	February 20
Last Quarter	February 28

MARCH.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	4.33	4.48	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	——	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	——	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon	March 6
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Last Quarter	March 29

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The original half-dozen are still "keeping 'em flying," and all of them are in key jobs.

Miss Freda Baker, supervisor of female labour, training, and welfare, is proud of her girls. She has guided the organisation as it has grownfrom the original six to the thousands now emp loyed. She has watched girls move through the training school, out to jobs, and then to positions of responsibility and trust. A glance at a chart in her room tells her the exact position of the trainees. Coloured pins indicate how many are ready for jobs, how many are moving on through the course, and how many are static and perhaps needs a different type of work.

Among the original six is Miss Laurie McLeod, of N.S.W., now female employment officer for aircraft workers in Melbourne; Mrs. Sheila Clark, who had qualified as a solicitor before the war, but who had never practised, is also a member of the "pioneer" group. She is now controller of a gauge room in a gun turret annexe.

Miss Esme Hilditch is now assistant to Miss Baker. "Australian girls are now doing all sorts of jobs in aircraft factories," Miss Baker said. "Thousands are employed, and they may be doing anything from laboratory work to riveting, and they're doing their particular jobs very well.

"They've every right to be proud when they read of our bombers pasting Japanese bases. They're the girls that keep 'em flying."

HANDLING CARGOES

Quick Turn-Around

From the New York office of the International Transport Workers' Federation comes a pat on the back for the New Zealand maritime record of work efficiency during the past year, when workers lost less than one half of 1 per cent of the total working hours.

Valuable time has also been saved by the speeding up of the loading and unloading of vital cargoes. Representatives of the Government, the employers and employees studied the need for the shortening of time spent in port, and succeeded in cutting the average time from 35.7 days to 15.4 days.

About seven of these days were saved by reducing the ports of call. Another eight were saved by instituting a 24-hour working day on the wharves, and five by the installation of new speed-up methods for handling the cargoes.

The I.T.F. also handed a bouquet to the wharf labourers at the Russian port of Murmansk, where the average cargo handled by each man had risen to nine tons a day. At the beginning of the year the average was three tons a day.

PACT AGAINST GERMANY

Knew Real Enemy

The spirit of the majority of Frenchmen was illustrated by the remark of the French engineer quoted in a talk from Radio Paris on January 13.

The broadcaster explained how difficult it was to make Frenchmen realise that their only chance lay in collaboration with Germany.

He cited the case of a "Frenchman from our own country, a Parisian industrialist, to whom I did my best to prove the threat to civilisation that Bolshevik victory would signify.

The engineer replied: "I don't care: I am ready for anything. I will sign a pact against Germany with the devil if necessary."

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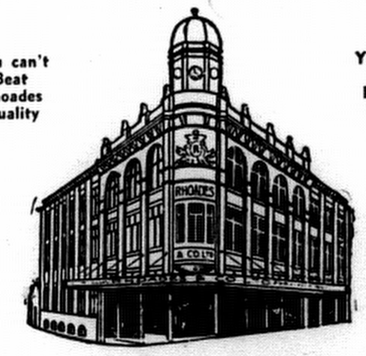

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MIDDLE EAST TROOPS

Full Share of Comforts

A report this month on the A.C.F. and Y.M.C.A. activities in the Middle East shows that no matter where our troops are congregated, comforts of every description are made available to them.

In Palestine, wherever our troops are in camp, a well lighted hut is provided and equipped with a good radio, tables and chairs, writing paper, envelopes, ink, pens, etc., table tennis equipment, a portable billiard set, electric iron and ironing table, library, and a plentiful supply of games of all sorts.

Some idea of the way these huts are catering for the boys is shown by the fact that during September 8600 cups of tea with cigarette and biscuit were served free at one beach hut. The number of meals served at the Australian Soldiers' Club in the same area during September was 14,890, and the total beds provided 5594.

Men in the desert are not forgotten, and four mobile units make constant trips to all centres. These mobile units serve coffee and biscuits, and supply writing paper, envedopes, etc. Each spends five days in the desert before returning to Alexandria to replenish supplies.

Each is equipped with a good radio, together with gramophone and pick-up with modern records. Each also has a powerful 6-burner primus stove for heating coffee, together with urn and drums for carrying sufficient water. One truck recently served 2800 cups of coffee in five days, all of these comforts being supplied by the A.C.F.

DON'T TALK

What Togo Wants to Know

"Yes, the whole outfit has gone to Blankville. Wonder why they're sending them there?"

"He's with the Second Umpteenth, isn't he? They're up at so-and-so now."

"Just a line. The old town's starting to hum with all the Americans about. They're putting in an aerodrome down by Skinner's."

Friendly gossip in trains and trams, over bars, in cafes, casual lines in letters, chatter over the telephone. Harmless enough, you may think. They are not harmless; they may be deadly to our cause. Remarks like these are just what General Togo wants to hear, and he will hear them if you make them. Your own loved ones in uniform may pay with their lives for your careless talk. Remember:

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ENEMY SPY RING

OPERATING IN AUSTRALIA

Another Warning

Recently Dr. Evatt disclosed that there was a highly organised enemy spy ring operating in Australia. This announcement produced little public comment. It was almost as though someone had said, "There are a lot of kangaroos in Australia."

Dr. Evatt is a busy man. When he says that "There is a highly organised spy ring operating in Australia" he is not endeavouring to amuse the public.

In his announcement he drew a picture of sinister outline. He spoke of a mobile radio transmitter in a van and driven from place to place for the purpose of sending messages to the enemy without the risk of being discovered by the radio-location experts. He spoke also of enemy submarines creeping up to a lonely spot on the coast and landing the master spy, or receiving messages flashed by signal lamps from the shore.

It is only a few days since a merchant vessel was torpedoed off the Australian coast.

THE DANGER IS REAL.

Can it be that we have read too much of this sort of thing in novels? That we have seen too many epics from Hollywood? Have we come to accept such tales as part and parcel of the world of make-believe, that they now have no more substance with us than our old friend Jack of beanstalk fame?

Dr. Evatt may well be a source of wide-eyed wonder to the children of his acquaintance; but his story of the spyring in Australia is not for children—it is for us.

The mysterious van flying across the countryside; the staccato clicking of the key as signals flash to the enemy; the long, black sinister shape of the submarine rolling slowly in the night swell; the spy being rowed silently ashore. These are no entertaining elements from the imagination of Hollywool film producers; they are dreadful, dangerous facts, disclosed by a responsible Minister of our Commonwealth Government.

And these facts affect you; they affect all of us. These spies are among us, in our own cities and towns. They are drawing information from our community and sapping our fighting strength. They forewarn their masters—our enemies— and in doing this, forearm them; they are the fifth column in Australia.

The extent and method of their operations is, of course, known only to themselves, but Dr. Evatt went so far as to suggest that the recent sinking of a merchant ship near Sydney might have been a positive result of their activities on the mainland.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

We cannot treat the warning lightly. Let us rather pause and reflect upon the help that we, as individuals, may have given to this spy ring.

Let us remember the times when we have spoken in the streets, in shops, in bars and public places, of matters that would give these people information for their use and our confusion.

Consider the occasions upon which we have spoken of the whereabouts of sons and husbands in the fighting forces; of the rumours of new aerodromes and installations; of the movements of ships and the manufacture of new armaments. And, remembering these things, let us think again of the man coming from the submarine, of the man with the secret radio, and of the ship sank off our coasts.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

BRITISH FOOD MISSION

Evolving Basis of Co-operation

Preliminary discussions have taken place between Mr. F. W. Bulcock, Director General of Agriculture, and Mr. W. Bankes Amery, representing the British Food Mission to Australia.

While no results have been disclosed, it is clear that many difficulties will have to be surmounted before the problems facing the two countries will be solved.

Mr. Amery's mission will, however, serve a useful purpose because it is quite certain that whatever degree of co-operation is possible will be achieved.

Since the outbreak of war Australia has made every effort to satisfy the urgent needs of Great Britain, but as Britain's requirements are subject to continual change it would appear that a necessary first step is a more or less fixed programme to which Australian farmers can work.

A changeover from one branch of agricultural production to another involves not only expense, but requires time. This was clearly shown when cheese priorities were increased. Farmers who make the change naturally want to see an assured market ahead for a stated period, and at predetermined prices.

On the other hand, the needs of the United Kingdom are conditioned by the exigencies of war, and fluctuate widely both in the kind and the volume of requirements.

Further complications must arise from the production changes rendered necessary for the feeding of Allied troops in the South-West Pacific, many involving a large increase of particular kinds of foodstuffs of which but limited experience so far has been gained.

Messrs. Bulcock and Amery will continue their talks, and it is expected that a useful basis of co-operation will be evolved.

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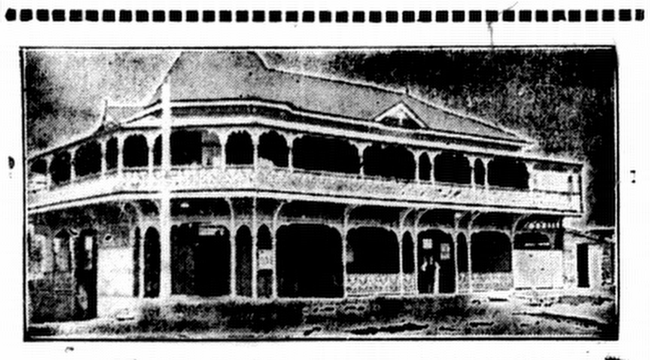

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Engagement

FARNESWORTH-CURTIS.—The engagement is announced of Constance, eldest daughter of the late Mrs. and Mr. Norman Farnesworth, of Dutton Street, Dutton Park, Brisbane, to Claude, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Curtis, of Toolooa Street, Gladstone.

In Memoriam

FORCE.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Maria Force, who departed this life February 11th, 1942.

Always Remembered.

(Inserted by her loving daughter and grandchildren.)

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of our darling daughter and sister, Yvonne Joan Wright, who passed away 14th February, 1937, aged 7 years.

In God's care.

(Inserted by her loving father, mother, brothers and sister.)

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CURRENT TOPICS

COMMUNITY CONCERT.

A community concert in aid of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund will be held in the Town Hall on Sunday, February 14, commencing at 8.45 p.m. An excellent programme has been arranged, and the admission charge is the modest shilling. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS.

In the Court of Petty Sessions on Thursday, before the acting S.M. (Mr. J. Donovan), William Densil McCosker was charged with having in his possession liquor in the vicinity of a public hall. Defendant pleaded guilty by letter, and was convicted and fined £2, costs of court 6/-, in default 14 days in the Gladstone Lock-up.

FINES OF £7.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction on Thursday, before the acting S.M. (Mr. J. Donovan), Livingstone James Lindley and George Harold Harnett were charged with committing breaches of the Defence Acts—failing to enroll for military service. Both pleaded guilty, and fines of £7 each were inflicted, costs of court 6/-, in default two months imprisonment in the Brisbane Gaol.

AMBULANCE DANCE.

A most successful dance was held at the Trocadero last Friday night, and was again largely attended. The music was in the hands of Miss G. Ward's orchestra, and the duties of M.C. were carried out by Hon. Bearer A. R. Barker and Mr. Geo. Curran. The spot waltz was won by Mrs. Wells and Pat Crow, and the Monte Carlo by Mr. and Mrs. N. Gibbon. The next dance in aid of the Ambulance will be held at the Trocadero next Friday night, February 19.

CORPORAL "BOB" PHILLIPS.

Corporal "Bob" Phillips is spending 14 days sick leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Phillips, Auckland Street. The young Gladstonite went through the Middle East campaign, being taken prisoner in Syria. However, the success of the allied drive there later resulted in his release. Last September he went to New Guinea, and was in the thick of the fighting over the Owen Stanley Range, his unit being the first to enter Kokoda. Later at Buna he contracted malaria and was flown to base hospital. A second attack necessitated his removal to other base hospitals, and he was eventually invalided home.

JAP. PRISONERS SURLY.

L.A.C. Erle Baxter, serving with a dive bombing squadron somewhere in New Guinea, writes a very interesting letter to his father, Warrant Officer Harry Baxter. Erle says they had been in the front line for 4½ weeks, and hadn't time to write. Sixteen Jap. bombers caught them in the open the first day they arrived at camp. With no time to run for shelter the Aussies just had to watch the bombs drop some 400 yards away. The boys reckon jungle fighting tougher than that of the desert. He had seen many Jap prisoners, looking for the most part subdued and surly. The Americans had done wonderful work with their field hospitals. Erle being in one with an attack of fever.

GIRLS, PLEASE NOTE

ASSIST THE WAR EFFORT

W.A.A.A.F. To Visit Gladstone

Recruiting officers of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force will arrive in Gladstone on Thursday, February 18, and will remain until Monday, February 22, and they will be in attendance daily at the Grand Hotel buildings.

Girls are asked to help the men who fly by joining the W.A.A.A.F., and all information will be gladly given as to the various musterings to those who desire to enlist.

A number of new musterings have been added to the long list already published that should keenly interest the young women of the Gladstone district.

The W.A.A.A.F. requires one thousand women, and it is the desire of the Gladstone Recruiting Committee that this town should be well represented in the number of girls required.

The R.A.A.A.F. Committee has opened offices in the Grand Hotel buildings, and any applicants who desire to enlist are asked to call between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mrs. E. D. Streeter, of Calliope, accompanied by her daughters, Daisy, Iris and Rose, and Mrs. W. J. Mylne and children, have left for Kepple Sands for a few weeks holiday at the seaside.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Miss Butterworth, Auckland Hill, Gladstone.

HOSPITAL PRECEPTS.

A hint that hospital precepts levied on local authorities might be reduced in the next financial year was given by Ald. Moon, a member of the Finance Committee of the Brisbane City Council, and one of its representatives on the Brisbane and South Coast Hospitals Board.

CALL UP OF ENEMY ALIENS.

Every alien called up for Allied works is manpowered before his name is given to the Allied Works Council to ensure that an alien engaged in essential primary production is diverted to other work. At times, however, Security Services give the name of enemy aliens to Allied Works Council and ask for their call up. In these cases the man concerned is not manpowered. Prisoners of war under guard are being used on some farming work, but the guarding of these prisoners uses a considerable amount of manpower, and plans are now being discussed for placing prisoners of war in specified farming districts without guards.

HOTEL STAFFS.

Representations have been made to the Director General of Man Power bringing under notice the difficulties being experienced by hotels in maintaining their accommodation servies owing to domestic staff shortages. Mr. Wurth has now decided to grant protection in respect of female staffs to boarding houses and hotels certified by the Deputy Director General to be essential for meeting public needs. In the case of hotels protection will be given only in respect of the accommodation sections; that is, dining room, bedrooms, and kitchen. It is emphasised, however, that protection will not be given unless all action possible has been taken to replace young women by older women.

TRADERS WARNED.

A warning to traders to arrange for their employees to examine ration coupons closely before completing a transaction has been issued by the Queensland Acting Deputy Director of Rationing (Mr. G. S. Ross). The warning follows the discovery of five forged coupons by a Pittsworth firm. Examination of the coupons by Rationing Commission and Government Printing Office officials established that they were forgeries, printed on an inferior type of ungiazed white paper. Although only a small number of coupons is involved in this case, it is thought that an attempt may be made to negotiate other forged coupons.

HARBOUR BOARD

NEW GOVERNMENT MEMBER

Mr. Donovan Welcomed

The monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. A. W. Drewe) and Messrs W. R. Golding, J. F. Donovan, E. W. Crow, C. W. Macfarlan, R. S. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. C. S. Schache, who was granted leave of absence from the meeting.

WELCOME EXTENDED.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Donovan as a representative of the Government on the Board, and hoped that Mr. Donovan would have a long stay with them.

Mr. Donovan stated that the Board would have his loyal assistance and co-operation, and he would at all times endeavour to advance the interests of the port.

AT BARNEY POINT.

The Marine Board asked for additional plans in connection with the proposal of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd. to lay pipe lines across tidal lands and to instal a pumping unit at Barney Point.—Referred to the Association for attention.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

The Treasury Department forwarded a cheque for £54/6/8, being a further subsidy on civil defence expenditure.

FINANCE.

Payments amounting to £157/10/1 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £257/15/3 were passed for payment.

GENERAL.

It was decided to make a further remittance of £1000 to the Treasury Department on account of interest and redemption.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 19.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) would much appreciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on this date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

MUSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Gladstone Passes

Mr. P. M. Jones, secretary Trinity College of music, London, has received the results of the theory examination held last November. The following passed:—

Preparatory Division.—Shirley Michel (Mrs. G. E. Wilson) 97 hons., Sylvia Willey (Mrs. G. E. Wilson) 88 hons.

Junior Division.—Doreen Downie (Mrs. G. E. Wilson) 90 hons.

Advanced Junior.—Esme June Albury (Mrs. G. E. Wilson) 88 hons.

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

"BRITISH IMPERIALISM" AND CAPITALISM.

Sir,—Ever since the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps to India in 1942, the phrase "British Imperialism" has been bandied about without much thought as to its correctness, and to such an extent and in such a loose and vague manner that an explanation of this stage of capitalism is not out of place.

From a Marxist-Leninist point of view, Imperialism represents the stage of development into which capitalism passed towards the end of the 19th century, and is distinguished by five features of great importance from a political economy viewpoint.

(1) The amalgamation of bank capital and industrial capital to form finance capital. The early functions of the banks was to collect money and place it at the disposal of the capitalists. Naturally, knowing the financial position of the various enterprises, they were able to exercise a vast influence by enlarging or restricting credits (loans).

By the banking directors also being on the directorates of big industrial enterprises we have the personal contact between the two. In Australian banking, out of the 58 banks which have operated from time to time, now only 11 remain, and in reality only seven dominate the position.

The twelve directors of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and the Bank of New South Wales direct 25 other companies, which include C.S.R., Tooth & Co., British Tobacco, Toohey's, Associated Newspapers, Goldsborough Mort, Shipping and Trustee Companies.

The National Bank of Australia, Melbourne, has seven directors, who control 14 companies, including B.H.P., Imperial Chemical Industries, Aust. Consolidated Industries (to whom the Menzies-Fadden crowd granted a monopoly of motor car manufacture in Australia, but were forced to withdraw same under public pressure), Mt. Lyell Mining and Railway, Melbourne Steamships, Australian Iron and Steel (subsidiary of B.H.P.), Metropolitan Gas, and Dalgety & Co., Ltd.

In Adelaide the directors of the Bank of Adelaide control 17 companies, and so on right throughout Australia.

Australian banks have their London boards of advice, so that we can clearly see, not only Australian bank capital linked with Australian industrial capital to form Australian finance capital, but Australian finance capital linked up through London with the whole international finance.

The second feature is the rise of monopolies which exercise a tremendous influence on the whole economic structure, and thus also control the whole political life of the community or country.

There are three main reasons for the growth of monopolies, and to give them briefly they are:—

(1) It is much easier for few large enterprises to reach agreement on price, control of production, etc., than it is for many smaller ones, because under control of production the old contradiction of capitalist versus capitalist comes to the surface, and the small progressive capitalist sees the opportunity to extend his business by the simple method of breaking the agreement, as witness the bread war in Brisbane a few years ago, when the master bakers decided on a zoning system. Some of the bakers decided to operate outside their allotted zones, and thus was Marx's thesis of this contradiction within the system borne out.

(2) The struggle for the domination of the markets by expansion of production causes an overflow or glut of the market, and to stop this competition the smaller producers are eliminated by the stronger withholding supplies of raw material from the weaker, and their use of their connection with baning to restrict credit or loans.

(3) New large enterprises take much capital to launch, and thus it is cheaper to buy out smaller concerns who have been forced to sell.

The third feature of the Imperialist stage is the export of capital rather than the export of goods.

Capital cannot lie idle if it is to serve the purpose of producing profits, and as investment at home eventually leads to gluts on the home market, with the inevitable crises which always accompany expansion of development of capitalist production.

The solution of the problem is investment in colonial enterprises. It is not only necessary, but also attractive and desirable, because in those colonies capital is scarce, material cheap, and wages low, as witness British exploitation of India and the Argentine, the Dutch exploitation of Java and the East Indies, Germany and America in the Pacific, and Australia in the islands ruled under mandate, and the investments in Malayan tin and rubber.

During the present century Britain's profits from foreign investments were five times her profits from foreign trade.

Export of capital also increases export of goods. Between 1902 and 1928 China floated 17 loans for the purpose of building railways, but the proviso was always attached to the loan that all possible materials be purchased from the lenders. In 1923 the Under Secretary for India stated that 95 per cent of all loans made to India were expended in the purchase of British goods.

Even out of the £10,000,000 raised for the construction of the North Shore bridge in Sydney, a big part of the money was spent in purchase of material from Dorman Long & Co., of England.

The fourth feature shows that monopolies have begun shuting out the world's markets.

In 1907 the A.L.G. Electrical Company of Germany and the G. Electric Company of America reached an agreement defining their respective spheres of influence in which they would not compete with each other.

The German company was to have all Europe as its markets, while the American concern was to have U.S.A. and the American continent.

In the struggle for oil the American Standard (John Rockfeller) and the British Shell have parcelled out the world. The Standard prevails in U.S. and most of the American continent, while British Shell dominates in Dutch East Indies, Egypt, India and Roumania. Also international monopolies are formed one against the other—American Oil against British Oil.

Again in 1939, just one week before Hitler's fascist hordes marched into Prague, Sir Oliver Stanley (British Board of Trade), and Hudson (Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade) went to Germany for conversations about an industrial agreement, which could have been aimed at only one country—U.S.A. At the same time French and German Steel Trusts formed an agreement which was aimed at breaking the power of British industrialists.

The final feature was the completion of the territorial division of the world among the few great powers.

In the 25 years ending 1900 both Africa and Polynesia, the remaining two countries were divided up as colonies. Prior to this time only 10.8 per cent of Africa had been so controlled, but in this 25 years the percentage had increased to 90 per cent, and in Polynesia the increase was from 56 to 99 per cent. This meant not only the final partition of these two places, but also the final partition of the world, so that only repartition or division was possible for the future, and this can be brought about only by war, for the voluntary surrender of colonies means giving up voluntarily vast profits by the capitalists concerned, and to expect any capitalist to make this sacrifice is a pipe dream.

From 1913-1929 production in various countries rose as under:—Japan 197 per cent, U.S.A. 70, Italy 70, France 38, and Germany 13.

While in England production declined 1 per cent, so that we see that the existing territorial boundaries, through the creation of trade and tariff restrictions (with consequent stifling of capitalist expansion) becomes more and more impossible, and thus war is inevitable.—Yours, etc.,

LEO FUNK.

COMFORTS FUND

Shorter Socks for Soldiers

New measurements are to be introduced so that one ounce of wool can be saved on every two pairs of socks for men of the fighting forces.

The 16-inch socks at present being made required 4 ounces of wool per pair, and a reduction in the length of the ribbed welt, and in the leg, will save time and conserve wool.

The measure was proposed by the N.S.W. Division of the Australian Comforts Fund, at the recent conference in Sydney. A suggestion by the Victorian delegation that socks should be made to reach only two inches above the boot was regarded as too extreme.

The Queensland representatives at the conference were the Lord Mayor (Ald. Chandler), the chairman of the A.C.F. (Mr. J. W. Fletcher), and the hon. secretary (Miss W. Brennan).

GLADSTONE GIRLS

HELP THE MEN WHO FLY

Unit To Visit Gladstone

It is announced that the W.A.A.A.F. is to be given the chance to do work on aircraft. In the picture on this page of a Queensland R.A.A.F. station an aircraftswoman is being given a working "try-out."

"It was grand," she says. "It's a great thrill to be in a hangar where real work of this nature is being done and to feel that you are playing a vital part in the nation's war effort.

"Lots of girls think that they would not like to live in barracks. But once you have you would not like to live out. It is all comfortable, and you feel part of the show."

Gladstone girls will be given the opportunity to join the W.A.A.A.F. when Section Officer Lilias Dow, the W.A.A.A.F. recruiting officer, arrives here on Thursday, February 18, and departs on Monday, February 22, and can be interviewed at the Grand Hotel buildings.

A special appeal is being made for girls to join or train as clerks, stenographers, typists, cooks and trainee cooks, dental orderlies, sick quarter attendants, teleprinter and telephone operators and drill instructresses.

"The W.A.A.A.F. will welcome skilled or unskilled," says Section Officer Dow. "All we ask is for them to join up while freedom of action still remains. This is the nation's fight, and everyone must be in it until victory is won."

SAVING MOTOR SPIRIT

Permits for Gas Units

All car and truck owners receiving more than ten gallons of petrol a month may now obtain permits to fit producer gas units.

This has been announced by the Assistant Minister for Supply and Shipping (Senator Fraser).

All applications, he said, would be dealt with by State Liquid Fuel Control Boards. The object was to make further savings in motor spirit.

In widening the field of fitment the Government emphasised that in addition to saving petrol it was essential for every user to conserve tyres to the utmost, and thus save rubber, the shortage of which was one of the United Nations' gravest problems.

Owners who fitted gas producer units should keep their running down to the absolute minimum, because there could be no guarantee regarding replacement of tyres.

AIR RAID SHELTERS.

Toowoomba City Council received from the Civil Defence Organisation a reply to the council's offer to pay a quarter of the cost of air raid shelters built in Toowoomba. The letter stated that Federal assistance had been limited to £156,000, and this had been expended, consequently the cost of shelters in Toowoomba had to be borne equally by the State and the local authority. Ald. A. A. Griffiths said the letter did not state where or how the Federal money had been spent. The council decided to forward a statement of its civil defence expenditure.

JOIN THE W.A.A.A.F. ... GIRLS TRY OUT ON AN AEROPLANE.

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY

SUBSIDY BASIS

Statement by Mr. Williams

"While the price increases of 3½d per lb for butter and 2d per lb. for cheese were recommended by the Export Committee appointed by the Federal Government, it must, in fairness, be emphasised that these figures, in their opinion, provided for award rates and conditions in the dairying industry," said Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., in commenting on a press statement of the committee's report.

"Actually there is no such award operating in this State, and in the absence of the full text of the committee's report I am not aware of the wage basis on which this was calculated. However, apart from these factors, I have never been favourably disposed to the subsidy basis for price increases to the industry, notwithstanding the many reasons which have been advanced in its support.

"The industry in this State to-day is dependent upon the child and female labour that has replaced the man power, which has either left or been taken from the industry.

"Any price increase suggested should, in the first place, be based on the increased costs of farm operation and living. Whether the committee provided a figure in its report I do not know, but from Queensland's point of view this figure is of very material concern, and probably of greater moment than the figures quoted.

"I can see no reason why the dairying industry should be singled out and denied an adjustment of prices based on the increased cost of living."

DAIRY ENGINEERING SURVEY.

The need for the conservation of refrigerating materials and fuels in the dairying industry was never greater, said the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. T. L. Williams).

"In order to provide for the most efficient utilisation of refrigerants and fuels, I have arranged for the conduct of a survey of dairy plants by a chemical engineer attached to the dairy research laboratory staff.

"I feel sure that dairy directorates and managements will appreciate this move and will extend every assistance to the department in its endeavour to provide a further service to the industry in these difficult times.

"The maintenance of low temperatures to effectively treat dairy products means costly refrigeration, and anything that can be done to render refrigeration more effective, to reduce costs, and to conserve refrigerating materials, should be done.

The same applies with equal force to the power or heat requirements in butter and cheese production. Not only must the source of power be conserved, but also its distribution and utilisation along the most efficient lines.

"While these are the major matters of immediate importance," said Mr. Williams, "it is hoped that these activities will in the future be extended to cover all factors relating to dairy engineering efficiency."

BOWLING

DISTRICT SINGLES

Dennis Defeats Wilson

Interest at the week-end centred in the district singles, some very keen games being played. G. G. Dennis had a good win over the championship runner-up, G. E. Wilson, the margin being 31 to 22.

Joe Hogan put paid to the account of Lionel Johnston, and ran out a comfortable winner 30 to 15.

Jack Comino showed a glimpse of his old form by beating the 1942 title holder Alan Sly. There was never any doubt about the result, the final scores being 31-17.

Arthur Greasley defeated Peter Duff 33-21 after an interesting game.

Other matches resulted:—

Joyner-Loveday v. Drewe-Johnston 19-18.

Dr. Friend, Browne, Dennis, P. Friend v. Ferris, Smith, Hickey, Golding 21-30.

A. Friend, Griffen, Archay, Matthews v. Schmidt, Sionee, Weiske, Wilson 30-18.

McPherson, Menzies, Jenkinson, Busteed v. Henery, Newey, Chapman, Humphries 25-24.

Browne, Chapman, Busteed v. Seaton, Drewe, P. Friend 28-20.

Joyner, Busteed, Jenkinson, Loveday v. Ferris, Smith, Blake, S. Wilson 47-10.

HOSPITAL FINANCE

COMPULSORY PLAN

Payment During Health

Suggestions for a compulsory contributory medical plan, with payment made during health, to solve the problems of hospital maintenance, have been made.

The sponsor of the plan was the Superintendent of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney (Dr. A. B. Lilley), who gave evidence before the Parliamentary Social Services Committee.

All hospitals, he said, should be brought into such a plan, and it should be run by an aggregation of hospitals. He envisaged a plan which would cost no more, in most cases, than the price of a newspaper a day.

This, said Dr. Lilley, would meet the essential needs of hospital services, enable patients to avoid debt because of sickness, and retain their self-respect, yield an income to hospitals, preserve the independent practice of medicine, enable doctors to collect fees more readily, and lessen the financial burden of sickness.

LIVING AND DYING

"Costs Too Much"

It costs too much to be born, too much to aspire to normal health, and too much to die," the Superintendent of the Canberra Community Hospital (Dr. L. W. Nott) said in evidence before the Parliamentary Social Security Committee.

Under the present system, he added, sickness always meant an embarrassing charity or a financial tragedy, too often the forerunner of domestic discord and unhappiness.

Dr. Nott urged nationalisation of medicine as an imperative part of a social reconstruction plan. The country, he said, should be zoned on a basis, having an absolute relation to sickness hazards and density of population. Under the present hospital system there was an inequitable distribution of medical and specialist services.

The Secretary of the Hospital Commission of N.S.W. (Mr. H. R. Digby) said that there was a serious shortage of public and many types of special hospital accommodation in New South Wales. The closing of private hospitals, because of staff and equipment difficulties, was increasing the burden on public hospitals.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES PATIENTS.

The Health Inspector (Mr. V. R. Warneminde) reported to the Bungil Shire Council that the Joint Health Board had approved of an agreement providing for treatment for infectious diseases patients to be paid for by the local authority in whose area the patient was a resident, and not the authority in whose area the disease was diagnosed.

1943 COTTON CROP

DEPEND ON WOMEN

Land Army Camps

As harvesting of the 1943 cotton crop will largely depend on the Women's Land Army, the Cotton Board is asking its members to indicate the amount of labour required, and to suggest location of Land Army camps.

The Board's general manager (Mr. Young) said that members of the Land Army did excellent work in harvesting the cotton in the Lower Burdekin Valley in the latter part of 1942.

This year it was proposed to establish camps in available buildings in towns or to set up tent camps at convenient sites adjacent to cotton areas. These would each consist of 30 or more members of the Land Army.

The camps would be in charge of responsible officers. Members of the Land Army would have to be transported from camps to cotton fields and returned each day. Provision would also have to be made for a supply of water and food commodities.

An alternative scheme to the establishment of central camps was the billeting of Land Army members in growers' homes. So far, however, indications were that not many growers could do this, as accommodation was not generally available.

The women would harvest cotton under the ordinary award rate of pay, and where located at central camps growers would have to pay 6d per 100 lbs. in lieu of accommodation.

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1.35—Overseas News
1.45—State News
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7.08—Overseas News.
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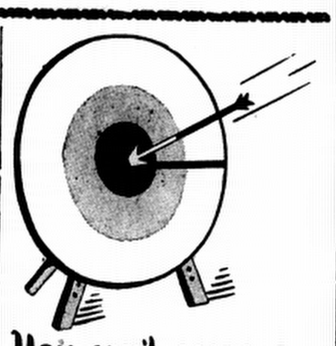

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In this connection the requirements of day nurseries, creches and industrial first aid or ambulance stations will not be overlooked.

A pupil nurse is definied as a female who has completed her professional period and is still continuing, but has not completed her period of training at a hospital officially recognised as a training centre for nurses.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
13	4.06	4.14	10.43	11.39
14	5.20	5.30	11.41	11.34
15	6.26	6.38	—	12.45
16	7.19	7.31	12.29	1.39
17	8.02	8.16	1.18	2.25
18	8.40	8.56	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	—	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	9.54	10.02

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Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

MARCH.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	4.33	4.48	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	—	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	5.34	6.02
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13	2.15	2.29	8.57	8.54
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15	4.26	4.57	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	—	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	—	1.50
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25	11.34	—	5.41	5.49
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27	12.46	12.56	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	8.32	8.21
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Discussing lend-lease arrangements between America and Australia, Dr. E. R. Walker, chief economic adviser to the Department of War Organisation of Industry, points out that, although specialised machines and materials such as tinplate, cotton, motor vehicles, petrol and lubricating oil sent us by America had greatly assisted our war production, we have been able to provide American forces in this part of the world with large supplies of foodstuffs. Thereby America has been enabled to fill her ships with fighting equipment instead of having to reserve space for food and similar stores.

REVERSE LEND-LEASE.

When American troops began to reach Australia, the Commonwealth Government advised the American Government that we would be happy to provide goods that America needed under reverse lend-lease. Subsequently a mutual aid agreement, similar to that then existing between America and Britain, was made between America and Australia.

Direction in which Australia has been able to aid America are many and diverse. We have been able to help her navy in many practical ways. In addition to other forms of assistance, we provide under lend-lease all port charges and stevedoring for her navy transports and other ships under American Government control. Australia has also developed a large ship repairing industry.

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The whole of the transportation of American forces and stores in Australia by land, sea and air is provided under lend-lease. The same applies to telephones and telegraphs.

Portion of our manufacturing equipment has been adjusted to supply certain types of munitions to American specifications, and among other equipment manufactured locally supplied to the American forces are motor tyres and uniforms.

As Dr. Walker mentions, the money value of American lend-lease aid to us is still well ahead of that of ours to America, but it shows this country is not merely on the receiving end of the lend-lease line.

Admittedly Australia has important reasons for striving to assist America in this way. There would be no sense in wasting much valuable space in bringing here things that can be supplied locally, and the vital desire of Australia is for more of the equipment needed to push on to Tokio.

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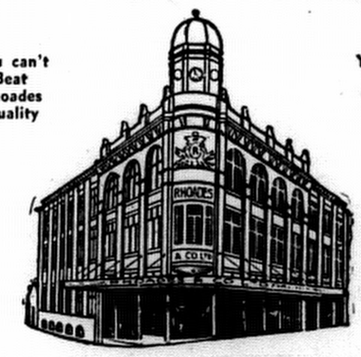

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Electric Static Air Cleaner

Recently an operation was held up in Bourke for three days because the operating theatre could not be kept clean during a raging storm of red dust. Tanks have been choked to a standstill in a few hundred yards in dust storms sweeping across the Egyptian desert.

Both these conditions could be overcome by the installation of his electro-static air cleaner, claims Mr. Leo Parer, of Sydney, who has been working on the cleaner for the past six months at the request of the Army, who have already tested it successfully in Melbourne.

"The principle of the cleaner is well known, explained Mr. Parer, "but this is the first time it has been applied to cleaning air for vehicles.

The Board of Health have also inspected the apparatus, which will cleanse the air of all germs (hence its value in operating theatres) and all smoke from smoke stacks.

There is no doubt that some time in the future all smoke stacks will have to be fitted with an electro-static cleaner, but it takes a generation for a new idea to sink in, though war conditions speed up their acceptance in some cases."

The cleaner, which embodies magnetised wire screens and glass plates, magnetises all matter in the air—including gasses—and these particles are attracted to the glass plates, where they form a deposit. There is no restriction of air flow with this electrostatic cleaner, which could be adapted for many purposes, including the cleaning of gas producers.

With tungsten ores so vital to Australian and Allied production of hard steel, it is interesting to recall that it was Leo Parer's father who discovered one of the principal scheelite mines on King Island. This little island, lying between Tasmania and the Australian mainland, is notorious for the 40 wrecks strewn along its coast by south-west gales. Here Leo Parer and his eight brothers and sisters spent their childhood.

The Parer scheelite mine was first developed during the last war, and now contributes towards making King Island one of Australia's principal sources of this ore, which between 1932 and 1937 rose in value from £3 to £16 per cwt.

Tungsten makes the hardest steel known, and without our extensive ore deposits (sheelite and wolfram) neither our own steelworks at Newcastle nor a number of steelworks in the States would be able to manufacture the high speed steels for the manufacture of machine cutting tools.

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FAMOUS "Q" SHIPS

Story of a Spry

One of the most exciting stories of the last war was that of the famous "Q" ships. Britain's answer to the submarine menace.

As in this war, Germany hoped to starve Britain into submission by the large scale use of submarines that hunted merchant ships with concentrated and relentless ferocity.

Week artef week the toll of shipping losses mounted with steady rapidity, while in Britain food became more and more scarce.

To say that the authorities in London were worried is an under statement; the situation bordered perilously upon a national calamity of the greatest magnitude.

Food rations got smaller as queues stretched longer along the shopping streets. England was definitely being starved.

Then the Admiralty evolved its "mystery ships." Heavily armed vessels disguised as harmless merchant ships patrolled the sea lanes inviting attack.

Nobody nkew of them except a few high officials and the men who prepared and manned them. It was one of the closest secrets of the war.

Then one day a letter found its way into the censor's office in London. It was written by a girl who lived in a certain coastal town.

In her letter she wrote that she was extremely happy because her fiancee was now working in the same town. She went on to say that he was engaged in some very secret work concerned with the arming of some special ships. She didn't know much about it, as the whole matter was one of extra special secrecy.

Now, the man who dealt with this letter in the censor's office was a spy, and a very clever one, otherwise he could never have wormed his way into the service of the government.

He realised the importance of the clues contained in the letter, and decided to follow them up without delay. The first thing he did was to pay a visit to the girl and point out to her, in his official capacity as a censor that she had committed a grave breach of the Security Regulations and had endangered many lives besides upsetting the carefully laid plans of the government.

Naturally, the girl was extremely distressed and an easy subject for further interrogation by the spy in his guise of censor. She told him all she knew, and so opened up further avenues of investigation for him, and it was not long before the secret of the "Q" ships was laid on the table in Berlin.

From then on no submarines came within gun-fire range of their victims until the ships were sunk. The British answer to the U-boat menace was negatived within a few weeks, and the power of Germany strengthened by uncinsidered gossip.

The story is true, and its moral applies equally to-day as then. It is not altogether a chance or isolated incident.

Idle chatter continues to be dangerous to the nation and to the fighting men.

There have been many examples in this war, but the time is not opportune to publish them. Nevertheless, the danger is real and ever present. They can be real waknsses. Don't let your weakness give strength to the enemy.

LEASE-LEND HELP

Position of Australia

Though most publicity regarding the lend-lease arrangement between the United States and other members of the United Nations has covered America's end of the bargain, Americans themselves are the first to acknowledge that they have received considerable aid as well as giving it.

In a list recently published in the States, some British services to the United States are mentioned as including the supply of corvettes and crews for anti-submarine work in American waters; transport ships for United States troops; repairs for warships and the merchant navy; fighter planes and aerodromes for the planes to use; barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns for the American coastline, military inventions, tools, and even "a complete factory or two."

America herself announced recently that the Douglas Oil Refinery in Los Angeles would be shipped to Russia, as well as a Ford tyre plant, and a power plant.

Australia has not yet shifted any of her factories bodily, but she has exchanged data on inventions and technical investigations and experiments. Tungsten ores are now exported from Australia to the States.

The B.H.P. works in Newcastle are manufacturing tungsten carbide products for the first time in Australia's history, but the United States returns refined Australian tungsten to Australia for radio valve making, as the small amount needed—only a few hundred pounds annually—is not sufficient to justify the establishment of special refineries. The same system of import and export applies to tantalite (returned as tantalum), and molybdenite (returned as molybdenum). All three of these metals are most expensive, and are returned to Australia mostly in radio work in the form of parts, rods, and wire.

"Lease-lend help which U.S.A. is giving Australia is considerable," said the Minister for Supply and shipping (Mr. Beasley) last week, "and I know that United States representatives in Australia appreciate our efforts to advance the common cause. Australia is pooling her resources in munition production and food production, and though greater size, more manpower and more bountiful resources have weighted the lend-lease agreement in America's favour, the lending and leasing has not by any means been all one way."

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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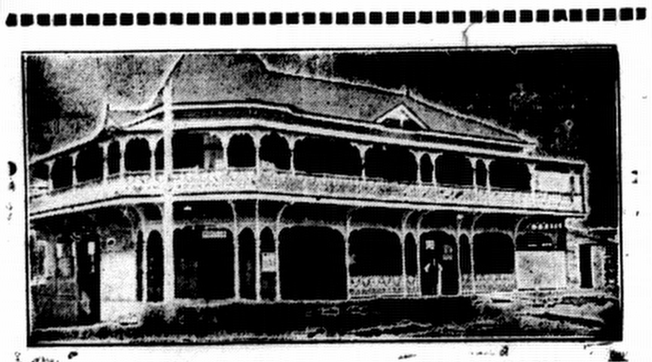

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CURRENT TOPICS

COMMUNITY CONCERT.

A community concert in aid of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund will be held in the Town Hall on Sunday, February 21, commencing at 8.45 p.m. An excellent programme has been arranged, and the admission charge is the modest shilling. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

ACCIDENT.

On Monday afternoon Arnold and Bernard Wolff, twin brothers, aged 5 years respectively, and sons of Mr. Arnold Wolff, were struck by a motor car driven by Mr. Jack Calligeros, of Gladstone, opposite the Town Hall. Bernard sustained serious injuries, a gash on the head, a broken thigh, shock and concussion. The injuries received by Arnold were not serious. The children have been living with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bern Wolff, Glenlyon Street.

FARMERS MAY HELP EACH OTHER.

A spirit of co-operation, of mutual help, has developed among farmers to a remarkable degree, but there are still many farmers who hesitate to undertake work outside their own farms because they fear that this may lead to cancellation of the exemption from call-up they now have because they are engaged in rural industry. The Director General of Manpower (Mr. Wurth) emphasises that there is no manpower objection to farmers engaging in other seasonal work. The attitude of the directorate is quite the opposite. Co-operation between farmers is encouraged to the highest degree, and farmers when not occupied on their own farms may engage in any form of seasonal rural industry, or may work in any seasonal secondary industry, as, for example, canning factories, meat works, and so on, without forfeiting their exemption from call-up.

MISSING MAN FOUND

IN TARGINNIE BAY

Lived on Small Fish

Samuel Walker, a coloured man, and a native of Jamaica, aged 74 years, who had been missing from his farm on the Calliope River for over a week, was found on Monday evening by Constable Holley and Mr. Whatcott sitting in his rowing boat in a weak condition at Friends Point in Targinnie Bay.

Walker told Constable Holley he had been living on small fish that he had caught.

Last week Walker was rowing towards Gladstone, when the prevailing high wind and heavy seas carried his boat to Curtis Island, where he received food from Mrs. Byrne, who has a farm on the island.

Subsequently Walker again left for Gladstone in the face of exceptionally strong winds and rough seas, but, as was to be expected, made no progress against the elements, and was eventually discovered in Targinnie Bay as stated above.

Walker was conveyed to Gladstone and transported by the Ambulance to the General Hospital, where he is a patient at present, and his condition is satisfactory.

Walker is well known in Gladstone as a hawker of fruit and vegetables.

OBITUARY

MR. E. J. LAWRENCE.

A grand old man in the person of Mr. Edward J. (Ted) Lawrence passed away in Brisbane last week at the age of 90.

Deceased, who resided in Gladstone for many years, was well and favourably known as a member of the clerical staff of the old Gladstone Meat Works Company. He retired when the Meat Works was taken over by the present owners, and went to Brisbane to reside.

The late Mr. Lawrence was born in England, and for a period followed a seafaring life, visiting many parts of the world before finally settling in Gladstone. He had enjoyed good health until the past five months, which he had spent in a Brisbane Hospital.

Deceased leaves a widow and grown-up family of two sons and two daughters.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

NO FINALITY REACHED

Interesting and Puzzling Situation

A special meeting of the Council was held on Friday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

The business of the meeting was to discuss with Engineer Fenwick matters appertaining to the Boyne River water scheme.

"COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES URGED."

A letter from the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) was read to the effect that on February 8 he had urged on the Commonwealth authorities to grant an even higher priority for the Gladstone water supply scheme in order to further the proposal. He promised to support this application in person when in Canberra.

A "B" PRIORITY.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Kemp (Deputy Director-General of Allied Works) to support him in the request that the water scheme in question be placed in an "A2" priority in place of the "B" priority, the "A1" priority being what is known as . . . . (words deleted here means important national undertakings).

Mr. Williams passed this information on to the Council so that further action might be taken to secure an early commencement of the job.

INTERESTING AND PUZZLING.

In view of the foregoing, it is interesting to note but decidedly puzzling to the ratepayers that the Army Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde) forwarded a telegram to the Council in which he stated that he had interviews in Brisbane with the Premier (Mr. Cooper), the Minister for Agriculture, and Mr. Kemp, Co-ordinator General of Works, and went on to say that he had since made representations to the Defence Committee in Melbourne that the work be given an "A1" priority.

In face of the latest information received from Mr. Williams it would appear that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) has not been successful in securing an "A1" priority for Gladstone's important water scheme, but talk is still going on among the politicians about handing out a "B" priority.

LIKE A FOOTBALL.

Where is this all leading to, and when will finality be reached?

The ratepayers of Gladstone are just like a football, being kicked all over the field.

Of course, this is nothing new for Gladstone.

All Gladstone wants is an "A1" priority, as asked for by Mr. Forde, so that the Boyne water scheme can be started in the national interests and completed at the earliest possible date, and not overlooking the fact that the citizens of Gladstone should not be called on to bear the extra cost of the scheme brought about by the war.

A resolution to this effect was moved and carried at a special meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, February 2, and forwarded to Mr. Forde, but up to the present no reply has been received.

The people of Gladstone are indeed a patient people.

In the meantime, however, a beneficent Providence has blessed the people of Gladstone.

TRACTOR.

On the motion of Ald. Tudman, seconded by Ald. Smith, it was resolved to make application to the Allied Works Council for the release of a tractor from Coney Island, or from other sources, for the carrying out of the excavation.—Carried

COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.

Moved by Alderman Golding, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the scheme be proceeded with immediately, and that Mr. Tait make application to the Manpower Officer for the necessary labour.—Carried.

STORAGE SHED.

Moved by Alderman Golding, seconded by Alderman Busteed, that a storage shed be erected, and that Engineer Fenwick be authorised to place an order for cement.

"BLACK LABOUR" MARKET.

The N.S.W. Director of Manpower (Mr. Bellemore) has issued a warning against employers who were operating on the "black labour" market. He said many employers were still engaging labour other than through the National Service Office. This was in direct conflict with National Security Regulations, and could not be permitted.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

SUCCESSFUL PADDY'S MARKET

Total Receipts £38/10/9

The monthly Paddy's market, held at the Red Cross hut, proved very successful, the total receipts being £38/10/9. The convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and committee wish to thank all generous donors in town and country who assisted. The ham (donated by Messrs. Swift (Pty.) Ltd. was won by Miss Mary Pitt, Off Lane, with ticket No. 71.

CASH DONATIONS.

The following contributed cash donations:—

Mr. and Mrs. Lebatt £1/1/-, Mrs. F. Menzies £1/1/-, Miss E. Stirrat £1/1/-, Mr. K. Ballantine £1, Mrs. A. V. Worthington 13/- (sale of dragons), Mrs. Geo. Phillips 12/6 (sale of eggs), Mrs. Broughton 10/6, Mrs. E. J. Masterson 10/-, Mrs. Frazer 10/-, Mrs. Wyatt 10/-, Mrs. H. Hall 5/-, Mrs. McEwen 5/-, Mrs. A. Mann 5/-, Mrs. Hallam 5/-, Mrs. R. Hunter 3/-.

Fruit: L. Johnstone (Yarwun), Mr. J. Hoddinott two cases bananas, Mr. J. Comino 5 cases plums, Mrs. W. Chapman 2 melons, Mr. C. T. Mann melon and seville oranges.

Vegetables: Mrs. Dick Wilson cucumbers and marrows, Mrs. Easterby lettuce, Mrs. Walters lettuce, Mr. Coase capsicums, Mrs. Merritt marrows, Mrs. R. Liddicoat cucumbers.

Plants: Collection from Mrs. Harbottle.

Sweets: Collection from Mrs. Chas. Barker and 10/- (sale of sweets during month), Mrs. Hando.

Eggs: Mrs. Rudd Webb, Miss Hadgraft, Mrs. J. Simpson (Benaraby).

Flowers: Mrs. Easterby, Mr. F. Stitt, Mrs. J. Worthington, Mrs. P. A. Friend, Mrs. Hando, Mrs. Parsloe, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. R. Liddicoat.

Jam: Collection of jam and chutney from Mrs. W. T. Clark, Mrs. H. Hall, Mrs. Golding, Mrs. Bennedict, Mrs. L. Johnstone, and Mrs. A. Friend.

Cakes: Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Connellan, Mrs. G. Wilson, Mrs. S. Geddes, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hando, Mrs. Ladner, Mrs. W. Golding, Miss Hadgraft, Mrs. J. Simpson (Barmundu), Mrs. C. Dahl, Mrs. Yum, Mrs. P. A. Friend, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. Farnsworth, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Gillian, Mrs. J. Jordan, Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. T. Leach, and Mrs. A. Friend.

Mrs. Mackay 12lbs. sugar, Mrs. Elliott tin coffee, Mrs. Schneider tin of cocoa, Galloway Plains jar of cream, Mr. Sam Waddell wood.

During the month the following ladies sold jam they had made:—Mrs. Hall, Mrs. L. Johnstone, Mrs. Bennedict, Clark, Golding, and A. Friend.

Donations of fruit or sugar to any of the above would be much appreciated, also wood for jam and sweet making.

Next Paddy's market will be held on March 12, when a handsome shopping bag (donated by Mrs. W. McDonald) will be raffled. It is now displayed in Friends (Pty.) Ltd. window.

FIGHTING SERVICES

73 Per Cent Volunteers

Amplifying his statement to Parliament the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) said that 73 per cent of the A1 men in all fighting services—the A.I.F., C.M.F., R.A.N. and R.A.A.F.—had volunteered and been accepted for service in any part of the world.

Mr. Forde was clearing up misunderstanding of his statement, which was due, he suggested, to doubts about the definition of physically fit men in the services.

He added that 23 per cent of the Militia would not be used overseas because they were medically unfit for combatant service.

Further explaining his figures, Mr. Forde said that men, in the C.M.F. between 18 and 19 were not eligible to join the A.I.F., and even in the militia men of this age were not to be sent out of Australia. An Army order to this effect was issued some time ago.

The percentage of class A1 men in the Air Force and Navy was higher than in the Army.

Although a number of cases of scurvy, several of them fatal, have occurred in New South Wales, no similar cases have been reported in Queensland. The disease is caused by a deficiency of vitamin C in the diet.

GLADSTONE DISTRICT

ORGANISING AGRICULTURE

Formation of Committees

In accordance with arrangements made with the Commonwealth Government action has been taken to set up war agricultural committees in Queensland. Up to the present time 37 district war agricultural committees have been formed in Queensland.

The scheme of war agricultural committees is to be administered by the State Departments of Agriculture, and is to consist of district committees and local sub-committees. The district war agricultural committees, to which the local sub-committees will be advisory, are to consist of three persons, including an officer of the Department of Agriculture and Stock (or other State department) as chairman, with a representative of the rural industries and an urban representative.

The purpose of the scheme will be broadly to assist in the decentralising of wartime administration of agricultural interests. The district war agricultural committees may be called upon to make recommendations in regard to manpower matters, such as: Call-ups by the Army, the Civil Construction Corps, exemption from service, etc., to organise the available labour in the district for the purpose of ploughing or harvesting of crops, to organise full use of agricultural machinery, such as tractors, ploughs, harvesting implements, etc., and their co-operative use by farmers in local areas; to advise in regard to the utilisation in agriculture of women, both women of the district and members of the Women's Land Army.

It would be the duty of the district committees to take such steps as may be necessary for the accommodation, employment and transport of women in their respective districts. The committee may also be required to advise and assist in many other matters, including compilation of a rural seasonal worker's register in the district, and the making of a general survey of available labour and mechanical labour-saving appliances, as well as other questions, including such matters as supplies of spare parts, and tyres for motor cars, spare parts and repairs for implements, allocation of supplies of wire and wire netting.

While power now exists under National Security Regulations for the requisitioning of agricultural machinery, it is not the wish of the Commonwealth Government to use this power, as it is thought that farmers will co-operate between themselves.

This co-operation and full use of available agricultural machinery and implements is most necessary to overcome the labour shortage and assist in reaching the food production goals set by the Commonwealth Government.

The Gladstone District War Agricultural Committee consists of Mr. P. McCallum (chairman), Mr. S. C. Wilson (urban representative), and Mr. E. Liddell (rural representative).

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

REPLY TO MR. FUNK.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Funk's letter on "Imperialism," especially the portion referring to "monopolies."

It seems to me to be rather rash to assume that all collection of private capital is undesirable.

It must be remembered that all our great industrial enterprises have come into being as the direct result of the enterprise of discerning men, who individually would not have been able to cope with the vastness of some of their projects, and therefore took the only feasible course of combining capital into a group, capable of carrying these schemes through to the stage of successful production, incidentally employing thousands of workers, both directly and indirectly.

Remove these capitalists, and who will take their place? The "State," you answer. Very well then, how will the "State" obtain the finance to float these vast schemes?

You have gone far, Mr. Funk, but not far enough.

An explanation of these points will be interesting, and yes, even necessary if your ideas of imperialism are to be carried to a conclusion.—Yours, etc.,

"SUCKER."

B.V. PATRIOTIC FUND

ANNUAL MEETING

President, Mrs. W. E. Muspratt

At the annual meeting of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund the President (Mrs. W. E. Muspratt) submitted the following report of the year's work.

ANNUAL REPORT.

I have much pleasure in presenting my report for the 12 months just closed. Our activities throughout the year have not been on a very large scale, for as you know, mostly our boys were returned to Australia, and are still on home service, which reduced our monthly canteen orders considerably, so we were able to maintain our financial position with just a few dances.

DETERMINED EFFORT.

I feel sure we will have to make a very determined effort in the coming year to augment our funds, as we have committed ourselves to assist as much as possible with the Prisoners of War Fund, besides the possibility of the A.M.F. becoming eligible for our patronage.

ENLISTMENT ROLL.

We now have 60 names on our enlistment roll. Formerly we presented each with a small gift when on final leave, but latterly we have posted these parcels to them as they were accepted for the services.

MISSING BOYS.

It is with regret I record that we have four boys missing in the Malayan campaign, and no news has been released regarding them. Two more were wounded. One has since returned to duty, and we have not heard of the other, but we trust he is well again. Two more have been on the sick list for some time, one eventually being discharged and the other is still receiving treatment. Quite recently we received word that another is reported missing.

To all these families we offer our sincere sympathy, and hope all will receive good news soon.

THANKS EXPRESSED.

It is most gratifying to receive so many letters from our boys, expressing their thanks for our efforts in keeping them supplied with canteen orders whilst on active service, and we trust to be able to keep up this good work, and to do this we must have your wholehearted support and do as Mr. Curtin said: "Give, give, give until it hurts, not merely with money, but with your time and energy—it counts as well."

GOODWILL TO ALL.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my office-bearers, committee, the musicians, and all who have helped in any way through the year, and may the coming year bring peace and goodwill to all.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Since our meeting we have had word of two of our boys having been killed in action. This is indeed very sad news to us all, and to their dear ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The report was adopted.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Treasurer (Mr. E. H. C. Steel) submitted the following balance sheet for the year 1942:—

Receipts, balance 1st July, £340/17/1, donations £19/18/6, memberships £1/14/-, proceeds of dance £81/9/11, total £443/19/6.

Expenditure, change £10/-/-, petty cash £1, hall rental £8/8/-, dance expenses £3/2/5, materials £24/5/9, canteen orders £29/8/1, war savings certificate £100, presentation account £2/2/-, total £178/6/3, credit balance £265/13/3.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted:—

President, Mrs. W. E. Muspratt; vice-president, Mrs. V. A. Macartney; treasurer, Mr. E. H. C. Steel; secretary, Miss D. Muspratt; auditor, Mr. V. A. Macartney; committee, Mesdames M. Russell, H. C. Dougall, A. R. Wagner, J. A. Wedge, W. Streeter, A. Stapleton, F. G. Clarke, and Miss J. Davies, Messrs. J. J. Wengert, W. West, E. Steel, J. Drynan, R. Waite, J. Broadfoot, H. M. and W. E. Muspratt, H. Duckham, R. Bailey, W. Harman.

The following members were added to the committee:—Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. V. Johns, Mr. V. L. C. Clarke, and Mr. N. Stevenson.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

COMFORTS FUND

CALLIOPE BRANCH

Xmas Hampers Appreciated

To make Christmas happier for the boys at the front the Calliope branch of the Australian Comforts Fund sent 10/- and cake to each recruit from the Calliope district. Boys from other districts also participated in the Christmas cheer sent, as the following appreciative letters addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the branch testify:

"New Guinea, 23rd Dec., 1942.

"I am writing to thank you for the Christmas hamper, which I received a couple of days ago, and to tell you how much it was appreciated. Up here we don't get very many comforts, and believe me those we do get are very much appreciated. It will make Christmas a little more like Christmas too. That is, if there is any of the hamper left by then.

"Most of us, I think, have been sampling the contents, but nearly everyone is keeping something to have a beano on our Christmas day. Tobacco and cigarettes are our greatest need up here, as the only times we get any are the Comforts Fund issue, there being no canteen. Sometimes we get some in parcels from home, but apparently smokes are nearly as hard to get down south as they are here.

"If I might make a suggestion, chocolate would be a more suitable item than caramels in this climate, as caramel usually melts, and in most cases has to be licked off the wrapping, whereas the solid block of chocolate does not seem to melt at all if suitably packed.

"Personally I'm afraid I don't know where Calliope is, but I presume it is somewhere in Queensland. I come from the far north-west of N.S. Wales myself. But, anyway, thank you again very much for helping to make our Christmas a little brighter, and hoping that by next Christmas this show will all be over, yours sincerely, Sergt. V. J. Williamson, N.X. 49423.

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"New Guinea, 24th Dec., 1942.

"This is to thank you most sincerely for the A.C.F. Xmas hampers that have come to our hands up here in these mountainous regions. I can assure you that the contents are just some of the things badly needed by the troops. I might point out two things that are ever in demand, and they are tobacco and chocolate. Toffee is quite nice, but not suitable for this climate, which is hot and humid. However, the hamper is greatly appreciated, and I offer my thanks for the trouble your branch has taken to make our existence here a little more pleasant.—Yours sincerely, Cpl. S. F. Burns, N.G. 2331.

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"New Guinea, Dec. 27, 1942.

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation and extend my many thanks to yourself and the members of your branch for the very fine Christmas parcel I was so fortunate to receive. If only you could witness the pleasure and great cheer your parcels bring to the troops I am sure you would all feel fully rewarded for your great work and sacrifices in providing comforts for the soldiers of Australia.

'I have fought on many fronts in this war, but none can compare with the ordeal of the New Guinea campaign. Our troops have proved themselves capable of overcoming the great difficulties of Nature, and also the 'yellow vermin' who at present are fully aware of the great fighting qualities of the Australian soldier.

"Once again I thank you, and extend my greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—Sincerely yours, Norman L. Fleay, lieut. colonel, W.X. 361.

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"Calliope, Nov. 13, 1942.

"Many thanks for your gift of cash and Xmas cake. I won't even try and guess where I will be on Xmas day, but I will try and keep your cake and enjoy it on that day. I'll be thinking of my many good friends at Calliope at Xmas time, and will write to you and thank you again then, after I have feasted on your good cooking. With best wishes, cheerio and good luck, Ted Ullman.

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"Airforce House, Australia.

"I would like to thank you very much for the 10/- postal note and the beautiful cake. I received both of them in good time for Xmas, and can well assure you they were much appreciated.—Yours faithfully, Bert McFarlane, No. 426957.

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"Cairns, Dec. 21, 1942.

"I have received your letter containing the postal note. It was very acceptable indeed, and may I say thank you very much. We have just had 15 inches of rain here, and the mosquitoes thrive very well in the pools, etc. They are particularly bad to-night. Xmas celebrations in Cairns will be quite a change from the spread I had last Xmas at a southern station, but it's all good experience. I will conclude now, wishing your branch every success in 1943.—Yours sincerely, Kevin Coase, 43887.

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"Many thanks for postal note, also cake, which arrived a few days ago. The cake did make it seem a bit more like Christmas. Anyway, the boys thought so, as we used to have a piece for morning tea. I would like to wish all members of the Calliope Comforts Fund the very best in the New Year.—Driver W. Bennedick.

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"I wish to thank you for the greetings and best wishes and the postal note and cake, which you were so kind to send me. I thank you.—Driver Potter.

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"Ballarat, Dec. 29, 1942.

"I hope you will excuse my taking so long to answer your note. I have been away from the unit for over six weeks, and returned only yesterday. Please convey my sincere thanks to the ladies of the Calliope branch for their kind wishes, and to yourself personally.

"Of all the chaps in the mess whom I know, I'm sure I was the only one who received Xmas greetings and a present from any branch like yours.

"It was also very nice to know that although I have been away from home for so long I was not forgotten by the old home town. I expect to be up home very soon, when I will be able to thank you personally. In the meantime, as I'm a bit late for Xmas, I wish the branch the success it deserves, and a prosperous New Year to all its members.—Gratefully yours, Jim Sidey, Sergt. 24781.

The following members of the forces received parcels and postal notes:—

T. and C. Dolan, V. and F. Barrett, Milner, Paton, F. Brown, H. McFarlane, W. McFarlane, Ullman, W. Ibbotson, L. Myine, C. Ibbotson, C. Wongung, L. Smith, D. Smith, D. Coase, B. Wilson, L. Wright, Bennedic, R. Aldous, C. Aldous, K. Archay, T. Turner, F. Koplick, C. Ferguson, J. Sidey, R. Rideout, Driver Potter, G. Bonnedick, A. Boys, J. Tims, J. Morn, W. Winkleman, and H. Albury.

BOYNE VALLEY

PATRIOTIC FUND

Dance and Donations

£67/11/6

A dance held in the Ubobo Hall in aid of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund on Saturday night, January 23, proved a great success. Excellent music was supplied by Mrs. H. C. Dougall and Mr. L. Pownall. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. R. H. Waite.

The main attraction of the night was a waltzing competition, the judges being Mesdames Beresford, N. Stevenson, and Kajewski. There were a goodly number of entrants in the competition.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Christie were judged the winners, and each received a handsome trophy.

Mrs. L. A. Pownall donated the ladies' prize for the waltzing competition, and the gents by Mrs. H. C. Dougall and Mrs. W. E. Muspratt.

The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Master Ron Christie and partner, the prizes being donated by Mrs. A. C. McLachlan.

The novelty waltz was won by Mr. Jim Kelly, the prize being donated by Mrs. C. N. Cannan.

A ham, which the committee raffled, was won by Miss M. Young.

The dance proceeds amounted to £23/12/6, and in addition the following donations were received:—

B.V. Sawmilling Co.	£10	10	0
W. V. Childs	10	0	0
S. C. Bull	5	0	0
J. S. Clewley	5	0	0
Cannan Bros.	1	1	0
H. C. Dougall	1	1	0
J. Drynan	1	0	0
R. Bailey	1	0	0
J. Callanan		10	0
J. Broadfoot		10	0
A. R. Wagner		10	0
M. S. Muspratt		10	0
Mr. and Mrs. T. Barram		10	0
Mrs. A. C. McLachlan		5	0
Mrs. C. A. Gray		5	0
Mrs. J. Vallis		3	0
Mrs. M. Sewell		2	0
Miss J. Davies		2	0
60 membership fees at 2/- per member	6	0	0

This made a grand total of £67/11/6 for this effort.

The Patriotic Fund intends to run a dance the Saturday nearest the full moon each month for the coming year.

W.A.A.A.F. UNIT

TO VISIT GLADSTONE

Recruits Wanted

Section Officer Lilias Dow, W.A.A.A.F. recruiting officer, will be in Gladstone next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

She is making a special visit to the district for recruits for the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Several thousand women and girls between the ages of 18 and 40 are required by the Royal Australian Air Force this year, and a strong appeal is made to Queensland.

"We have found the Queensland country girls particularly adaptable," says Section Officer Dow. "That is why we are looking for more and still more of them.

"New jobs within the Air Force are opening up to women, such as work on aircraft and in photography; but we need numbers of new recruits for Air Force messes, trainee telegraphists, cooks, and trainee cooks, dental orderlies, signal, pay, general and stores clerks, telephone operators, cypher assistants, office orderlies, sickquarter attendants, telephone operators, drill instructors, and transport drivers.

"No girl need feel that she couldn't do the job. There are fifty-three types of work for W.A.A.A.F. members, and among them there is something useful for all to do.

SECTION OFFICER LILIAS DOW

"There is a 'Rookie' course for all, just as there is for men, and when the girls come through it they are posted out to their stations. Every girl in the W.A.A.A.F. means that a man can be released for front line service. A girl joining the W.A.A.A.F. can therefore feel that she is doing a national job and palying a vital part national job and playing a vital part

Section Officer Dow will arrive in Gladstone on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the W.A.A.A.F. mobile recruiting unit. She will bring with her a 13½-minute film called "Airwomen," showing the life of the W.A.A.A.F. This will be screened at the Embassy Theatre on Friday, February 19.

Section Officer Dow's headquarters while in Gladstone will be at the Grand Hotel buildings.

With two assistants she will be ready to answer all questions and take names of prospective recruits to forward to headquarters.

Recruits will then be called to Brisbane for further interviews, and will return home to await the call-up. Cost of travel is provided by the R.A.A.F.

Arrangements have been made by the Gladstone R.A.A.F. Recruiting Committee for Section Officer Dow to address the audience at the Embassy and Town Hall on Saturday night, February 20.

Section Officer Dow will be in attendance at the R.A.A.F. offices, Grand Hotel buildings, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday next to receive and attend to all applicants who wish information and particulars of musterings for enlistment.

£3,000,000 IN TWO MONTHS.

"Defence money pouring into Queensland is not only providing a safeguard against invasion; it will prove a lasting asset when the Japanese have finally been defeated," said Senator J. S. Collings, Commonwealth Minister for the Interior and Leader of the Government in the Senate, in Canberra recently. Senator Collings said that in the space of eight weeks contracts totalling £700,000 had been let by his department, and approval had been granted for the expenditure of a further £2,400,000. The money was going into roads, aerodromes, military camps, and other vital defence works. Most of the work is being performed under the control of the Allied Works Council.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 19.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) would much appreciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on this date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

Before you strike a light remember the needs of the armed forces. The demand for matches is enormous, but the output is adequate for all, provided matches are used sparingly. Some of the chemicals used to make matches have to be shared with the munitions industry. So adopt the slogan: Fewer matches, more munitions.

RESCUE AND DEMOLITION SQUAD.

A MEETING of the Rescue and Demolition Squad will be held in the Basement of the Town Hall on Thursday Night, 18th inst., at 7.30 p.m., and a full attendance is requested.

R. TAIT, Officer in Charge.

GRAND COMMUNITY CONCERT

TOWN HALL

SUNDAY, February 21, at 8.45 p.m.

In aid of A.C.F. and Gladstone District Patriotic Fund

Popular Songs, Excellent Artists, Quiz

Conducted by Mr. and Mrs. J. Busteed and C. N. Joseph

ADMISSION, 1/-

BOOKS - BOOKS

More Stocks just Arrived

Leopards and Spots, Naomi Jacobs's New Novel	13/6
How Must Australia Fight? By Ian L. Idriess	5/-
Drums of Mer, by Ian L. Idriess	6/6
Peter Jackson, Cigar Merchant. By Gilbert Frankau	7/6
Images in a Mirror, by Sigrid Undset	7/6
The Golden Venture, by Ursula Bloom	7/6
Threads of Yesterday, by R. G. Jennings	7/6
Saints Progress, by John Galsworthy	7/6
The Inn of Tranquility, by John Galsworthy	7/6
Brown Boy Singing, by Leslie Haylen	7/6
The Moon is Down, by John Steinbeck	7/9
Illyrian Spring, by Ann Bridge	7/6
The Day Will Come, by Lion Feuchtwanger	14/6
The Reluctant Imposter, by Muriel Hine	7/6
The Universal English Dictionary, edited by Henry Cecil Wyld	63/-

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WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, February 19th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

A.—SPECIAL Quality Jonathan Eating Apples 20/- bushel case, Granny Smith Cooking 25/- bushel case, choice Tomatoes 10/- half bush. case, Marrows 10/- sack, Cucumbers 12/- bush. case. Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques. FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

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COMMENCING from Monday, 8th February, Business will be Closed between 12 noon and 1 p.m. for lunch. P. M. Jones, Newsagent.

FOR SALE.—Two Freewheel Bikes; good order. Bob Burgess, Tailor.

FOR SALE.—Two Hereford Bulls, bred by Beak Pastoral Co., 4 years old, 12 guineas per head. Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

FOR SALE.—Practically new Dining Room Suite, also two Cots and Singer Hand Sewing Machine. Apply A. Pring, Commission Agent, Tank Street.

FOR SALE.—Beautiful Beale Player Piano, in excellent condition, with Stool and quantity Rolls. Price and inspection at Weiske's.

FOR SALE.—House in handy position, comparatively new and Linoleums on floor. Apply this Office.

FOR SALE.—Young A.I.S. Bulls, price 12 to 15 guineas. Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

FOR SALE.—4-Unit Milking Plant, with 3 h.p. Lister Engine. Price £140, or will take Steers in exchange. Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

GRAMOPHONE.—H.M.V. Re-entrant model, English oak cabinet, condition new. Instrument with powerful tone, suitable for country dance hall. Cost £50. Will sell for £18/10/-. Apply "Gramo.," this Office.

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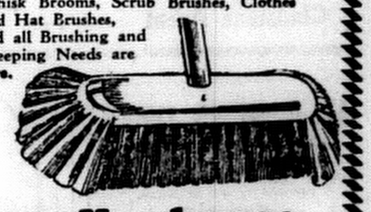

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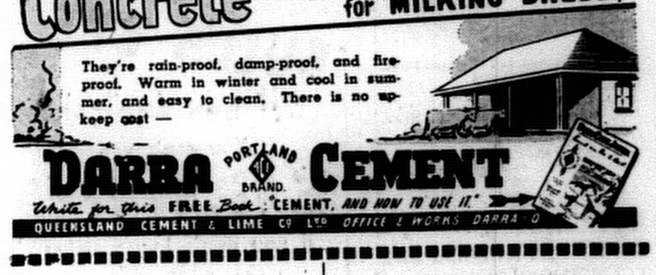

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1.45—State News
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7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
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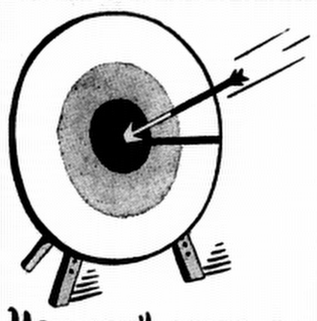

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Care of Stockings

If you still have some stockings left, now is the time to do a bit of stocktaking. Maybe you will be able to save them up for special occasions if you have managed to acquire a coat of suntan over the holidays.

But if you find you have to wear stockings, don't expect delicate threads of rayon to stand up to ordinary laundry treatment. They're just about the consistency of spider web, and their fragility must be respected.

An application of soap straight on the stocking is enough to make its threads dissolve before your eyes.

Never wear stockings more than once without laundering. They may be effectively washed in luke warm sudsy water. Rinse them in water of the same temperature.

Don't dare squeeze them to get the water out. Roll them lovingly in a towel and let it soak out for a few minutes. Then hang them up to dry in the shade. They can't stand the sun. When they are quite dry (this usually takes two days) they are wearable.

If you tut them on before they are really dry, then the acid in your feet will do much more damage.

But for coupon saving stick to natural suntan.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
17	8.02	8.16	.....	1.18	2.25
19	8.40	8.56	.....	2.04	3.06
19	9.17	9.35	.....	2.45	3.44
20	9.50	10.10	.....	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	.....	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	.....	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	.....	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	——	.....	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	.....	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	.....	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	.....	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	.....	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

MARCH.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	4.33	4.48	.....	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	.....	——	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	.....	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	.....	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	.....	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	.....	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	.....	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	.....	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	.....	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	.....	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	.....	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	.....	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... March 6
First Quarter ..... March 14
Full Moon ..... March 21
Last Quarter ..... March 29

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MOTHERS AND BABIES

Special Issue of Coupons

The rationing year ends on June 15, and the Rationing Commission issues the reminder that the present coupon books will be of no further use after that date. The only coupons that will have a purchasing value after June 15 will be the special issues made to cover births.

In pointing out that layette coupons and coupons issued to expectant mothers lwil not expire in June, Mr. Coles, the chairman of the Rationing Commission, advised that the Rationing Commission took the view that expectant mothers should not be put to the extra inconvenience of having to obtain a new issue of special coupons at the same time as coupons in the ordinary ration book expire, because babies' layette books provide for clothes for six months after birth. Special issues of coupons for mothers and babies are clearly distinguishable from "G" and "H" clothing coupons now current.

Mr. Coles said he felt it necessary to give ample warning to people who really needed clothing so that they could plan their purchases for the remaining five months of the ration period.

"At the same time," said Mr. Coles, "I appeal to those people who do not need clothing to refrain from buying. This will help to conserve material, the result of which will be a saving in manpower, too."

Books containing unused coupons may be handed back to the Commission. This has been the practice in the United Kingdom. Recently the President of the British Board of Trade (Mr. Hugh Dalton) said that many patriotic Britishers have returned unused coupons, thus helping the war effort by saving precious shipping space, material and labour. It is hoped that many Australians will do the same, said Mr. Coles.

SEAWEED

Stocks and Underwear

The introduction of seaweed into Japanese Army emergency rations, as mentioned in a recent "Industrial News" letter, emphasises the fact that Japan, before the war, was the principal world supplier of agar, which is extracted from seaweed and used for bacteriological work, in the manufacture of medicinal preparations and by the meat canning industry.

Experiments carried out recently in New Zealand have proved that agar seaweed found along the east coast of the North Island produced a considerably higher grade agar than that produced by Japan.

The Dominions Internal Marketing Division has arranged for the installation of a plant for the treatment of agar seaweed. This plant will treat one ton a week, and will be extended as soon as greater supplies of weed are available. At present Maoris are making good money collecting the weed at 1/- a lb., and already there is enough on hand to supply British hospital requirements for a year.

Britain, too, has been experimenting with seaweed, and some 400,000 tons collected in the Hebrides have been used for the manufacture of rayon for stockings and underwear.

And speaking of Japan and rayon, Japanese silk was formerly used almost exclusively to insulate wire. When Japan entered the war, a substitute had to be found, and an American invented mica-coated or varnished rayon tape has been found thoroughly satisfactory. The tape measures less than two thousandths of an inch in thickness before it is processed, yet it provides a firm, enduring wire insulation that can be applied to the wires of telephones, radios, and motors.

A FISH STORY.

A considerable number of men engaged in seasonal undertakings, such as canecutting and shearing, claim that in the off season they are occupied as professional fishermen. Conversely some professional fishermen claim that for some months of the year they are engaged in seasonal occupations. The Director General of Man Power said that if these men are doing a worthwhile job in both activities they constitute valuable community units, and should be "pegged" to these occupations. No doubts are cast upon the veracity of the professional fisherman, but as details of each man's catch are available to the Man Power Directorate, corroboration can be secured, so that his value to the fishing industry can be ascertained.

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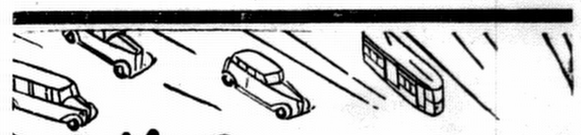

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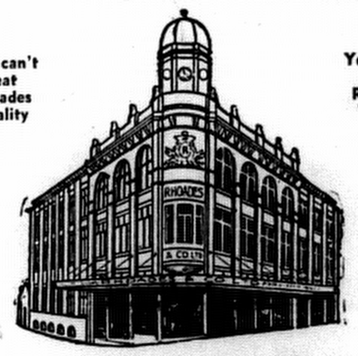

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SAFETY AT SEA

Building for the Future

Two men of every five who attended an exhibition of "safety at sea" devices in New York recently had been torpedoed at least once.

Seamen themselves suggested some of the equipment now being included in life boats. Now they are asking for sulfa powder to be included in first aid kits, as few men escape from a war sinking without open wounds.

Among the exhibits which appealed particularly to the men were new rubber-kapok life suits and sealed tins of drinking water. Men who have spent days drinking foul water from kegs think highly of this innovation.

With the estimated strength of the German submarine fleet as 400, and with new construction averaging 30 a month, Hitler is expected to launch an all-out submarine war in the coming spring, similar to the April-May offensive of 1917.

The average sinkings of German submarines is 15 a month.

In spite of the tremendous output from American and British shipyards during the last year, sinkings during the last few months exceeded new buildings.

It was advocated in Sydney recently that a chair of naval architecture should be established at Sydney University as the first step towards ensuring the permanency of the shipbuilding industry in Australia.

In England a course in naval architecture takes eight years, and covers both technical and practical training.

Subjects include, hydrodynamics, physics, chemistry, stability and oscillation of ships, theory of waves and propulsion of ships, strength of materials, steam and oil engine design and calculation, ship design and calculation.

In Australia advanced diplo courses at Technical Schools are all that is available, and these courses do not fit young men for other than subordinate jobs.

As Australia produces the cheapest steel in the world, and has already proved that she can build good stout ships, the establishment of a chair of naval architecture would seem a first essential if Australia is not to waste this tremendous economic asset.

Australian-built merchant and naval ships, including the new Tribal-class destroyer Arunta, have proved that Australian ship construction is sound.

The tremendous shipping losses which will have to be made good after the war will mean steady work for Australian shipyards if Australia is awake to her opportunities.

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Discussing the lend-lease arrangement between this country and America, Dr. E. R. Walker, chief economic adviser, Department of War Organisation of Industry, points out that to find the quantities of foodstuffs required it has been necessary to strip the civilian market bare of many types of goods and eat into our stock piles. At the same time we have had to extend our production plans and tighter up still further war-time controls over agriculture and industry.

MAN POWER PROBLEM.

With our limited population, manpower is naturally a major problem. To provide man-power for the war production programme as a whole it has been necessary to prohibit a large number of non-essential manufactures, and rationalisations plans for other industries are in progress to release still more labour for urgent war tasks.

There is only one way to measure lend-lease; that is by weighing its effects upon joint Australian and United States military strength in the struggle against Japan. While, in existing circumstances, Australia and America are contributing the greatest amount of mutual assistance possible, both have some distance still to go before they are fully organised for maximum efforts.

Giving full effect to dehydration and national vegetable production plans are means by which Australia will be enabled to make a greater contribution. But still further demands on our manpower resources must be made to cope with requirements on both the industrial and primary production fronts.

HEAVY DEMAND.

We have already been promised still heavier taxation.

No easy task confronts us as the Pacific war progresses. There will be tough fighting as the Allied troops move further north towards Japan. And there will be a heavy demand on our industries and man power, as we have to supply the food and materials needed by the fighting forces. Indeed, further civilian shortages and restrictions must be anticipated.

Australians should be glad to know that they are helping in this way. It assists us in the realisation that as civilians we also have a part to play in backing up our fighting men. And we have the satisfaction of knowing that the people of the United States are making comparable sacrifices for their fighting men.

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Views of Mr. Grew

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"I know Germany; I lived there for nearly ten years. I know the Germans well—truculent and bullying and domineering when on the crest of the wave; demoralised in defeat. The Germans cracked in 1918. I have steadfastly believed, and I believe to-day, that when the tide of battle runs against them, as it assuredly will turn, they will crack again.

"I know Japan; I lived there for ten years. I know the Japanese intimately. The Japanese will not crack. They will not crack morally or psychologically, or economically, even when eventual defeat stares them in the face. They will pull their belts another notch, reduce their rations from a bowl to half a bowl of rice, and fight to the the bitter end. Only by utter physical destruction or utter exhaustion of their men and materials can they be defeated. That is the difference between the Germans and th Japanese. That is what we are up against in fighting Japan."

And Mr. Grew wrote this before the fall of Buna and Sanananda!

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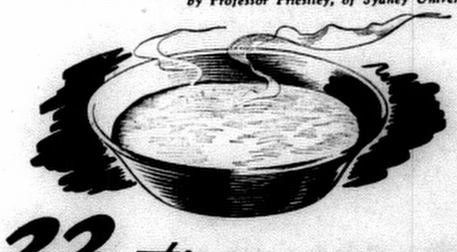

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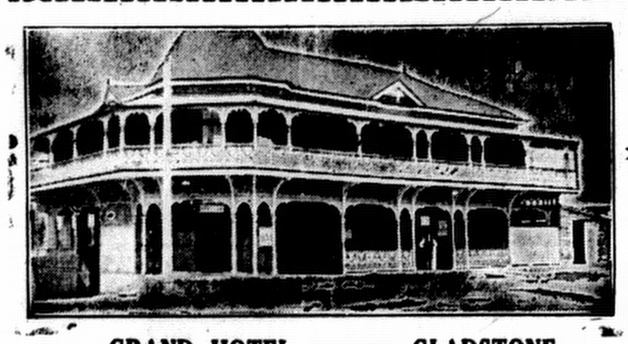

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Church Services

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES. C.W.A. Hall, To-morrow (Sunday) 21st February: 11 a.m. preacher Mr. R. W. Lodder, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.30 p.m. Choral Service. Special singing by the Choir. All are cordially invited to these services. A special invitation is extended to servicemen.

In Memoriam

POWER.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Ivy Florence, who passed away February 19th, 1940.

Ever in our memory.

(Inserted by her loving sisters and brothers.)

PARSLOE.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Annie Edith Parsloe, who departed this life on February 22, 1941, aged 70 years.

Loved in life, remembered in death; A treasured memory is all we have left.

(Inserted by her loving daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

TRAINEE NURSES.

An advertisement appears in this issue inviting applications for positions as trainee nurses at the Gladstone Hospital. Particulars may be obtained from the Matron.

W.N.E. LEGION.

The annual meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Women's National Emergency Legion Youth Movement will be held in the Legion rooms, Grand Hotel buildings, on Monday, March 1, at 8 p.m. The hon. secretary is Miss E. L. Bunning, Gladstone.

COMMUNITY CONCERT.

A community concert in aid of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund will be held in the Town Hall on Sunday, February 21, commencing at 8.45 p.m. An excellent programme has been arranged, and the admission charge is the modest shilling. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Miss Butterworth, Auckland Hill, Gladstone.

YARWUN AGENCY.

As a war measure the visits to the Yarwun agency of the Bank of New South Wales will be discontinued after Saturday, March 6. However, from Wednesday, March 17, the agency will be open for business on alternate Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

MISS DAPHNE FARNSWORTH.

At the theory examination of the Trinity College of Music, held in November, Miss Daphne Farnsworth, in the intermediate division, secured honours, gaining 98 per cent. Daphne was formerly a pupil of Mrs. G. E. Wilson, of Gladstone, but for the past year has been taught by the Sisters of Mercy, Warwick.

AUCTION SALE.

As advertised, Mr. Lance R. Weiske has been favoured with instructions to sell the furnishings and contents at the home of the Rev. W. E. Boyldew, who is leaving Gladstone on military service. The sale will take place at the Rectory, in Auckland Street, next Saturday afternoon, February 27, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

MISS JESSICA GRIFFITHS.

Miss Jessica Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Griffiths, who gained an important scholarship at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music two years ago, has won further success. It was announced recently that the young Gladstone singer had been awarded a special J. C. Williamson scholarship at Melbourne, where she was continuing her studies. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, who left Gladstone some months ago, are now residing in Melbourne with their daughter. Miss Griffiths won the J. C. Williamson scholarship for 1943, and this entails a full year's special study in opera and kindred subjects at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music with the specific object of joining the company at the end of the period.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS FAIR £196

Presentation to Mrs. Watt

At the monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the A.C.F., held in the Diggers' Hall on Friday, February 12, there were present: Mesdames A. Hopper (hon. treas.), J. Worthington, C. Chapman, Henriksen, Watt, Gordon, Cross, and the hon. secretary (Mrs. J. Garrett). Apologies were received from Mesdames W. Beale, C. W. Macfarlan, and R. Barker.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the president (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), who is indisposed, Mrs. C. Chapman occupied the chair.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Accounts amounting to £39/8/9 were presented and passed for payment.

KNITTING AND SEWING CIRCLE.

The convenor of the Knitting and Sewing Circle (Mrs. J. Worthington) submitted the following report to February 2, 1943:—

31 calico mess bags, 183 handkerchiefs, 6 suits pyjamas, and 12 pairs socks.

A case of comforts was packed and dispatched to headquarters on January 1, 1943, containing 240 calico mess bags, 397 handkerchiefs, 13 pairs pyjamas, 45 pair socks, and a further case was packed and dispatched on February 9, 1943, containing 223 calico mess bags, 267 handkerchiefs, 19 pairs pyjamas, 1 pullover, 57 pairs socks, and 1 case of books and magazines.

ASSISTANT CONVENOR.

Mrs. G. Gordon was appointed to the position of assistant convenor of the Sewing and Knitting Circle, the position being vacant owing to Mrs. Watt's departure for the south.

COMFORTS FOR TROOPS.

During the month of January cakes and fruit was supplied to Australian soldiers, 30 doz. soft drinks to Allied troops, and a primus stove to a patrol vessel.

CHRISTMAS FAIR.

The financial result of the Christmas Fair was £196. Members take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this function such an outstanding success.

A PRESENTATION.

During the afternoon Mrs. Watt, who has now left for Brisbane, was presented with a pyrex dish as a small token in recognition of the valued services rendered to the Fund during her stay in Gladstone.

The President and members wished Mrs. Watt the best of health and happiness in her new home.

Mrs. Watt suitably acknowledged the presentation.

CALL-UP OF WOMEN.

A special Bill for the compulsory service for women in the auxiliaries of the three armed forces will be introduced by the Federal Government. It has not yet been decided whether women compelled to service will be required to serve outside Australia or whether service will be confined to the Australian mainland.

MR. JIM O'SULLIVAN.

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan, of Gladstone, who enlisted recently in the R.A.A.F., has received his call-up, and left to join a unit in the south. Prior to his departure friends and members of the Gladstone branch of the Waterside Workers assembled to bid him farewell. He was vice-president of the local branch for many years, and officials took advantage of the opportunity to wish him the best of luck and a safe return.

BOWLED VICTOR TRUMPER.

Memories of the late Victor Trumper and his magnificent batting were brought back by a visitor to Gladstone, Mr. Ray Broomfield, who is in the claims section of the railway department. Mr. Broomfield had the distinction of taking the immortal Victor's wicket when his New South Wales XI. tried conclusions with a central team on the Rockhampton Oval in the good old days. Picking up one of the express deliveries Trumper hit it to the boundary, where it was beautifully taken by another good cricketer, McLaughlin. Broomfield played for the old Albert Club, and one of his opponents in those days was G. E. Wilson, of Gladstone, then a dashing bat for the C.Y.M.S. Broomfield had a splendid record as a fast bowler. To-day he looks fit and well enough to trouble batsmen on present day wickets.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

Progress Reported

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation was held in the Watt Memorial Hall on Monday night, the chair being occupied by the minister (Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.), who opened the meeting with a brief devotional session.

A feature of the meeting was the rendering of vocal items interspersed between the various reports, for which members appreciated. These items were rendered by Mrs. C. N. Joseph, Miss Esme MacTaggart, Mrs. E. W. Dodge, and Miss Ruth Hunter.

The retiring committee reported hopefully upon the church's work during 1942, despite a vacancy of eight months in the pastorate and the disturbance created by evacuation.

The finances had made a sound recovery, enabling normal activities to be carried on, and improvements to be made to the manse. A small but increased credit balance was disclosed in the balance sheet.

Reference was made to the Flower Show, which reflected credit on the committee, under the direction of Mr. A. D. Hopper and numerous helpers. The St. Andrew's Day concert was also featured in the report.

The envelope system of voluntary contribution, recently reorganised by Mr. R. J. Mackay (the new registrar), was attracting gratifying support.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE. SESSION REPORT.

The election of the committee was conducted by a ballot of sealed lists, and the result of the election was declared as follows:—Messrs. A. D. Hopper, C. Cooper, H. Mason, A. Evans, J. Fisher, R. J. Mackay, C. Sanders, A. Young, W. J. Garrett, and R. Tait.

The session report showed that the membership was strengthened by transfers from other charges. Attendance at public worship had increased and was increasing. Religious instruction in the State Schools and the ordinances of the Gospel in town and country had been maintained. The Sunday School was in a flourishing condition, both in attendance and finance, and the Women's Guild was able to render a pleasing account of its various activities.

A new report, which was received with much pleasure, came from the Bible study group of the Presbyterian Fellowship of Australia, a youth organisation working with strength and enthusiasm among the young people of the church.

GENERAL.

The minister pointed out that this year is the seventy-sixth anniversary of the founding of the church in Gladstone, and on his suggestion a special committee was appointed to arrange for the appropriate celebration of this event during the month of May.

Mr. C. N. Joseph and Mr. C. W. Macfarlan were elected as auditors for 1943.

The members dispersed with feelings of hope and gratitule for the good work accomplished in the past and planned for the future.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mrs. W. H. McCray, of Gladstone, has returned home after leaving her daughter Shirley at All Hallowes Convent, Brisbane, where she will continue her schooling.

SNAKE AT AMBULANCE STATION.

The Superintendent of the Gladstone Ambulance, Mr. W. V. Coase, has had many unique calls for first aid, but it is extremely doubtful if bearers had ever opened the doors to a stranger visitor than one which arrived at 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday night. When Bearer P. Hutcheon swung his main door open in answer to a call he was astonished to see a 4ft. brown snake enter and wriggle on the concrete near the car. Picking up a piece of wood his first shot was a bull's eye, and it broke the snake's back. Hurrying down, the Superintendent was relieved to find that he was too late to render first aid. This is the first patient the Ambulance have lost for a long time. The snake is still on view at the Brigade headquarters, the bearer having preserved and put it in a bottle for first-aid lessons. The reptile must have come right across the footpath in the main street, and was probably walked over by many perestrians that night.

BOYNE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME!

MR FORDE OBTAINS A PRIORITY FOR THE WORK

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT GRANT ASKED FOR

Considerable energy has been expended by the Town Council, assisted by other local bodies, in emphasising time and again the importance of the Boyne River water supply scheme, both from a Gladstone and national point of view, and everything possible had been done to obtain an "A1" priority, which would ensure the Council obtaining the necessary supplies of materials and manpower to start the work and complete it at the earliest possible date.

PATIENCE OF THE PEOPLE.

As everyone knows, there has been never ending delays to get the authorities to view the scheme as one of outstanding urgency, and recently the patience of the people of Gladstone was strained to breaking point as finality in the securing of a priority seemed as far off as ever—just the usual outlook towards Gladstone and its port as the cinderella of the Queensland coast.

NECESSARY WORKS.

The facts disclose that the Army Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde), replying to a letter from the Agriculture Minister (Mr. T. L. Williams), dated December 24, stated he was writing to the Premier (Mr. F. A. Cooper) in regard to the Boyne water scheme with a view to having it listed as one of the necessary works to be carried out, but it had to be understood that the Federal Government did not undertake water schemes for the various towns throughout Australia.

"NO USE MISLEADING"

Mr. Forde pointed out that while he was anxious to help the people of Gladstone in every way possible, it was no use misleading them into thinking that the Commonwealth Government was about to put down water supply schemes throughout the various municipalities of Australia, because this had always been primarily the responsibility of the local authorities and the State Government.

MR. FORDE ASKS FOR "A1" PRIORITY.

Subsequently Mr. Forde informed the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson) that he was doing everything possible to expedite the provision of an adequate water supply for Gladstone, had interviews in Brisbane with the Premier (Mr. Cooper), the Agriculture Minister (Mr. Williams), Mr. Kemp (Deputy Director General of Allied Works), and had made representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, that the work be given an "A1" priority.

"COURSE OF ACTION."

A letter from Mr. Forde to the Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. stated: "I have your letter of the 14th January, concerning the desire of your organisation that the Boyne water scheme should be completed as soon as possible. I discussed the matter with the Premier (Mr. Cooper) yesterday, and we decided to follow a 'course of action' we hope will have the desired effect."

"STILL IN THE DARK."

In giving the facts it might be mentioned that the "course of action" taken has never been conveyed to the Council, as the governing body of the town, and the ratepayers are still in the dark as to what took place at the interview.

HIGHER PRIORITY ASKED FOR.

Proceeding a step further, Mr. Williams informed the Council at its special meeting, held on February 12, that he had urged on the Commonwealth authorities to grant an even higher priority for the Gladstone water supply scheme in order to further the proposal, and he (Mr. Williams) promised to support his application in person when in Canberra.

"A2" AND "B" PRIORITIES.

Mr. Williams went further in his desire to assist the Council, and asked Mr. Kemp (Deputy Director General of Allied Works) to support him in the request that the scheme be placed on an "A2" priority in place of the "B" priority.

PUZZLING POSITION.

As stated in our last issue, this information was most interesting, but decidedly puzzling to the ratepayers in view of the fact that the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) had made representations to the Defence Committee Melbourne, that the work be given an "A1" priority.

MR. FORDE'S WORDS.

Mr. Forde, being conversant with the fact that large quantities of water were being taken at short notice in the national interests, no doubt stressed on the Defence Committee, Melbourne, the necessity of granting an "A1" priority. He must have done so, for here are Mr. Forde's words: "Have since made representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, that the work be given an "A1" priority."

TELEGRAM FROM MR. FORDE.

On Thursday we received the following telegram from Mr. Forde:—

"Referring to previous correspondence in regard to priority for the Gladstone water scheme, this matter has now been considered by the Defence Priorities Committee, consisting of chiefs of staff and works officials, and a priority has been allotted which will ensure that the work will be taken in hand, but the fighting services and operational projects will take precedence. Have advised the Premier of Queensland and Mr. Williams accordingly, and have asked the Premier to confer with Mr. Kemp, Co-ordinator of Works, with a view to expediting the work."

NEWS WELCOMED.

This news has been welcomed by all sections of the community, and it can be taken for granted in view of Mr. Forde's representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, that the priority is a high one. Mr. Forde is to be commended for his action in the interests of Gladstone and its port.

WHAT IT MEANS.

Of course, it must be remembered that the granting of a priority does not mean that the scheme has been taken over by the Commonwealth Government or the Allied Works Council, as such an undertaking is the responsibility of the Council and the State Government. It simply means, in plain English, another step forward, assuring the Council that the supply of materials and manpower will now be made available for the job.

COST OF THE SCHEME.

The next point of interest is the cost of the scheme to the ratepayers, and at a special meeting of the Council, held recently, it was decided on the motion of Ald. W. R. Golding, seconded by the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) to bring under the notice of Mr. Forde the following outstanding points:—

That the port is taking a prominent part in a co-ordinated plan for the conduct of the war, for which water in quantity is so vital and urgent.

That many industries engaged exclusively on war work in this area are dependent on a good water supply.

That in view of the urgency of the whole scheme, and the necessity for its early completion, it should not be expected that the citizens of Gladstone should be called upon to bear the extra cost of the scheme brought about by the war.

That the whole question be reviewed with a view to the Federal Government granting a subsidy on the scheme.

That the scheme be declared of sufficient national importance to have it declared an "A1" priority job.

COMMONWEALTH GRANT.

The citizens of Gladstone should not be called upon to bear the extra cost of the scheme brought about by the war, and it is earnestly hoped that Mr. Forde will continue his good work by obtaining a Commonwealth grant, as the work to be carried out is of national importance.

GLADSTONE GIRLS

Join the W.A.A.A.F.

Gladstone girls are now given the opportunity to join the W.A.A.A.F. Section Officer Lilias Dow, the W.A.A.A.F. recruiting officer, arrived in Gladstone on Thursday, and will depart on Monday. She can be interviewed at the Grand Hotel buildings.

A special appeal is being made for girls to join or train as clerks, stenographers, typists, cooks and trainee cooks, dental orderlies, sick quarter attendants, teleprinter and telephone operators and drill instructresses.

"The W.A.A.A.F. will welcome skilled or unskilled," says Section Officer Dow. "All we ask is for them to join up while freedom of action still remains. This is the nation's fight, and everyone must be in it until victory is won."

CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL

ROADS TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY WORKS COUNCIL

FERRY SERVICE CONTINUED UNDER NEW TIMETABLE

At the last monthly meeting of the Council there were present: The Chairman (Cr. W. Beak), and Councillors, S. J. A. Creed, J. H. Cummings, R. W. Hunt, H. NeillBallantine, J. M. Campbell, G. H. Potter, W. C. Dickinson, J. F. Drynan, E. H. C. Steel, the Shire Clerk (Mr. H. H. Whittle), and the Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne).

REDUCTION APPRECIATED.

The Main Roads Commission advised of the reduced apportionment of maintenance works owing to flood damage for the year ended 30th June, 1942, on the Biloela-Gladstone Road from 50 to 25 per cent, and from 30 to 15 per cent on the Hut Creek-Raglan section of the Northern Highway. The reduction in the apportionments represented a saving of £46/14/1 to the Council.

It was resolved that the Commissioner be thanked for the reduction.

FERRY SERVICE.

Mr. H. B. Randall advised he was prepared to continue the ferry service at the reduced price of £10 per annum under the revised timetable as submitted by the Council.—Received.

COMPLAINTS.

Messrs. E. F. Byrne & Dan Day lodged separate written complaints regarding the unsatisfactory delivery of cream cans to their respective landings.

It was decided to deliver a letter to the ferryman asking for an explanation in writing so as the complaints could be further dealt with at a later stage of the meeting.

Mr. Randall, during the afternoon, attended the meeting and tendered a verbal explanation, which was considered satisfactory. The complainants to be informed accordingly, and the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association to be asked to deliver any empty cream cans to O'Connell Wharf before 5 p.m. on Thursday, so as they would be in good time for the ferry leaving at 6 p.m.

MARYBOROUGH-GLADSTONE ROAD.

Gladstone Town Council advised it would support any representations the Calliope Shire Council might decide to make to have the section of the Maryborough-Gladstone highway from the Boyne River to the end of the completed section, near the Town Council boundary, constructed.

It was decided that the Town Council be thanked for its offer of support, and informed that representation was being made to have the work carried out at the earliest date possible.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION.

The Main Roads Commission notified the classification of the undermentioned main roads had been altered to that of the Callide-Port Curtis State Highway No. 34.

(a) The Gladstone-Calliope main road from Police Creek to the overbridge in Calliope.

(b) The section of the Calliope-Glassford Creek main road from the over railway bridge in Calliape to the Barmundu turn-off.

(c) The Biloela-Gladstone road from the over railway bridge in Calliope to the turn-off into Calliope Station.

It was resolved to thank the Commissioner for the change in classification.

GLADSTONE-CALLIOPE ROAD.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., and the District Engineer advised of the construction of section of the Gladstone-Calliope Road from Briffney Creek to opposite Mr. John Renton's property, including a bridge over the creek opposite the above mentioned property. The work, estimated to cost £12,197/1/3, to be carried out by the Allied Works Council without cost to the shire.

It was resolved to thank Mr. Williams and the Commissioner for Main Roads through the District Engineer for the information.

BILOELA-GLADSTONE ROAD.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., and District Engineer advised of the construction of a section of the Biloela-Gladstone main road from Scrubby Creek to the Calliope Station turn-off, and two sections of the Port Curtis-Callide highway. The jobs, estimated to cost £20,207/8/6, are to be carried out by the Allied Works Council without cost to this Council.

It was resolved that Mr. Williams and the Commissioner for Main Roads be thanked through the District Engineer for the information.

CALLIOPE CLEANSING SERVICE.

Mr. J. S. Baker advised of his intention to surrender his contract for the Calliope cleansing service as from 15th February, 1943, owing to the shortage of man power.

A certificate was tendered from Dr. Yum, stating that Mr. Roy Wright was, owing to health reasons, unable to continue in the employment of Mr. Baker to assist with the service.

It was decided:—

(1) To retain the £25 lodged by Mr. Baker for the due performance of the contract.

(2) The deposit of £25 to be withdrawn from the Trust Account and paid to the credit of the Calliope Cleansing Fund.

(3) The purchase of the undermentioned plant to be made from Mr. Baker at the price agreed upon with the Health Inspector:—

120 sanitary pans complete with lids at 2/- each, £12; half drum of tar at £1, and a quantity of disinfectant at 5/-, total £13/5/-.

CATFISH SCRUB.

The Central Graziers' Association notified that the construction of a section of the Port Curtis-Callide highway by the Allied Works Council in the Catfish Scrub would encroach upon the old track used by travelling stock, and asked that a fresh track be brushed for the use of stock.

It was resolved that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the District Engineer with a request that he be good enough to have the request attended to.

TRAVELLING STOCK.

The Central Coastal Graziers' Association asked the Council to have a by-law made imposing a levy of one penny per head on all travelling stock camping in the Burua yards. Arrangements to be made for Messrs. Swift Australian Co. (Pty.) Ltd., Gladstone, to deduct the levy from the proceeds for the purchase of stock, and to be expended in the repairs and maintenance of the camping yards at Burua and the stock route leading thereto, and thence to the Meatworks at Gladstone by Messrs. Swift Australian Co. (Pty.) Ltd.

SPECIAL MEETING.

It was decided to call a special meeting at 2.15 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 1943, for the purpose of passing a by-law to give effect to the wishes of the Association.

OLD MINING SHAFT.

To and from the Mining Warden, Gladstone, regarding the cost of protecting the mouth of the old mining shaft on water reserve R222, town of Calliope, against danger to the public. The Warden stated that it was the duty of the Council to protect the public from possible danger. He asked that details of the estimated cost be submitted and would then make a recommendation that portion of the cost be borne by the Department of Mines.

It was resolved that the request of the Warden be given effect to.

LEASE TO BE TERMINATED.

The Land Agent advised that the Ubobo Sawmilling Company had applied for the suspension of the conditions covering the fencing of portion of Hawke Street, Ubobo, held under special lease for the purpose of a site for a well, on the grunds that the fencing would retard the progress of operations at the mill.

It was agreed to inform the Land Agent that as a suitably supply of water was not located on the portion of the street leased, the well be filled in and the lease terminated.

WAR DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS.

The War Damage Commission advised that the allowance of 1/3d. per assessment had been agreed upon to cover cost of clerical services, postage, envelopes and audit fees for the current year.

It was resolved that as the Shire Clerk did not wish to participate in any surplus of the allowance, after paying for the cost of postage, envelopes and audit fees, it be first paid into the Shire Fund, and then to Misses Barker and Worthington in equal proportions.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

The Auditor General notified that the accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1942, had been allowed after the Clerk had furnished the information required by the Auditor General.—Received.

AUDITOR'S FEE.

The Director Local Authority Affairs advised the local auditor's fee had been increased from £28 to £35 for the financial years 1941-42 and 1942-43.—Received.

HOSPITAL PRECEPTS.

The Secretary Gladstone Hospitals Board advised the undermentioned precepts had been levied for the year ending 30th June, 1943:—

Gladstone Town Council £437/13/2, Shire of Calliope £1449/15/10, Shire of Miriam Vale £1078/19/-, total £2966/8/.

The Council's precept for the previous year was £1619/19/3.—Received.

TRIENNIAL ELECTION.

The Director of Local Authority Affairs advised the "Local Government Act of 1934" provided for the triennial election to be held on May 1, and that preferential voting had been abolished.—Received.

PROPOSAL FAVOURED.

The Director of Local Authority Affairs notified that in view of man power and plant not being available for road works owing to war conditions, it would be desirable for the Government to modify the provisions of "The Local Government Acts 1936-43," which prohibited the building up of a reserve fund for such a purpose and made provisions for the surplus at the close of the financial year being transferred to a reserve fund, which could be expended on the restoration of roads and other works, when man power and plant became available.

It was decided to reply stating the Council favoured the proposal.

BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT.

The Director Local Authority Affairs asked for a copy of the progress report on the budget at 31st March next, also the anticipated position of the budget at the close of the financial year, which had to be submitted to the Council by the Clerk under section 29 (1) of "The Local Government Acts."

It was resolved that the Clerk furnish the information required.

RESERVE FUND.

The Director Local Authority Affairs forwarded a summary of the provisions of "The Local Government Amendment Act of 1942," which provided that moneys received for plant requisitioned, compulsorily acquired, or acquired by purchase of the Allied Works Council may, by resolution, be applied in payment of the redemption of the loan liability and the creation of a reserve fund for the purchase of plant when available.

It was resolved that the Clerk furnish at the next meeting a statement showing the position of the plant hire and loan accounts.

POPPY WREATHS.

The Returned Soldiers' Association advised that poppy wreaths for Anzac Day would be available for Anzac Day.—It was resolved that five be ordered.

ACT OF BRAVERY.

Hon. Secretary, Corporal Jack French, V.C. Memorial Fund Committee, solicited donations towards the establishment of a suitable memorial to Corporal Jack French, of Crow's Nest, who won the first Victoria Cross awarded to an Australian for bravery on Australian soil (Papua).

The Chairman stated that while wishing to assist in perpetuating the memory of the late Corporal Jack French, V.C., for the act of bravery which cost him his life, he did not wish to be a party to vote shire funds for the purpose, and moved that a contribution be made by himself and fellow members.

The Chairman, members, Clerk, staff and Health Inspector contributed 30/-.

APPROVED.

Payment of car mileage of £8/1/6 to the Chairman under By-law No. 28 was approved.

LANTANA.

Mr. A. W. Noe complained of the lantana on the road leading to his property.—Received.

WHEN PLANT AVAILABLE.

Mrs. W. Thorogood asked that the road be repaired to her property.

It was decided to advise that the request would receive attention when the plant was next in the vicinity.

TO BE INSPECTED.

Mr. S. Day asked that the last mile and a half of the road leading to his property be repaired.—The request was left to Mr. R. E. Brown for inspection and report.

Mr. W. G. Day asked that several sections of the road leading to his property be drained and gravelled. The writer stated he was prepared to remove the few trees and fallen timber on the road between his gate and the creek without cost to the Council so as the grader could be used to form the road.

The request was referred to Mr. R. E. Brown for inspection and report.

REQUEST APPROVED.

Mrs. E. L. Martin offered to repair the road to her property from about opposite Mr. O. Christensen's residence for £2.—The request was approved subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of a representative of the Council.

NAGOORIN-NORTON ROAD.

Mr. C. R. Cave asked for repairs to the section of the road between Nagoorin and Norton.—It was decided to advise that an inspection would be made by the divisional members and report furnished to the Council.

REPAIRS WANTED.

Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan asked that repairs to his road be effected.—It was decided to advise that an inspection would be made by the divisional members as soon as possible.

REQUEST NOTED.

Mrs. T. Tighe asked that provision be made for pedestrians to cross the creek in the Many Peaks township without having to wade through the water.—It was decided to note the request.

FINANCE.

Accounts amounting to £4219/0/7 were passed for payment.

TENDERS.

The only tender received for the Calliope cleansing service was that of Mr. V. A. Davis.

On the motion of Crs. Ballantine and Campbell it was decided:—

(1) Not to accept the tender as the prices were too high.

(2) The matter of arranging for the temporary continuance of the service be left in the hands of the Chairman and members for Division 2 and the Health Inspector.

(3) Fresh tenders be called in June next or sooner if there were prospects of a suitable tender being lodged.

GENERAL.

Payment of £1 to Mr. W. H. Hunt for road repairs was approved.

It was decided to ask the District Engineer to have visibility discs erected on the Hut Creek-Raglan highway, particularly on the section where the big cuttings and fills were situated.

It was resolved that final notice requesting the destruction of noxious weeds be served by registered letter to four ratepayers.

It was decided on the recommendation of the Health Inspector to purchase certain cleansing service plant from Mr. J. S. Barker for £13/5/-.

GLADSTONE HOSPITAL.

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J. BURROWS, Secretary.

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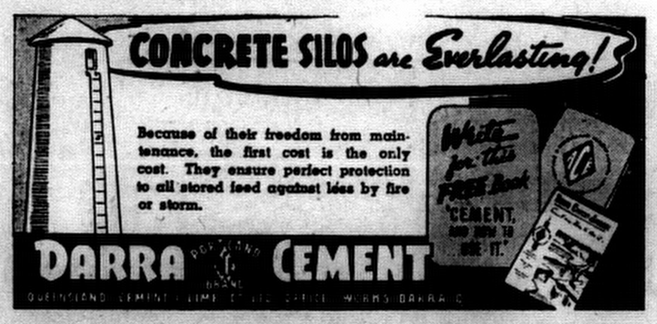

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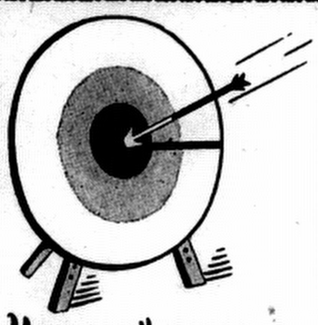

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Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
20	9.50	10.10	.....	3.25	4.19
21	10.22	10.43	.....	4.01	4.52
22	10.52	11.14	.....	4.38	5.25
23	11.23	11.46	.....	5.14	5.54
24	11.55	——	.....	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	.....	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	.....	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	.....	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	.....	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

MARCH.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	4.38	4.48	.....	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	.....	——	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	.....	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	.....	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	.....	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	.....	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	.....	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	.....	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	.....	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	.....	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	.....	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	.....	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8 47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
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NOTE OF WARNING.

In England Sir Stafford Cripps said recently: "Signs are not wanting that selfish interests are preparing to cast the future in the mould of the past, yet this development does not seem to bring any reaction from those who were formerly so confident about the future."

Noting this tendency, he warns all progressive elements to unitedly resist the "soothing call of rest."

We civilians in Australia should note this warning. It is for us to keep step with the services in preparing ourselves for the "building of the happier peace," so that we may stand beside the men and women of the services in the tasks that will confront us after the guns are silenced.

That responsibility cannot be discharged merely by casting a vote when the elections come around. It calls to each one of us for careful thought and study, and an honest endeavour to do what lies within our power to ensure that those who have defended our liberties shall not have fought in vain. And no contribution, however modest, will be insignificant in determining the shape of things to come.

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NEW USES FOR OILS

An Important Discovery

A new use for detoluated benzol (obtained from India's toluene industry) as a solvent in processing rubber has re-routed oil of her oilfields from rubber factories to aero engine carburettors.

The importance of this discovery lies in the fact that every gallon of solvent oil drawn from the oilfields decreases production by two potential gallons of aviation spirit.

Increasing new uses for cocoanut oil as a substitute for sperm oil in certain operations connected with munitions manufacture have also been found. Thus a means has been discovered of replacing about 9000 gallons of sperm oil, all of which India needed to import.

Australia, under the dictate of war, is rebalancing her economy also. Especially in the oil- consuming elements of industry and transport radical new proceedia have had to be adopted.

Some motorists, finding the petrol ration insufficient, have taken to gas producers. Others have taken to substitute fuels. More and more of these drivehs, realising that a car being freely driven without a gas producer can make them suspect of using "black market" petrol, are now increasingly displaying a sign on the front bumper bar, reading in black letters on yellow: "This vehicle is runing on substitute fuel."

One equivalent of petrol is being extracted from our shale deposits. The future of this operation has been so well viewed by American interests that they have approached the Government for a decision about terms which will justify them in putting about £5,000,000 into the development of the industry.

Another type of motor fuel, benzol, has been made by the Newcastle Steelworks for many years. The vast quantity of gas made during the conversion of 26,000 tons of coal to coke each week, contains many "impurities" which have become the basis for new industries.

Ammonia is fed to the refrigeration industry. Tar goes to road makers. Solvent naptha is used by dope manufacturers for airplanes. Toluol is wanted by the explosives industry, and benzol, besides helping in other ways, keeps many cars and trucks on Australian roads which otherwise would be laid up.

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SHIRE COASTAL AREA

INFESTED WITH MOSQUITOES

Report by Mr. Browne

At the last meeting of the Calliope Shire Council, the Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne) reported that the usual inspections had been made at all the principal towns in the area.

GOOD STANDARD.

The general sanitary conditions prevailing in the shire, the report stated, could be said to be of a reasonably good standard. Complaints when received usually were of a minor nature, and dealt mostly with the individual, and such complaints had reached him concerning the deterioration of the present cleansing service for Calliope.

COVERING MATERIAL.

It appears that no covering material had been left in the receptacles for the past month. As covering material was essential in maintaining a clean and hygienic service, it was hard to understand this oversight on the part of the contractor, as there is ample sawdust available at Calliope.

BOYNE ISLAND SERVICE.

The contractor for Boyne Island carried out the work entrusted to him in a very satisfactory manner. All the sanitary and garbage was collected and removed daily. No lime was used on the island, sawdust being substituted, and proved most effective. The other cleansing services in the area are working to the satisfaction of the community, and few, if any, would return to the old method of backyard burial, with all its attendant evils.

IMMUNISATION.

Efforts were being made to organise immunisation drives in the Mt. Larcom district, and when members were available arrangements would be made for the doctor to visit the centre. Already some inquiries have come to hand.

MOSQUITOES

The coastal area of the shire is heavily infested with mosquitoes, and any attempt at eradication would cost a lot of money. The two most important groups of mosquitoes are the Anophe lines and Culicines, the former spreading malaria, and the latter dengue and filaria.

The Anipheles mosquito is the transmitter of malaria, and is easily distinguishable by its peculiar habit of standing on its head. All other kinds of mosquitoes when at rest stand parallel to the surface. Malaria is generally more or less connected with swampy conditions.

The two principal mosquitoes in the shire appear to be the dengue fever carrier (which breeds in clean water, such as rainwater tanks, and is a domestic mosquito), and the other the night biter, which transmits filaria and breeds in all kinds of stagnant water, side grips, and odd collections of water.

The report was adopted.

WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS

Privileges Taken Away

"The way people throughout Australia have accepted the necessary war-time restrictions of their privileges has been wonderful, but we should remember that it's very hard to recover privileges once they have been taken away. Societies such as yours should see that these privileges are restored as soon as the necessity for their imposition has passed," said the new Lord Mayor of Sydney (Ald. Bartley), speaking at the British Empire Union's luncheon in Sydney last week.

Alderman Bartley, who was speaking on the unity between the fighting forces and the civilians in Australia, paid a tribute to the work done throughout the Commonwealth for the Australian Comforts Fund.

CURIOSITY KILLS OTHERS

CUT OUT IDLE TALK

Brings Fatal Results

Human beings, we are told, are the highest form of life because they are able to think for themselves.

In other words, they have the faculty of reason.

On the other hand, the animals are governed by instinct. There are, however, some animals that are drawn irresistibly by a force stronger than instinct to an object waved at them from cover. That force is curiosity, and it very often results in their death at the hands of a hunter.

So it is with many Australians today. Their curiosity about military moves, dispositions, etc., overcomes their reason, and they ask questions. Not content with asking questions, they repeat what they have been told, and the enemy in cover hears some vital information about our troops. But, in this case, it is not the curious one who meets his death. It is perhaps, hundreds of soldiers who are risking their lives to keep him safe.

If people would only stop and think would use their reason to overcome their curiosity, then the enemy would be denied much valuable information that he is now gaining by the simple process of listening to ordinary people talking about the movements of their friends in the fighting forces.

It is useless to think that, because this is Australia there are no enemy agents here. It is a fact that they are here, and curiosity and idle talk by the public are making their jobs 100 per cent easier.

It is when the agent is denied easy means of gaining military information that he has to take risks, and when he begins to take risks his chances of remaining undiscovered become much slimmer.

The fact that some members of the public know that the North Division is at Blank, and that there are ten anti-aircraft guns at Blink is not going to help our war effort, but it is certainly going to help the enemy's. So it is up to the public as a whole to use its power of reasoning to overcome its curiosity and to cut out the idle talk that so often brings fatal results to the troops.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

ALD. GOLDING MOVES IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

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The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

ELECTIONS.

Department of Local Authority Affairs, Brisbane, notified that the elections would be held on Saturday, May 1.—Received.

WASTE PAPER.

Department of Health and Home Affairs, Brisbane, advised that the price of waste paper had been increased to £1 per ton free on rail at place of consignment.—Received.

DRAINAGE.

Mr. G. Mylne, Montville, wrote regarding the drainage of allotment 19, Scenery Street, and also mentioned that allotment 20 was also effected by storm water from Bayne Street, and asked to be advised if the Council intended to correct this nuisance.—Referred to the Works Overseer for attention.

LANE WATER.

Mr. C. Chapman, Gladstone, asked the Council to open the drain at the back of his private house to prevent the lane water from going over on to his cottages. He hoped the Council would give the matter early consideration.—Referred to the Works Overseer for attention.

REPAIRS TO FOOTPATH.

Mr. A. A. Lowe, Gladstone, again asked that repairs to his footpath be carried out.—Referred to the Works Overseer for attention.

WASTE WATER.

Mr. T. T. Brunton, Gladstone, complained of waste water lying at the bottom of his property, and asked that same be attended to, as it was a natural breeding ground for mosquitoes.—Referred to the Works Overseer for attention.

In connection with the foregoing works, it was decided on the motion of Ald. Golding that application be made to obtain the loan of a tractor and scoop from Coney Island to carry out the work, and any other additional work required.

CLEANSING THE BATHS.

Mr. J. H. Scheskie, Public Baths, wrote in connection with the cleansing of the baths, and asked to be supplied with power kerosene or petrol, the cost of which he would bear.—To be informed the Council would make an effort to obtain the kerosene.

CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES.

Department of Health and Home Affairs, Brisbane, notified that in order that the State contribute its maximum share to the war effort, the Cabinet, on the representation of the Minister for Health and Home Affairs, had decided to request each local authority to plan its health work for the year 1943. With this end in view, Cabinet had decided to subsidise local authorities by 50 per cent subsidy in carrying out approved schemes for the control and eradication of mosquitoes in their area.

With a view to the control and eradication of mosquitoes, it was decided on the motion of Ald. Anderson that the Health Inspector (Mr. Browne) make a house to house inspection, and that a report be submitted to the Council.

CONVENT SCHOOL.

Department of Health, Brisbane, furnished a copy of a report from School Sister K. Bowder, of the State Health Services branch, concerning a medical inspection of the Convent School. It was found that the lavatories were in a bad condition and prejudicial to the health of the children. She stressed the urgency of having the insanitary condition rectified as soon as possible in the best interests of the children and that of the community generally, and suggested that measures be taken to have this work instituted without delay.

The matter was referred to the Health Inspector (Mr. Browne) to make an inspection and report, and Ald. Anderson remarked that it upheld his contention to carry out a house to house inspection.

MARYBOROUGH-GLADSTONE

Calliope Shire Council thanked the Council for its offer to support any representation made for the early construction of the Northern Highway, Maryborough-Gladstone section, from the Boyne River, and advised that representation was being made through Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., asking that the work be carried out at the earliest possible date.—Received.

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

Trades and Labour Council (Gladstone branch) again requested that a public convenience be erected on a suitable position, as it was long overdue. Other matters that came up for discussion was the mosquito menace, and the state of hotel and industrial lavatories.

Dealing with the mosquito menace, it was requested that the Council fall into line with other councils in trying to exterminate this pest, and were of the opinion if the reservoir in Gondoon Street was drained it would assist in keeping down mosquitoes, for at present it was considered the reservoir was only a breeding ground, and was serving no useful purpose.

It was also requested that the Council inquire into the state of hotel and industrial lavatories, and see that they were kept in a hygienic condition.

HOUSE TO HOMSE INSPECTION.

In regard to hote: and industrial lavatories, it was decided on the motion of Ald. Anderson that the Trades and Labour Council be informed that the Health Inspector (Mr. Browne) had been instructed to carry out a house to house inspection.

NOT OVERLOOKED.

In referring to the public convenience, the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) stated it had been a longfelt want, but the matter had not been overlooked by the Council; the question was one of obtaining a suitable piece of land centrally situated, and a loan to carry out the work.

OBJECTION RAISED.

Ald. Golding said he had spoken recently to Mr. A. H. Friend in regard to the land situated opposite his firm's premises, and he (Mr. Friend) had raised an objection, pointing out that lavatories all round the town were a disgrace, being misused by the public, and there was no doubt that this contention was correct. It would require someone to be in constant attendance, or else it would become a nuisance to the health of the town. Such a convenience could, no doubt, become self supporting, the erection of a rest room with showers, with a nominal charge to be made for the service, but the Council could not get a loan for such a purpose at the present time.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) supported the remarks of Ald. Golding.

It was decided on the motion of Ald. Golding, seconded by the Mayor (Ald. Dennis), that the Trades and Labour Council be informed that the Council was fully aware of the necessity of a public convenience, but it was necessary to secure a suitable block of land, and that no loan could be obtained from the Government at the present time.

"EATEN BY THE EELS."

It was also decided to notify the Trades and Labour Council that no mosquitoes could breed in the dam, as the larvae was all eaten by the eels.

HEALTH REPORT.

DECISION.

As important matters were contained in Mr. Browne's report, it was decided that it be held over for his attendance.

WORKS REPORT.

It was decided that the Works Committee make an inspection of Lord Street.

GENERAL.

It was decided on the motion of Ald. Smith that the Shell Co. be asked to carry out certain work to facilitate motor traffic on the road.

It was decided to write to the Department of Local Government, Brisbane, stressing the necessity to complete the bylaws, more especially the water section.

Accounts amounting to £1670/3/5 were passed for payment.

Water Authority

TELEGRAMS FROM MR. FORDE.

The following telegram was read from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde):—

"I am doing everything possible to expedite provision of an adequate water supply for Gladstone.

"Have had interviews in Brisbane on this matter with the Premier, the Minister for Agriculture, and Mr. Kemp, Co-ordinator General of Works, and have since made representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, that the work be given an A1 priority.

"If this is done the Allied Works Council could be asked to make available the necessary labour if local labour is not available.

"Will write you further later."

Another telegram was read from Mr. Forde as follows:—

"Referring to previous correspondence in regard to priority for the Gladstone water scheme, this matter has now been considered by the Defence Priorities Committee, consisting of chiefs of staff and works officials, and a priority has been allotted which will ensure that the work will be taken in hand, but the fighting services and operational projects will take precedence. Have advised the Premier of Queensland and Mr. Williams accordingly, and have asked the Premier to confer with Mr. Kemp, Co-ordinator of Works, with a view to expediting the work."

HIGHER PRIORITY WANTED.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) advised the Council by telegram:—

"Have urged the Commonwealth authorities to grant an even higher priority for the Gladstone water supply scheme in order to further the proposal. Will support same in person while in Canberra next week."

WHAT PRIORITY?

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) said nothing further could be done until they had received a confirming letter from Mr. Forde in regard to a priority being granted. Up to the present the Council did not know what priority had been arranged.

APPRECIATED.

Gladstone Harbour Board wrote relative to the supply of fresh water to the port, and the Board expressed appreciation for the co-operation received from the Council and its officers, especially the action taken to cut off practically the whole of the town so as to give increased pressure at the jetty.—Received.

TRACTOR FROM CONEY ISLAND.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, advised that he had arranged with a firm to expedite deliveries of castings for the Boyne River water scheme. He was in touch with the Allied Works officials in an endeavour to obtain the use of a tractor.—Received, and the Town Clerk (Mr. Grayson) reported that Mr. Reinhold had obtained a tractor from Coney Island.

EXTENSION GRANTED.

Mr. G. Parsloe, Gladstone, asked to be granted an extension of time for carting the water pipes owing to the shortage of labour and time lost through rain.—It was decided that Mr. Parsloe be granted three weeks extension.

WATER FOR RAILWAYS.

General Manager, Central Queensland Railways, advised that he had instructed the loco. foreman at Gladstone that he was permitted to take up to 50,000 gallons of water per day for seven days a week until further notice from the Council, and when the position arose that the Council would have to reduce this quantity the department asked for ample notice.—Received, and the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) remarked that the department would be given sufficient notice.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Engineer (Mr. E. W. Phillips) reported that since last meeting he had pumped for 672 hours, using 12,768 units.—The report was adopted.

A START MADE.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) said although they had made a start on the first section of the Boyne water supply scheme, their troubles were far from over.

LOAN OF £80,000.

Ald. Golding Moved:—

"That formal application be made to the Treasury Department for a loan of £80,000 to complete the second section of the Boyne River water supply scheme. The motion was seconded by Ald. Smith and carried unanimously.

ALD. GOLDING HITS OUT.

"It is freely rumoured around the town," said Ald. Golding, "that some aldermen did not want the Boyne water scheme, as no effort had yet been made to complete the debenture loan.

"I would like to point out to these people," continued Ald. Golding, "that the Council did not have the power to request the completion of these debentures until such time as certain conditions asked for by the Minister for Local Authority Affairs (Mr. H. Bruce) had been complied with."

Ald. Golding went on to say that these conditions were that manpower must be available to complete the scheme within three months, the whole of the pipes to be on the job, with a qualified engineer to undertake the work.

As every ratepayer now knew, the Council had only last week been placed in a position to give the necessary assurances as asked for by Mr. Bruce through the telegram received from Mr. Forde. His statement should now be sufficient to completely contradict the rumours deliberately circulated with the one intention of injuring the Council in the eyes of the ratepayers.

"LIE DIRECT."

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis), in endorsing the remarks of Ald. Golding, stated it had been freely rumoured in town that certain aldermen did not want the Boyne water scheme, and he had great pleasure in giving the lie direct. The scheme had never been held up by the Council, and would be pushed forward until it was completed.

Ald. Deveney said he had never at any time heard an alderman say he was not in favour of the scheme.

PROTECTION WANTED.

Ald. Golding then moved:—

"That the Council make application to the Director General of Manpower for the complete protection of the men employed on the Boyne River water supply scheme.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) and carried unanimously.

WATERSIDE LABOUR.

Ald. Smith said he had been in touch with the Port Committee, and as a member, he thought they would be able to get some watersiders to take the work on.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) assured Ald. Smith that during the work, if an overseas vessel visited Gladstone the Council would be quite prepared to release the men for work on the water front.

Ald. Smith said they could get six good waterside workers to take the work on.

LOAN OF £15,000.

Ald. Golding moved:—

"That the Council write to the manager of the State Government Insurance Office, notifying that all preliminaries in connection with the debenture loan of £15,000 had been completed, and asking him to proceed with the preparation of the debentures.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) and carried unanimously.

"PIG IN THE POKE."

Ald. Anderson said they seemed to be in a fog all round as to whether the scheme was to be worked by the Allied Works Council or whether it was to be a defence job undertaken by the Defence Committee, Melbourne. The telegram received from Mr. Forde, he said, was very vague, although it was satisfactory in many ways. He strongly urged that they should go to Brisbane and find out what the Council had really got in the way of a priority. They could then explain the position to the Treasurer (Mr. Cooper). As it was at present, "it is a pig in the poke," added Ald. Anderson.

DEFINITE STATEMENT WANTED.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis): What we are waiting for is a confirming letter from Mr. Forde—a definite statement in regard to the priority.

Ald. Golding said he agreed with Ald. Anderson, and the Council was ahead of itself in starting the job.

Ald. Tudman: Mr. Forde is a busy man, and no doubt he will follow up his telegram with a letter explaining the position.

Ald. Anderson moved that if no letter was received from Mr. Forde within a week a special meeting of the Council be called to discuss the matter.—Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £302/12/6 were passed for payment.

Electric Light Authority

LOAN OF £1000.

State Government Insurance Office wrote relative to the debenture loan of £1000 for the interconnection scheme between the Electric Authority and the Port Curtis Dairy Association Ltd., and forwarded for signature debentures in triplicate, together with interest and interest and redemption coupons.—It was decided that the documents be signed and forwarded to Brisbane.

PRICED AT £450.

Mr. A. E. Axon, consulting engineer, Brisbane, advised that a proposal had been submitted to Longreach that they should purchase the generator at a price of £450 as it stood at Gladstone. This proposal was being examined by the State Electricity Commission and the Controller of Electricity Supply, and it was expected that a decision would be reached shortly. Mr. Axon considered that the price for the plant was reasonable under present conditions.—Received.

DAMAGE TO WIRELESS.

Mr. S. C. Wilson, Gladstone, notified that owing to over voltage on the mains on December 5 that his wireless set was badly damaged. He was not able to assess the damage, and the set had been sent to Brisbane, and so far had not been returned. However, when the account for the damage came to hand he would communicate further with the Council. It was decided to hold the matter over for further investigation.

STREET LIGHTS.

State Electricity Commission advised that the Civil Defence Organisation, Brisbane, had directed that all street lights in Queensland be reinstated as soon as practicable. However, lights near the seaboard must be screened. It was mentioned that the cost of the work involved in restating the streets lights in the case of local authorities would be borne 50 per cent by the Civil Defence Organisation by way of subsidy and 50 per cent by the local authorities, suitable loans being made available for the purpose.

It was decided to hand the letter over to Engineer Phillips for attention.

THIRD WIRE WANTED.

Mr. H. P. Tweed, Gladstone, informed the Authority that he intended to remove his electric motor from the garage to his private home for the purpose of driving a saw bench, and made application to have a third wire installed.—The matter was referred to Engineer Phillips for report at next meeting.

GENERAL.

On the motion of Ald. Golding, seconded by Ald. Smith, it was decided to obtain a legal opinion as to the length of time the Authority could entertain claims for damage to wireless sets.

Accounts amounting to £913/12/5 were passed for payment.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PRISONERS OF WAR SCHEME

Street Adoption Campaign

A feature of the Prisoners of War street adoption campaign last week was the splendid support given by the Boy Scouts, members of the 2nd and 3rd Gladstone Groups.

The ladies in charge of the scheme were loud in their praise of the excellent work performed by these boys. Not only did they collect in many streets already canvassed by Mesdames Elliot, Watson, Ricketts, Hartley, Tait and Coppin, but they actually volunteered to do some new streets. In this they were very successful.

New streets opened up by the Scouts include William Street, Glenlyon Street, and part of Auckland Street. The ladies mentioned above were greatly impressed with bearing, dress and intelligence of the Scouts, and wish to extend their thanks to the officers in charge of the Gladstone groups.

Mrs. Watson continues to make progress in and around Auckland Hill, where she is being assisted in collections by Mrs. Lodder. Several short streets and lanes, including Lord Street, will be finished this week.

Mrs. Elliot was thrilled with the assistance the Boy Scouts gave her in Yaroon, Auckland, Glenlyon and Rolla streets. Mrs. Mervyn Tait had just arranged to do William Street, and here again the Scouts came to her assistance.

The organiser of the scheme, Mrs. Coppin, had the Scouts on collections in Roseberry Street, and has arranged to open up new streets this week. Her return should be of great assistance to the scheme.

Mrs. Ricketts had her scouts collecting at Fowler Estate and Fisher Street, and she canvassed the area in and around the Bowling Club yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Johnstone continues to do good work at Barney Point, which she has completed.

The co-organisers (Messrs. V. A. Summers and D. J. Connellan) keep supplies of literature, house tags, and street signs, etc., up to the ladies canvassing. Regular calls are made to give official receipts and all possible assistance is made available. The organisation is now working well.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Private Pat Breslin, A.I.F., is at present home on leave from the south.

Miss Peggy Friend, of the Bank of N.S. Wales, left for Casino on Saturday on her annual holidays. After visiting relatives (the K. W. Middletons) at Casino she will spend the remainder of her vacation at Toowoomba.

The Rev. W. E. Boyldew, of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, has enlisted as a chaplain in the A..F., and will leave the parish at an early date. During his term as rector he won the esteem and respect of all sections of the community. He will be greatly missed by allied servicemen, who appreciated the entertainment and hospitality various units received during the past 18 months.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, February 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Miss Butterworth, Auckland Hill, Gladstone.

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The Manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. W. H. Hall) advises that the sum of £100 has been received from Mrs. M. H. P. Crow, of Auckland Hill, Gladstone, as an interest -free loan to the Commonwealth Government.

AMBULANCE DANCE.

A very large crowd attended the Ambulance dance, held at the Trocadero last Friday night. Miss Gertie Ward's orchestra supplied the music. Mr. W. Ross acted as M.C., assisted by Mr. Geo. Curran. The spot waltz was won by Miss Hope Gunders and partner (Mr. Stan Hampson), while the Monte Carlo went to Miss Lexie Hill and partner (Mr. A. Trevers). The next Ambulance dance will be held at the Trocadero on Friday night, March 5.

SCOUT MOVEMENT

Citizens Should Assist

Appropriately enough this week is Boy Scout week throughout Queensland, and the Executive of the Association has issued a leaflet giving a few facts concerning the activities of the organisation.

Many people were under the impression that the Scouts Association receives a grant from the State or Federal Governments.

This is not the case. The Association relies mainly on public donation. Scout headquarters safeguards and fosters the movement, arranges training camps for scoutmasters, and in addition sends out thousands of letters, training material, etc.

It thus returns actual service for income received.

Special identity cards are given to all members of the Association on active service so that wherever a Scout or Scouter may be sent he will always be sure of a welcome at any Scout gathering.

Autograph leaflets are available from the local scoutmasters, and well wishers of the movement can sign their autographs and pay 1/- for each signature, half of the collection will be used for the local Scout funds and half to Scout headquarters.

When the war is over and scoutmasters return it will indeed be gratifying to them to realise that local residents stood solidly behind the movement during their absence.

The Gladstone groups have a splendid war record, members showing the value of their early Scout training.

Local Scouts have been called on to perform many tasks of civic and national worth, collection of waste, scrap rubber, etc, and in all cases the jobs have been carried out with a high degree of efficiency. Therefore, all citizens should get behind the appeal and assist the Scout movement.

CALLIOPE

AMBULANCE DANCE AND EUCHRE.

A large crowd attended the dance and euchre held at Calliope last Saturday night, despite adverse weather conditions. Motor cars from the top end of the district could not get down on account of the heavy rains.

Dancing was kept going in full swing until midnight by Miss M. Archay's orchestra, and extras were played by Miss B. Rideout, Miss G. McFarlane, Miss M. Moran, and Mr. R. Michel (piano-accordeon).

Hon. Bearer A. R. Barker again carried out the duties of M.C.

Mr. Geo. Curran and Mr. Frank Farmer were ticket sellers, and Mr. Jim Ironmonger had charge of the door.

The spot one step was won by Mr. and Mrs. T. Michel, and the Monte Carlo by Miss Joyce Renton and Colin McKean.

The euchre was again in charge of Mr. Sam Dickenson, and the ladies' prize was won by Mrs. J. Wright, and the gents' by Mr. Tom McMahon.

Groceries (raffled) was won by Mrs. A. Hugher, French Street, Gladstone, with ticket No. 3160, and the 1d raffle by R. Michel, Beecher, with ticket No. C2129.

The next Ambulance dance will be held at Calliope on Saturday night, March 20.

WEDDING BELLS

GRIFFITHS.WORRALL.

The marriage took place at St. Saviour's Church of England on February 1 of Josephine, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Worrall, Gladstone, and Stanley Vivian, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Griffiths, Melbourne. The Rev. W. E. Boyldew officiated, and Mrs. Boyldew presided at the organ.

Decorations of the church were carried out by friends of the bride.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white chantilly lace over bridal satin, featuring a full gored skirt and bishop sleeves. The bodice was buttoned at the back by tiny satin buttons, and the front featured a cowl front completed by a sprig of orange blossom and a string of pearls. The gown was made by Mrs. P. Lynch. The embroidered tulle veil fell in neat folds, and was finished by a band of orange blossom. The bouquet was of white arum and eucharist lillies.

The bridesmaid (Miss Daphne Pender) wore pink self-figured organdi, made on full lines. The neckline, puff sleeves and waist were trimmed with pink velvet. With this she displayed a shoulder length pink tulle veil with a topknot of pink roses, also pink mittens. Her bouquet consisted of pink gladioli and gerberas. The dress was made by Mrs. Pender, mother of the maid.

The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Frank Busteed.

The bride's mother wore a mauve silk cordite frock with black accessories. The neckline was finished with a shaded mauve orchid. She carried a bouquet of mauve tinted zinnias and gold gerberas.

The reception was held at the Geisha Cafe. Decorations were in pink and white, and the main feature was the three-tier wedding cake, made by the bride's mother and iced by Mr. Dow.

The bride's travelling dress was brown autumn tinted floral morocain with brown accessories.

Later the happy couple departed for their honeymoon, which was spent at Yeppoon.

The bride's gift to the groom was a set of black and silver military brushes, and the groom's gift to the bride a crystal salad bowl with silver servers.

CLARKE-KIRKWOOD.

Town and country interest was associated with the wedding of Esme Constance, third daughter of Mrs. C. Kirkwood, of Beecher, and the late Mr. J. E. Kirkwood, to Private Edward John Clarke, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clarke, Park Avenue, which was celebrated at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton, on Wednesday. The Rev. Father Tiernan officiated.

The bride was given away by Mr. G. Westacott, and was attended by Miss Lois Kirkwood, as bridesmaid.

Major T. L. Taylor was best man.

White daisy patterned lace fashioned the bride's dainty and becoming gown, which was worn over satin and trimmed with tulle ruching and blue forget-me-nots. Her finer tulle veil was arranged with a circlet of frangipanni and stephanotis, and she carried a bouquet of white dahlias, gladioli tied with satin ribbon. Small groups of pale pink and blue forget-me-nots finished the pretty frock of shell pink ninon sheer and lace worn by the bridesmaid, and pink dahlias and gladioli completed her shoulder-length veil of pink tulle. She carried a bouquet of pink dahlias and gladioli tied with blue ribbon.

Mrs. C. Kirkwood, the bride's mother, added brown accessories to her frock of rose romain.

The wedding breakfast, which followed the ceremony, was held at Stewart's Cafe. The wedding cake was made by the bride's sister, and decorated by Mrs. Jackson, of Gladstone.

When leaving to spend the honeymoon in Bundaberg the bride wore a smart terracotta riptide frock with navy accessories.

CAN YOU HELP?

Books, magazines and old clean newspapers are urgently needed by the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. If you have any old newspapers, books, or magazines, kindly leave same at Gladstone Cash and Carry, where they will be collected regularly and despatched to the troops in camp. The camps in the outlying centres are much in need of reading matter and indoor games, such as playing cards, etc. See what you can do.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

BOYNE WATER SCHEME.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I do hope you will publish this letter, as I want to make myself clear to all concerned.

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. T. L. Williams, Minister of Agriculture and Stock, dated 8/2/43, wherein he states my statement appearing in the "Observer," dated 27/1/43, was more or less vague and indefinite. Insofar as my statement read "that the delays in the Boyne water scheme occurred in Brisbane," and if I have any knowledge that this is so.

It is my bounden duty to make the information in my possession known to the people of Gladstone, including Mr. Williams.

Furthermore, Mr. Williams goes on to say, "most people can only guess what I meant when I made such a statement." That being the case, I will endeavour, to the best of my ability, to enlarge on my statement, so as he can get on with the cause in the delays.

First of all I want to explain to Mr. Williams and the people of Gladstone how it came about and the facts leading up to my statement, published in the "Observer" dated January 27.

At the Town Council meeting on Monday, January 18, there was a lot of business to transact, and we had a late sitting that night, and one of the important items dealt with was the Boyne water scheme. So as to go into the scheme thoroughly Ald. Anderson moved that we have a special meeting called for Friday night, January 22, to deal with the manpower, pipes, and to proceed with the first section. As most people are aware that meeting lapsed through want of a quorum. Through unforeseen circumstances I was unable to attend.

It was explained later by Alderman Golding on January 25 that the special meeting should not have been called for that night, as it was known that several aldermen would be unable to attend. That being the case, you will see if that meeting had not been called I would not have made that statement.

At the meeting three nights after the special meeting lapsed there were a few remarks passed that we were holding up the Boyne water scheme, because we had not dealt with a letter from Brisbane dealing with the scheme. However, it was only my opinion that I was quite truthful in my remarks that as a few aldermen could not possibly attend we were not holding up the Boyne water scheme —(the aldermen), and secondly the people of Gladstone were not, as I was reported as saying "there was no lack of agitation in Gladstone for the Boyne scheme." So you can see by that I meant that the aldermen and public were behind the scheme.

That being the case, I thought I was quite justified in my remarks that the delays did not occur here in Gladstone. I have listened carefully at the Council meetings, and I am quite satisfied that the Mayor and aldermen are doing their best in every way to get the Boyne scheme completed; also I have heard the public of Gladstone agitating in every way possible to further the scheme.

So the ratepayers can see that the hold-up with the scheme cannot possibly be in Gladstone, and that was why I made the statement that the delays occurred in Brisbane.

Perhaps I made a mistake to a certain extent, insofar as I should have said the hold-up occurred outside of Gladstone.

I do hope I have explained fully my remarks, and hope the public of Gladstone did not read my statement the vague way I said it.

I want to explain that I in no way meant Mr. Williams was holding up the scheme. The public may misconstrue my statement, but I do hope Mr. Williams understands what was really meant, and the events leading up to my statement.

As I know, and Mr. Williams also knows how difficult it has been to get to the first stages of the scheme.

I hope I have made myself clear to Mr. Williams and the people of Gladstone.

Trusting my letter meets with the approval of all concerned. If I can enlarge on it in any way, if asked, I will gladly do so.—Yours, etc.,

JACK DEVENEY.

A New York message states that Mrs. Roy G. Foster, aged 12 years and 11 months, who was married at the age of 10, has given birth to a normal baby. Her husband is a soldier aged 21.

BOWLING

DISTRICT SINGLES

Jack Comino advanced a further stage in the district singles on Saturday, when he defeated E. W. Barker 31-12 after an interesting match.

Social games resulted:—

Garrett, Jenkinson, Drewe and Busteed v. A. Friend, Dennis, Wilson, Cooper 33-14.

Sly, Cameron, Humphries and P. Friend v. Mackay, Chapman, Johnston and Loveday 26-21.

Pring, Smyth and Jackson v. Ferris Seaton and Golding 38-12.

Barker, Henery and Ogg v. Buettel, Browne and Weiske 31-18.

Comino, Hobbs, Browne and Johnston v. Menzies, Dennis, Smith and Jackson 27-21.

Sly, Cameron, Humphries, P. Friend v. Hogan, Jenskinson, Haigh and Busteed 25-18.

Friend, Archay, Wilson and Cooper v. Henery, Chapman, Golding and Loveday 33-11.

Garrett, Schmidt, Bycroft and L. Weiske v. Ferris, Witty, Barker and Drewe 32-14.

SPORTING

CRICKET.

The international cricketer, W. J. O'Reilly, is having a wonderful season in Sydney club cricket. With something like 90 wickets to his credit, he was well on the spot on Saturday for St. George against Manly, taking seven wickets for 15 runs.

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BOXING.

Les Sloane (10st. 7½lbs.) knocked out Laurie Petersen (10st. 8½lb.) in the first round on Saturday night at the Melbourne Stadium. For half the round Petersen did well, and surprised Sloane two or three times with his left. However, with less than a minute to go Sloane hit Petersen with a perfect right to the chin, and the Queenslander sank to the canvas and was counted out.

Younger in years, but much taller and heavier than his brother Lionel, Terry Orreal is making good in the boxing ring in Brisbane. On his first appearance last Friday week he k.o'd. his opponent in the first round. He repeated the performance on Friday night by winning on a t.k.o. in the first round. Terry has been selected to represent the Australian Army against the Australian Airforce team at Brisbane Stadium next Friday night in a series of elimination tests to pick representatives of Australia against American boxers on Saturday night.

DRIED EGG POWDER

800,000 Eggs a Day

Cellophane is now being used in the United States to replace the metal containers into which 30 lbs. of eggs were poured for freezing and storing. The tin cans required 2 lbs. of metal each. The cellophane containers will take no metal at all, except for a small amount of stitching in some cases. They will be strengthened by outer containers of cardboard.

Australia used to have sufficient cold storage to care for her egg crop awaiting shipment overseas and future domestic demands. But war caused increased demand on storage space.

The problem was solved by erecting the first egg drying plant in Australia on a swamp near Sydney. At full throttle this plant can turn 800,000 eggs a day into dried egg powder. Other plants have been and are being erected throughout the Commonwealth.

JEREMIAH PICKERING LIDDELL late of Biloela, in the State of Queensland, labourer, deceased. After fourteen clear days from to-day MARY JANE LIDDELL, of Biloela, in the State of Queensland, the lawful widow of the said deceased, will apply to the Supreme Court Rockhampton for a Grant of Administration of the personal estate of the said JEREMIAH PICKERING LIDDELL deceased.

Any person interested who desires to object to the application or to be heard upon it may file a Caveat in the Registry at any time before the grant is made.

Dated the sixteenth day of February, 1943.

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APPLICATIONS are invited from Girls with the necessary qualifications for positions as Trainee Nurses at the Gladstone Hospital.

One vacancy is to be filled immediately.

Further particulars obtainable from the Matron.

J. BURROWS, Secretary.

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Sung by Bing Crosby
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By the Bombardiers Military Band
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IN THE MOOD
By The Merry Macs
DADDY, Sung by Andrews Sisters
AMERICA, I LOVE YOU
By Horace Heidt
THE SHRINE OF ST. CECILIA
By Eddy Duchin and Orchestra
DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS . . By Horace Heidt
I DON'T WANT TO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE
By Horace Heidt
BLUES IN THE NIGHT
Sung by Kate Smith
MARIA ELENA, by Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra
CHICA, CHICA, BOOM CHIC
Sung by Carmen Miranda
A LARGE RANGE OF NUMBERS
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AMBULANCE DANCES.—Trocadero, Friday Nights, March 5th and 19th, 1943: Calliope Saturday Night, March 20th, 1943. Kindly dot down the dates and come along and assist your Brigade.

A SHILLING DANCE will be held at the C.W.A. Hall, Thursday (Tomorrow). Supper provided.

A STREET STALL in aid of the Salvation Army will be held on Saturday next, February 27. Donations of jams, pickles, cakes, fruit, etc., will be gratefully received, and can be left at the Salvation Army Hall.

A RED CROSS DANCE will be held in Trocadero on Tuesday, March 2. Novelties and Special Music.

AUCTION SALE.—Furniture and Effects account Rev. Boyldew, at Rectory, Auckland Street, Next Saturday, 27th February, commencing 2.15 p.m. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A NEW Song Hit, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Buy a copy to-day and try it. Price 2/2. P. M. Jones, next P.O.

AUCTION SALE.—Account Boyldew Electric Frigidaire, Autotone Piano, Electrolux, 3-piece Genoa Lounge Suite, 8-valve Breville Radio, all wave. L. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A.—SPECIAL Quality Jonathan Eating Apples 20/- bushel case, Granny Smith Cooking 25/- bushel case, choice Tomatoes 10/- half bush. case, Marrows 10/- sack, Cucumbers 12/- bush. case. Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques. FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

AMCTION SALE.—Saturday, 27th: 8-day Striking Clock, Piano Stool, Carpets, Electric Fan, beautiful Vesta Sewing Machine. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

AUCTION SALE.—List: 4-Piece Maple Bedroom Suite with English Bevelled Mirror, Electric Iron, Jug, Radiator, Toaster, etc. Weiske, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE.—Beds, Duchess, Palm Stands, Maple Dining Table and Chairs, Cane Lounge, Lino Square, Cyclops, Toys, etc. L. Weiske, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE. Next Saturday—Kitchen Cabinet, Writing Desk, Gents' Freewheel Bike, Fishing Gear, Pot Plants, Silverware, Cutlery, Crockery, Glassware, etc Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

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6.45—B.B.C. News.
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7.45—Australian News
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8.05—State News.
p.m.
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12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News
1.30—Australian News
1.35—Overseas News
1.45—State News
5.15—B.B.C. News
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15 —Australian and Overseas News.
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6.45—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Australian News.
p.m.
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5.15—B.B.C. News.
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10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.

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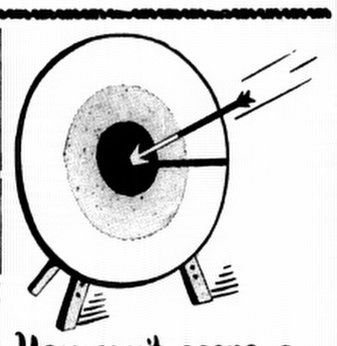

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ARMS AND THE MAN

BULLET-PROOF STEEL

An All-Australian Gun

The weapons of war which Australian factories manufacture from her own steel are mostly grim affairs—anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, shell forgings, armoured cars, tanks, ammunition, and a dozen other necessities.

But the romance of arms and armour did not perish with the Three Musketeers. Something of their spirit is abroad in the world to-day in the commandos and the guerilla fighters, and Australian research officers and technicians have proved that Ned Kelly wasn't the only Australian with good ideas on armour.

Bullet-proof steels is a modern form of armour which has caught the public imagination ever since Chicago gangsters used it for their motor cars, and dictator gangsters hid behind it in their railway carriage conference room in the Brenner Pass.

The production of bullet-proof steel in Australia was before the war dependent on the importation of certain alloys, expensive to buy and difficult to procure. Technicians at the B.H.P. works in Newcastle, however, evolved a secret process for the making of bullet-proof steel, which proved so successful that the formula has been turned over to Britain and the United States.

Steel from Newcastle was used for some types of air raid shelters installed during the height of the London blitz, and it is quite on the cards that the B.H.P. formula for bullet-proof steel may be used for the forging of the body armour for troops with which the British War Office is now carrying out experiments. Weighing 2lbs., the armour is designed to be proof against sub-machine guns and to give protection against bomb splinters and glancing bullets.

Research officers of the same company also mastered the secret of a certain type of steel armoured plate which could be welded. This plating was unprocurable from overseas, and the secret of its manufacture was not known, but B.H.P. solved the problem, and is now supplying the Government with armoured plating at one-sixth of the price formerly paid, calling forth a commendation for their work from the Minister for Munitions (Mr. Makin).

PROVED IN ACTION.

Australians in New Guinea and the Allied commandos in Timor are fighting with the all-Australian gun invented by young Evelyn Owen, of Wollongong, who said last week that following the success of the gun in the New Guinea campaign, production has risen and is now well above the promised figures.

"The success of the gun in New Guinea is proof of what I claimed the gun could do," said Owen, adding, "soldiers who have used it assure me it's the best light automatic gun in the world."

The story of this gun and the continual disappointments and set-backs over which the young inventor finally triumphed is one of the "human interest" stories of Australia at war. The scientific research work carried out by the young men at B.H.P. is another.

Meanwhile, while the whole immense organisation of such an enterprise as B.H.P. is working out on war production, small enterprises are doing their bit as well in Australia as in England. Small factories have been switched over from the production of, say, jewellers' tools to precision instruments.

DEADLY WEAPONS.

In England, too, the same re-organisation to produce the greatest war output has been carried out.

An 80-year-old sword maker, Tom Beasley, who forged the sword presented by the Indian Princess to Queen Victoria on her diamond jubilee, is now passing on his skill to younger men, fashioning the deadly knives used by British commando and parachute troops.

The day of the sword and the knife has been reborn, and much of the skill of the early swordmakers is going into the manufacture of these weapons for the swift and silent killing taught every shock troop.

The factory where Tom Beasley has worked for the past 50 years formerly supplied swords to the military and police forces throughout the Empire as well as in South America, Abyssinia and Egypt, but now, like so many Australian factories, they have turned over their machinery to war production.

Commando knives and their scabbards are only two of their manufactures. Others are anti-tank ammunition and automatic fire extinguishers. Like B.H.P., they have pioneered new ideas, for they were the first steel forgers to take up the safety razor.

WOMEN'S SERVICES

Important Changes

Important changes affecting the two women's services of the Australian Army—the A.W.A.S. and the A.A.M.W.S.—has been announced by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde).

Mr. Forde said that in conformity with the growing strength of the Australian Women's Army Service, the Controller (Lieut. Col. Sybil Irwing) had been promoted to the rank of colonel.

A further change, said Mr. Forde, was the appointment of Lieut. Col. Kathleen Best, formerly controller of the Australian Army Medical Women's Service, as Assistant Adjt.-General of Women's Services on the staff of the Adjutant General. Lieut. Col. Best would have two deputies—one each from the A.W.A.S. and the A.A.M.W.S.

"The creation of a special branch of the A.G.'s department to adminster the two women's services will not in any way affect the direct control of the A.W.A.S. or the A.A.M.W.S.," said Mr. Forde. "However, it is felt that women are quite competent and in many ways specially squipped to carry out on the A.G.'s staff the administrative work associated with women's services. It will release male members of the A.G.'s staff for other duties."

No successor to Lieut. Col. Best as controller of the A.A.M.W.S. has yet been appointed, the Minister added. An announcement regarding this appointment would be made later.

Mr. Forde made it clear that the changes would not affect the Australian Army Nursing Service, which would remain under the control of the Director General of Medical Services.

CAREERS OF NEW APPOINTEES.

Col. Sybil Irving was for 16 years secretary of the Girl Guides in Victoria. She was assistant secretary of the Victorian branch of the Australian Red Cross for a number of years. She was appointed controller of the A.W.A.S. on October 6, 1941, as lieut. colonel.

Lieut. Colonel Kathleen Best served overseas with the A.I.F. as matron of the 5th A.I.F. general hospital. She served in Palestine, Greece and Eritrea, and arrived back in Australia a few months ago. She has been awarded the Royal Red Cross.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
24	11.55	——	.....	5.51	6.25
25	12.24	12.30	.....	6.34	7.01
26	1.06	1.12	.....	7.29	7.49
27	1.59	2.05	.....	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	.....	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	4.33	4.48	.....	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	.....	——	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	.....	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	.....	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	.....	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	.....	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	.....	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	.....	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	.....	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	.....	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	.....	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	.....	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... March 6
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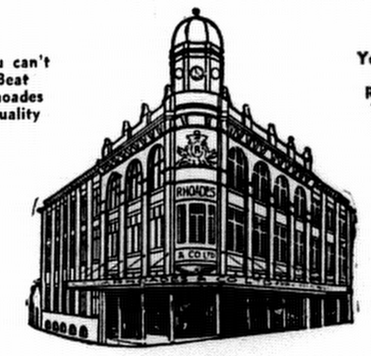

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TEA RATIONING

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Position Being Revised

"One thing that rationing has done," said the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), "has been to eliminate waste. The old idea that it was necessary to throw in one teaspoon for the pot has been discarded, and the quality of the tea has not been affected. The economical use of tea is a national necessity, as every pound of tea which can be saved as a result of proper usage represents a saving in shipping."

With the improved tea stock position it is now possible also to liberalise the arrangements in connection with industrial canteens. Furthermore, the burden of tea rationing in respect to hospital patients will also be eased.

Patients will not be required to surrender tea coupons for the first four weeks of their stay in hospital, and in the case of patients remaining for a longer period, they will surrender a coupon for each additional week in hospital.

This new arrangement will represent a considerable saving in the administrative work of hospital staffs who are now working at exceedingly high pressure.

The basis is also being revised to ensure that each person will be able to retain sufficient coupons to meet his requirements for meals consumed away from hospital.

All tese modifications indicate that it is the aim of the Rationing Commission to make tea available in reasonable quantities where it is legitimately needed, and when the supply position will permit.

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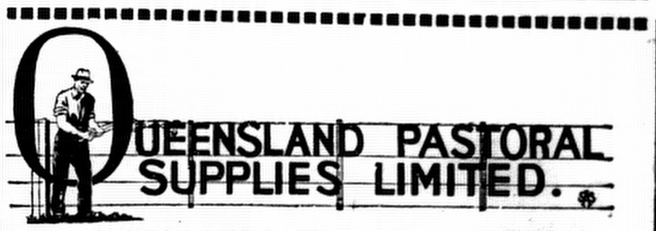

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Position Being Revised

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With the improved tea stock position it is now possible also to liberalise the arrangements in connection with industrial canteens. Furthermore, the burden of tea rationing in respect to hospital patients will also be eased.

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Marriage

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CURRENT TOPICS

WINNERS OF RAFFLES.

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Fresh tenders are invited by the Calliope Shire Council by advertisement in this issue for the cleansing and garbage services at Calliope. Further particulars may be obtained from the Shire Clerk, Mr. H. H. Whittle.

POWER OF SILENCE.

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NAZI KULTUR.

What Germany thinks of Poland is shown by this extract from a speech on January 27 by the gauleiter of Upper Silesia:—"The criminal inclinations of the Poles will be fought without mercy. It is a point of honour to wipe out such creatures quickly and completely. The only way to deal with such elements is death, as a warning to those who are still living."

SHELTER TAX DEDUCTION.

Expenditure incurred in the erection of an air raid shelter by a landlord for a tenant or tenants, if it is not of enduring benefit, will be allowed as a Federal tax deduction for the income year ended June 30, 1942. This will be provided in an amendment to the Income Tax Assessment Acts, to be introduced soon, according to the secretary of the Taxpayers' Association of Queensland (Mr. W. M. Hall).

DROP IN MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Queensland motor vehicle registrations on January 31 totalled 112,739, a decline of 6016 compared with figures for the previous 12 months. However, there was a net increase of 250 during last month. This is shown in a return issued by the Works Minister (Mr. Bruce). Last month's increase included 203 motor cars and 117 utility vehicles, and small increases in others, but there was a decrease of 80 in the number of motor cycles. Net revenue from motor vehicle collections in January totalled £39,050.

£3 EXEMPTION URGED.

The A.C.T.U. Federal Executive has decided to ask the Federal Government not to lower the overall tax exemption from £3 to £2 a week as proposed. It will also request that tax instalment refunds should not be refused after March 31, that social service benefits should operate as soon as extra taxation to finance them is imposed, and that the A.C.T.U. be consulted about such social service schemes. The Executive decided to seek the help of the A.L.P. Federal Executive in having the Federal franchise age reduced to include all people of 18 and over.

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BUTTER MANUFACTURED

Pay £141,490/15/6

The manufacture of butter for the month of January by the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association was:—

	lbs.
Choice quality	491,986
First quality	1,635,778
Second quality	144,691
Pastry quality	21,008
Total	2,293,463

Payment to suppliers was made for:—

Choice quality	558,437
First quality	1,590,705
Second quality	135,501
Pastry quality	16,386
Total	2,301,029

The rate of pay was 1/3¼ per lb. choice, 1/2⅞ first, 1/1⅞ second, and 7d pastry qualities, the total pay being £141,490/15/6.

ROLL OF HONOUR

PRIVATE K. A. CURRIE.

The management of Swift Australian Co. (Pty.) Ltd. has received the sad news of the death, killed in action, of Private Kenneth Allan Currie, serving with the A.I.F. in New Guinea.

Ken Currie was a member of the Meatworks office staff, and came to Gladstone from the company's Brisbane office in March, 1937. He enlisted in the A.I.F. in April, 1941, and served in the Middle East for sixteen months, returning to Australia at the latter part of last year. Shortly after his return he was drafted to New Guinea.

Of a quiet and retiring disposition, Ken was very well liked by all his colleagues and associates. He was highly respected for his clean living and conscientious work, and did not make a bad friend or enemy in Gladstone, and now that he has given his life for his country, all who knew him will always respect his memory, with deep sympathy for his parents and family in their great loss.

As a tribute to his passing, the flag at the Meat Works was flown at half-mast on Monday.

OBITUARY

MRS. E. J. MACKAY.

The death ccurred at the General Hospital on Thursday of an old Calliope resident in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Mackay. Her husband, Angus Mackay, predeceased her two years ago.

The deceased, who had been ailing for some time, was a member of a pioneer family, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kietley, of Calliope. She is survived by a family of ten: Mesdames A. Mathiesen (Banana Station), A. Holder (Rannes), Mrs. C. Stibbs (Brisbane), H. Soppa (Gladstone), Mrs. D. Ibbotsen (Biloela), and Messrs. William (postmaster Calliope), Dan (Winton), Jack (Gladstone), George (Yeppoon), and Jim (Calliope Station).

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at Calliope, the Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders officiating at the graveside.

BOYNE RIVER BRIDGE.

Recent hold-ups in traffic on the main Bundaberg-Gladstone road at the Boyne River bridge has shown the necessity of having a modern high-level bridge on this important thoroughfare. The present structure, which was built about 10 years ago, was a toll bridge until recently, and has certainly outlived its usefulness under present traffic conditions. The present bridge only crosses part of the river bed, and when a fresh occurs traffic is held up on the Benaraby side, vehicles being unable to get to the bridge proper. The bridge has been covered on three occasions during the past two months. Considering the number of all-weather bridges constructed over other rivers during the past decade, Gladstone has a good case for a high-level structure to be put over the Boyne on the main Northern Highway. Construction of the bridge may also bring about the completion of the missing link on the same highway from the Boyne River to the bitumin road four miles from Gladstone.

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

BOYNE WATER SCHEME.

Sir,—Knowing that the Council had a meeting on Monday last, I looked forward with expectation to see how the water scheme was progressing.

The "Observer" further raised my hopes with the large headings, such as "Alderman Golding Moves Important Resolution," "Rumours Scorched," "Lie Direct," etc., but like many others, no doubt, I was sadly disappointed when on reading the report the most I could see in a progressive direction was that several aldermen stated they were in favour of the water scheme.

"The important resolution" was that formal application be made for the loan of £80,000, etc.

Now, Mr. Editor, about fifteen months ago, before Japan came into the war, Alderman Golding appeased us at the public meeting called by the Trades and Labour Council by stating that he had been advised a few hours before that the first part of the scheme involving £15,000 had been approved, and I cannot understand why this important resolution covering the estimated cost of the whole scheme has only just been moved.

Representatives of the various public bodies, unions, etc., a few weeks ago waited outside the Council office until 9 o'clock one evening for the purpose of asking the Council, which was holding a special meeting, whether it required any assistance from them. These delegates were informed that there was nothing that they could do, but if anything of importance turned up they would be informed and their assistance sought.

The Mayor, at least, must have known then that the debentures had not been signed (I have yet to learn whether they have been prepared), and as Alderman Golding stated, the Council did not have the power to request the completion of the debentures because of certain unusual conditions, yet nothing, according to what the delegates were told, of importance at that time was standing in the way.

The assistance of these bodies is still being ignored by the Council, and the report does not reveal any effort by it to remove the obstacles in the way of the completion of the debentures.

As I see the position, Mr. Editor, the water scheme is begging the Council to commence it, and as I have to accept the aldermen's assurances that they favour it, all that is required is a little bit of enterprise.—Yours, etc.,

J. BURROWS.

SOCIALIST FINANCE AND THE BOYNE SCHEME.

Sir,—Your correspondent in last Wednesday's issue raised a question, which has no doubt given thought to quite a numbe of people—socialist finance.

Socialist finance differs from capitalist finance insimuch as capitalist finance is based on a gold standard, whilst socialist finance is based on a goods currency, i.e., based on the amount of goods produced over a given period.

Under capitalism the amount of gold or its financial equivalent (credit) that the individual can command reflects his individual standing in society, whereas under socialism the standing of the individual is based on his use to the community.

Under socialism the only value gold has is for what is can be manufactured into—jewellery, etc.

In Soviet Russia gold is mined because the outside capitalist world, both in finance and society, is based and built up on the worship of gold. Russia, needing no gold to stabilise her currency, is in the glorious position of being able to pay for anything she buys from outside countries with gold—a commodity which internally has no value.

Again, under Socialism, the people are the owners of the means of production (ships and ship building yards, mines, factories, farms, etc.), and as no profit motive enters into socialist production, the only problem is to divide amongst the people the goods they produce. Each industry sets up a committee which co-ordinates the labour of the workers, and by a careful system of checking it is able to calculate within a very narrow margin just what quantity of goods each industry will produce.

Contrary to general belief, under socialism banks do exist, but how different are their functions from those of a capitalist bank.

Under capitalism the banks exercise their influence and knowledge of peoples' private affairs to gain control of industry by the simple expedient of granting or restricting credits as they please. The capitalist source of credit is deposits from small investors, plus profits from previous investments.

The part socialist banks play is to issue the money necessary for carrying out works, and act merely as distributing houses, the source of the credit they are able to issue being the goods produced plus the peoples' deposits.

After checking of requirements by the Planning Commission, the banks issue more money that is required to purchase the goods produced, and thus is demand kept in excess of supply, and the incentive to greater efforts of production is maintained.

Under socialism, unemployment vanishes, because there being no motive for profit, the workers productive powers can be used to the full, and factories, mines, etc., worked to capacity without any fear of glut on the market.

If there is a tendency to overproduce a certain commodity, it is quite simple, where the people own everything, to transfer production to some other commodity in which production is not so far advanced.

The workers, knowing they have continuous work, which means continuous wages, adequate provision during periods of illness, and a bountiful pension on retiring from active work, have no need to hoard their wages, and thus are continually demanding more goods for consumption, and can safely spend to the limit of their income.

What family (I mean workers' family) could not use another pound of butter each week? What family could not use more fruit? What family could not and would not like to buy better class wearing apparel? But we must not forget that our wages in Gladstone, and in not only Australia, but right throughout all capitalist countries, are regulated not on the amount of goods we could produce, not on the amount of money we could spend, but on the smallest amount necessary to maintain ability to work and produce a new generation of wage slaves.

With the limited purchasing power under capitalism, crises are inevitable, and consequently so are wars. For when production goes ahead the power to consume is restricted by the amount paid in wages, and warehouses become stocked with goods which no one can buy, the result being a wholesale reduction in wages and staff, and conditions are brought down to near starvation.

Increased production under a planned socialist system means a reduction in the cost of goods, and a reduction in the hours of labour necessary, which again means more leisure for the workers, and so more contentment and better health, and a desire to further advance the aims of such a system.

To bring home to everyone the difference between socialist and capitalist finance, let us consider our projected Boyne water scheme.

It is recognised that the scheme has some national importance, but despite the efforts of not only the Gladstone Town Council, but also other local bodies, many months elapsed before the Government could be forced to lay aside its political goggles and view the scheme in its true perspective.

After these irritating delays, and the attempts by the Government to sidetrack the issue, after months of "passing the buck," we have been promised something.

Since the scheme was originally put forward, costs, due to the profit motive dominating our war effort, have risen, and where the scheme was originally to cost £80,000, it is now anticipated that the cost will be in the vicinity of £100,000. The period of the loan is 30 years.

In the "Observer," under date January 30, it was reported that the Treasurer had given his word to grant a remission of one-third interest and redemption, which would mean a saving to the ratepayers of £25,000 on an estimated scheme of £90,000.

If one third remission means a saving of £25,000, then it naturally follows that the amount to be found by the ratepayers during that 15 years is £50,000. After the 15 years the ratepayers, through the Council, will be called upon to pay the full amount, no remission having been promised after that period.

So with £50,000 to pay during the first 15 years it can be quite easily imagined what the commitments will be during the second 15 years, so it can be seen that under a capitalist system of finance the Boyne scheme may be summarised as under:—

Gladstone gets a water scheme and will have incurred a tremendous debt to the bondholders, some of which will be paid to the workers in wages direct, some goes to the employees of the firms supplying material, while quite a considerable portion goes to the money lenders for interest, and these eventually get from the small storekeepers, with whom the workers deal for foodstuffs, etc., the money originally paid out in wages.

Under a socialist system, once the merit of the scheme was agreed upon, the money would be advanced by the banks to meet wages and materials. The job would be debited with the amount, while on completion the job would be credited as a national asset, and the debit would thus be balanced.

We would have our water scheme, no yearly instalments to pay, no increase in rates or taxes, and the money back in the vaults of the banks. Some will say it is too simple. Yes, so simple it works.—Yours, etc.,

LEO FUNK.

COMFORTS FUND

SUCCESSFUL STREET STALL

Total Receipts £41

The last monthly street stall of the Comforts Fund was very successful, the total receipts being £41.

The convenors (Mrs. J. Henriksen and Mrs. C. Chapman) and committee wish to thank all generous donors in town and country who assisted.

The hand painted picture (donated by Mrs. S. C. Wilson) was won by Mrs. J. Groth, and the bedspread (donated by Mr. A. H. Friend) by Miss Mary Fitzgerald.

CASH DONATIONS.

Mesdames A. Young, H. Hallam, S. C. Wilson, R. M. Hill, Wyatt, G. Dennis, Dow, N. Martin, N. Worthington, M. Tait, Hillhouse, J. Austin, Upton, J. Corboran, F. Ward, T. Broughton, W. H. V. Hansen, E. Hunt, Sweeney, G. Gordon, W. Hay, W. M. Hay, H. Carruthers, Smith, J. Tracey, E. W. Robbins, G. Millard, J. Calligeros, Coronos, J. Darling, J. Crosen, Chapman, Southam, W. Keller, C. H. Smith, J. Worthington, J. Joseph, C. McLeod, A. Car, G. Thompson, J. P. McLeod, J. Schneider, O'Neil, Howard, H. Millward, Renton, T. E. Hanley, J. Nash, S. Bensted, F. J. Russell, H. Dicker, H. Mason, W. Wright, J. Colthorpe, R. J. Ryalls, A. Jordan, E. Wright, E. C. Chrecee, A. Malpass, J. Holly, Ferros Cafe, R. J. Mackay, Messrs. R. Power, R. Stevens, J. M. Schneider, W. J. Barker, Vallis, H. Boyle, C. T. Smith, J. Benedick, J. M. Stanfield, E. J. Masterson, and the Misses E. Stirrat, Percy, and R. Beale.

Cakes: Mesdames V. Boys, P. Hutcheon, S. Geddes, R. Barker, E. Thiel, A. Hopper, J. Henriksen, C. Chapman, C. W. Macfarlan, J. Garrett, J. Turner, J. Groth, H. C. Moore, R. Lodder, W. C. Chapman, J. Loesby, F. Pope, Stalley, Robson, Jones, A. E. Ferguson, V. Linnane, Tweed.

Sweets: Mesdames W. Buettel, R. Barker, T. Hamilton, L. Boles, L. M. Waler, A. Wilson, R. O'Brien.

Pickles: Mrs. J. Turner.

Sugar: Mrs. E. W. Barker.

Flowers: Mesdames J. Worthington and Unje.

Eggs: Mrs. F. Menzies.

Case of Plums: J. Comino.

Pot plants: Mrs. H. Jansen.

The next street stall will be held on March 19, and donations would be much appreciated.

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCIAL POSITION

Credit Balance £4375/12/10

At the last meeting of the Town Council the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson) stated that after payment of accounts the financial position of the funds would be:—

	£	s	d
General Fund, cr.	2382	15	10
Cleansing Fund, cr.	767	1	11
Loan Rate Fund cr.	205	14	10
Electric Loan Rate Fund, cr.	30	5	2
Electricity Undertaking Fund, cr.	704	10	10
Water Loan Rate Fund, cr.	861	11	8
Water Undertaking Fund cr.	863	12	7
Total credit balances	5815	12	10
Old Overdraft Ac.	1440	0	0
Excess credit over debit balance	£4375	12	10

AT THE POWER HOUSE

REPAIRS TO MAINS EFFECTED

A Transformer Damaged

At the last meeting of the Electric Authority Mr. C. B. Connolly reported that he was in charge of the Power House during the absence of Mr. Phillips on his annual leave from January 25 to February 13.

The plant had run well, and the supply had been continuous, the only repairs necessary being the replacement of a 3-inch overflow pipe from the Crossley engines.

On January 30 considerable damage was done to the mains and services by a heavy wind storm, and repairs were effected without delay.

One new consumer with a total of six points was connected.

The transformer for the Butter Factory interconnection schemt had arrived from Emerald in a damaged condition. He was given to understand that the transformer arrived at the station on about January 21, and they were not notified until January 25.

When Mr. Connolly went to the Railway Station he found the transformer had been damaged, and he notified the Stationmaster, and accepted it under protest.

As near as can be ascertained without a further test, the damage appeared to be six broken insulators, and maybe one cracked insulator, six broken down flanges, and all the transformer oil.

It was reported that the General Manager of Railways had been notified of the damage, also the insurance company.

SCOUT NEWS

Second Gladstone Group

(By "Wonga.")

In common with other groups throughout Australia, the above group is busy raising funds to assist their State headquarters.

By doing this they are also helping themselves. The Boy Scouts Association does not receive any grants or subsidies from the Government, and is run solely on funds raised by their own efforts, plus assistance from groups. The ways in which the association helps groups are innumerable.

Last Monday, February 22, was the birthday of the founder of the movement, the late Lord Baden-Powell, of Gilwell. The best monument that can be erected to him is a successful and flourishing movement. Towards that end a drive for funds is being made.

The Second Gladstone Group held a very successful children's party last Saturday afternoon as part of their programme. They have also nearly completed their drive for autographs. Any Scout will allow you to autograph his folder for 1/-, half the proceeds going to the group concerned and the other half to headquarters.

This group has fifty folders, one per member, and there are still a few spaces left. To-day (Saturday) the Second Gladstone Group will hold a stall in Gondoon Street, the proceeds of which will also go to the same cause. The ladies' committee and scouts have been very busy preparing for this. Lollies will be one of the main items.

The Group has had visits from Rover Bob Phillips and Rover Joe Schneider, who are home on leave.

Scout Frank Liddicoat, R.A.A.F., is also home on leave, and Scout Vic. Brushe, who is home for a week from Brisbane, also paid us a visit.

One last word, don't forget the Scout jumble stall to-day (Saturday), and thus help us to help the movement.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss Joyce Shandley, of Gladstone, has returned home after spending a holiday in Gympie.

Driver E. G. B. Shandley, A.I.F., has returned to his unit in the south, after spending leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shandley, Auckland Street, Gladstone.

GROW VEGETABLES.

People could help the nation by growing vegetables in their home gardens, said the director of the plant division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (Dr. B. T. Dickson. They should think of the home garden as their immediate home front, and do their bit to defeat the enemy, he said.

BEER AND PUBLIC ORDER

BRAWL AT BONDI

1500 Men Involved

One of the essentials in the maintenance of an adequate war effort is the existence of public order. If affairs in any particular public way get out of hand there is dislocation of the united effort.

Much of the disorder which has been of considerable concern to many people who have had the best interests of the nation at heart have been induced by the excessive drinking of beer. As an instance of this we have the recent brawl at Bondi (Sydney), in which more than 1500 men were involved, one man being pushed under a tram and several others trampled on or cut with glass.

The hotel Astra, in and around which the trouble occurred, was one of the few hotels in the suburbs of Sydney which continued to serve beer late in the afternoon of the Saturday in question. There were more men than usual wanting beer, because it was a raceless Saturday, which according to Mr. Heffron is given to allow racegoers to do N.E.S. work or home gardening.

Between 5.15 and 6 p.m. the bars were crowded with men struggling to get near the counters. Seven men were arrested on various charges, including resisting arrest, riotous behaviour, and indecent language. Many others were proceeded against by summons.

The trouble started when the crowd in the bars, including many soldiers, became too large for the attendants to serve with beer. Police and detectives went to restore order. The crowd became hostile, and empty glasses were hurled at the police.

After a struggle the police cleared the bar, the floor of which, according to official reports, was strewn with broken glass. The gold wristlet watch of one of the detectives was torn off and lost. One of the constables lost his uniform cap, which, it is believed, was torn to shreds.

Outside the hotel the fight continued, and the police had to use great tact to prevent serious bloodshed. Several men were knocked down, and several of them were trampled on.

Those whom the police believed to be the most belligerent were lifted into a side-car of a police motor cycle and taken to the Bondi Police Station.

During the fight a tram attempted to pass through the crowd, and a man was pushed under the tram. The safety bars caught his body and he was pushed by the bars along the road before the driver knew what had happened.

The crowd rushed the tram and threatened to lift it off the rails to release the man who was under it. Men were knocked down and trampled on, and the police had to leave the brawling crowds in the other parts of the street. They formed a cordon round the tram and threatened to arrest any man who attempted to break through. Then the man under the tram was released and taken to hospital for treatment.

The cause of such disorder needs to be dealt with in a way in which it has not up to the present been dealt with. At any time beer is an enemy of order, and is more so than ever in war time.

MENACE OF DINGOES

Farmers' Rifles

Commenting on a statement that farmers whose rifles had been impressed by the Army were finding it difficult to control the menace of dingoes and other pests, the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) said that farmers who made official application to the Army could have their cases considered.

Every case would receive prompt and thorough investigation, and applications should be made to the impressment officers in the various lines of communication headquarters.

In genuine cases the Army would return the rifle if possible. If this could not be done arrangements would be made to provide a substitute weapon.

"It is Army policy to minimise the inevitable inconvenience caused to farmers by the impressment of their rifles for defence purposes," said Mr. Forde.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

RUSSIA PASSES TEST

MASTERLY STRATEGY

Germany's Losses Terrific

The successive German summer and Russian winter offensives have created an impression in some quarters that fighting on the gigantic eastern front has been in the nature of a stupendous see-saw struggle, with the Russians winning back in the winter what the Germans won in the previous summer.

This, it has been felt, might go on for an almost indefinite period. But keener observers have felt that the test for the Russians this northern winter would be their ability to break through the German permanent winter line.

That they have succeeded in doing this proves that their present offensive has greater drive and staying power than that of a year ago. Their onslaught must have carried them farther than the Germans thought possible, and German radio reports indicate a considerable German concern for the stability of their eastern line and the security of their armies in Russia.

German losses have been terrific, and there are more terrific losses for them yet to face. The strategy of the Russians has been masterly. To have held their reserves of men and materials while the enemy stormed and entered the gates of Stalingrad indicates a patience almost beyond imagining. It was only when the Germans seemed to have their objective within their grasp that the Russians struck back and drove the Germans from their advanced positions.

It is not to be overlooked that Russian losses in the fierce fighting in which they have been engaged have been appalling. The question now is how long this Russian pressure over an extended front can be maintained, and whether the Germans, despite their great losses of men and material, can regroup their forces for a counter offensive in the coming summer.

No one is now in a position to say what the answer to this question is, and time alone will tell. This may be said, however: If the Russians succeed in taking Smolensk before their winter offensive is over, there can be no doubt that the Germans will have suffered a reverse from which they are not likely to recover quickly, if they recover at all.

In the event of the Russians falling short of this objective, the Germans will probably be in a position to attempt another forward push when the Russian winter is over. All this is without account of any diversionary move or moves the United Nations may initiate in the west.

The North African campaign has been a help to Russia, though it is not probable that it has involved the withdrawal of any considerable armed strength from the eastern front. If, however, any large scale invasion of Europe is attempted, and German forces have to be withdrawn from the east, the present Russian offensive may be carried to the very frontier of Germany, but there can be no doubt that the Russians would rather destroy the German army in Russia than drive it back into Germany.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES

"BED ONLY" FACILITIES

Little Consideration Be Shown

Basis upon which labour protection will be given to hotels and boarding houses was decided at a conference between the War Organisation of Industry Department and the manpower authorities.

The honorary advisory officer of the department, Mr. Bruce Pie, M.L.A., said afterwards that it was agreed that those hotels and boarding houses already providing and willing to provide full accommodation should be protected, but the department must be convinced that present and further manpower allocations would be utilised fully.

It was felt that this action would encourage hotels and boarding houses to make full boarding and accommodation facilities available again immediately, thus relieving the present demands on cafes and restaurants.

Little consideration, it was decided, could be shown to those lessees and proprietors who would make available "bed only" facilities, and to those hotels which did not wish to provide any accommodation facilities.

KITCHEN FRONT

Breakfast Is Important

Do you "eat as you run." No time for breakfast; or do you consider the first meal of the day to be unimportant? Whatever the cause, let us make the situation quite clear.

Firstly, breakfast as a meal is most important.

The taking of food first thing in the morning has a very definite effect upon digestive activity, and stimulates the wave-like movements of the whole of the digestive tract, thus maintaining muscular tone and aiding regular elimination.

What food should be taken for breakfast?

Fresh fruit, whole or as juice, or stewed to provide some minerals and vitamins, those important protective foods. The acid flavour of fruit first thing in the morning is refreshing and helps to prepare the appetite for foods to follow.

"Oh, well," some of you may say, "fruit is all I eat for breakfast. I don't want anything else."

Eating is so largely a matter of habit, and no doubt you have trained yourself to think this way. But I would like to ask: "What about the 'empty' feeling that overcomes you at 10.30 or 11 a.m.?"

Fruit contains a large amount of water and a comparatively small amount of solid requiring digestion so that the stomach dealth with it in a very short space of time, and then the "hollow" feeling comes along, or you feel faint.

So, if we add some cereal which is usually served with milk and, preferably an egg with wholemeal toast, butter and marmalade, with tea, coffee or cocoa to drink, then we have an adequate breakfast.

The proteins represented by egg and milk take much longer to digest, and prevent the onset of hunger. The cereal, bread and marmalade provide heat and energy for the morning's work, and there are minerals and vitamins A, B, and C, represented, too. So, why not give yourself a chance to start the day well? You are able to do a more efficient job of work and will have all the energy you need left for play.

But, you will say: "That's a large breakfast: my weight will increase!"

On the contrary, if you take such a breakfast as this: eat a light lunch of cheese with fruit or vegetable salad, bread, butter and milk, and the usual type of evening meal, consisting of soup (if you wish), meat with potatoes, and two other vegetables, you will not increase your weight if you are engaged in a moderately active routine. But, note, there's no mention of morning or afternoon teas. It is the food taken then, usually of a starchy nature, that causes the trouble. Drink if you like, but refrain from eating if you wish to retain a slim silhouette.

When colder weather comes along foods that have a higher energy value find a place in your luncheon or dinner menu, but the breakfast can remain the same, or you may have porridge instead of prepared cereal if you wish.

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

FRESH ALTERNATE TENDERS are hereby invited and will be received up to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th March, 1943, for the Cleansing and Garbage Services at Calliope. Tenderers are to tender for:—

(a) The services from 22nd March, 1943, to 30th June, 1943; or

(b) From 22nd March, 1943, to 30th June, 1945.

The successful tenderers shall deposit £25 with the tender for the due performance of the contract.

Tender Forms may be obtained from and Draft of Contract seen at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders to be endorsed "Cleansing Service," and addressed to the Chairman, Calliope Shire Council, Box 101, Gladstone.

The lowest or any other tender not necessarily accepted.

H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Re JEANIE GOW ALLISON, late of Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, old age pensioner, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed Jeanie Gow Allison, late of Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, deceased, who died on or about the fifth day of January, 1943, at Gladstone, in the said State, are hereby required to send their claims to the Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton, on or before the tenth day of April, 1943. And that after the expiration of the last-mentioned date the said Local Deputy Public Curator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated this twenty-third day of February, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON,
Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

It is your duty to stop all non-essential spending to save your money and to lend what you save to buy the arms and equipment needed by our troops

When you remember this duty you share in the Victory won by the fighting men using the 'planes, tanks, guns and ammunition which your money has helped to provide.

Make up your mind now to share with the fighting men in the grim tasks which lie ahead . . . To them is reserved the honour of the battle, but without your support, if they were left short of equipment, even their great bravery could not wrest victory from our implacable well-armed foes. Work, for Victory—save every penny and lend till it hurts.

Here is what your money can buy

6d. *buys a War Savings Stamp*
16/- *a £1 War Savings Certificate*
£10 *a National Savings Bond*
Or you may make an advance subscription to the next War Loan at any Bank, Savings Bank or Stockbroker.

THE NEED IS NOW

Increased concentrations of Japanese are at our very doors. To drive them back to Tokio we must equip our troops as never before. The need for money was never more urgent. Therefore, let us send our money to war—let us work as never before—save as never before and lend every penny we possibly can.

Nothing matters now but **VICTORY**

SAVE AND LEND 534-19

OR MAKE AN ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTION to the Next WAR LOAN through any Bank, Savings Bank, or Stockbroker.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS

Have Music in the Home

THE ARTISTS YOU LIKE WHEN YOU WANT THEM

SAN ANTONIO ROSE
Sung by Bing Crosby
SWEETHEARTS
Sung by Bing Crosby
MY BUDDY
Sung by Bing Crosby
BE HONEST WITH ME
Sung by Bing Crosby
MAYBE . . Sung by Bing Crosby
STAR SPANGLED BANNER
By the Bombardiers Military Band
WHEN A BOY FROM ALABAMA MEETS A GIRL FROM GUNDAGAI. Sung by Joy Nichols
IN THE MOOD
By The Merry Macs
DADDY, Sung by Andrews Sisters
AMERICA, I LOVE YOU
By Horace Heidt
THE SHRINE OF ST. CECILIA
By Eddy Duchin and Orchestra
DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS . . By Horace Heidt
I DON'T WANT TO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE
By Horace Heidt
BLUES IN THE NIGHT
Sung by Kate Smith
MARIA ELENA, by Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra
CHICA, CHICA, BOOM CHIC
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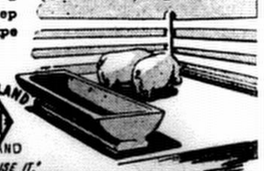

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12.45—State News
1.30—Australian News
1.35—Overseas News
1.45—State News
5.15—B.B.C. News
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
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7.00—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Australian News.
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5.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
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MOTHER AND CHILD

BABY'S HEALTH

Sleep and Rest Essential

The poets from Shakespeace downwards have sung the virtues of sleep, and some of the world's most beautiful songs are lullabies. Who has not felt the appeal of a picture of a young mother hushing her baby to rest with a window open to the setting sun as a background, or even, in spite of our modern upbringing, the mother knitting as she sings a lullaby and rocks the old wooden cradle with her foot.

Mothers nowadays do not rock their babies to sleep: they would tell us they have not the time, even if they had not been advised that a constant swinging movement is not really a good thing. Mother in pre-war days, and even sometimes now, alas, was found rushing off to tennis or the movies taking baby with her, when he should have been lying quietly in his cot.

Many mothers nowadays realise the importance of feeding babies correctly, but not so many realise the importance to the baby of sufficient sleep and rest.

While he is awake baby is very active, and it is during sleep that growth takes place and nature has time to repair the worn out parts. When one considers that baby doubles an average birth weight in five or six months, it will be realised that he needs a maximum of sleep for this important work.

I have known a case where a baby failed to gain weight for weeks until the time when the mother was ill in bed, and then miraculously baby baby gained a normal amount of weight. We found then that mother, when well, took him to the movies two or three times a week, thus depriving him of the quiet sleep he needed during which to grow.

BABY'S RIGHTS.

One recognises that a mother's life nowadays is beset with difficulties. Perhaps she is trying to bring up her baby without the help of his daddy, who is away at the war, or she feels that she should be helping with one or other forms of voluntary war work, and so baby's life is necessarily disarranged.

We would like mother to realise that the most important war work these days is the care and nurture of the next generation—the babies who must take the place of the young men whose lives are being lost in this world upheaval.

So, if possible, you mothers with babies, let the women who have no children, or whose families are grown up to nursery-school age and beyond, do the full day's work in the war organisations, and you concentrate on giving baby his rights in the matter of rest and sleep and food. That will be your best contribution to the war effort.

Many babies are cross and difficult to feed, and will not settle down because they are over tired.

AMOUNT OF SLEEP REQUIRED.

During the early weeks of life baby should sleep nearly all the time between his feeds. After the first month or so he remains awake longer because he is beginning to be aware of his power of movement and to use his arms and legs. As time goes on a baby can enjoy himself for quite a while crowing and kicking and exercising his various faculties, but even when he reaches the age of a year he should have as much as three hours sleep each day as well as his twelve at night.

AVOID EXCITEMENT.

Any kind of over stimulations or excitement is injurious to a baby, but particularly to the restless, highly strung type. A baby may be made very sleepless and irritable, and the seeds of a neurosis may be sown by his being kept up late. The condition is further aggravated by taking him amongst noise and bright lights, or by playing with him just at bedtime.

Think again of the picture of a mother hushing her baby to rest with a lullaby, and remember that whatever may be one's views about the wisdom of rocking a baby to sleep, our mothers and grandmothers had the knowledge which in these unsettled days we are liable to lose sight of, that to be fit and well a baby must have all the sleep he needs, and to obtain this he should go to bed surrounded by an atmosphere of peace, love and security, whether in his mother's arms or in his cot.

Questions in this and any other subject concerning maternal and child welfare will be answered by communicating personally with the Maternal and Child Welfare Information Bureau, 184 St. Paul's Terrace, Brisbane, or by addressing letters, Baby Clinic, Brisbane. These letters need not be stamped.

GIVEN FROM THE HEART

Papuans £400 For War Effort

"We have collected some money—one hundred pounds; we give it from the heart."

This is from a speech by Councillor Piki, of the Papuan village of Hua. The occasion was the handing over of one hundred pounds subscribed by the villagers to buy War Savings certificates.

Piki means what he said. Papuan natives have been able to buy War Savings certificates for a little over three months, but in that period they have spent £400 on them.

The whole thing is voluntary. There is not even a hint of coercion. The villagers collect the money among themselves and their headmen hand it over to the District Officer. When the certificates are available he gives them to the village council for safe keeping.

It is impossible to say how many individuals have helped subscribe the £400 so far invested by the Papuans. Many of the young men are away most of the time, so it can be presumed that the money comes from those who stay at home, the old men and women. As Papuan village life is fully communal, it is likely that everybody, even the smallest children, would own a share in the certificates.

In this way the Papuans have found a satisfactory method of disposing of their surplus money until the coming of peace brings once again an abundance of the trade goods they like to buy. But there is more in it than this. In his speech Councillor Piki said: "We can do little to fight. The white men fight with aeroplanes and big guns. We do not understand these things, but we want to do something to help win the war."

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Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

FEBRUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
27	1.59	2.05	.....	8.37	8.50
28	3.07	3.16	.....	9.54	10.02

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... February 20
Last Quarter ... February 28

MARCH.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	4.33	4.48	.....	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	.....	——	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	.....	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	.....	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	.....	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	.....	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	.....	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	.....	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	.....	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	.....	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	.....	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	.....	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... March 6
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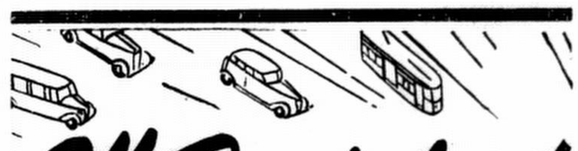

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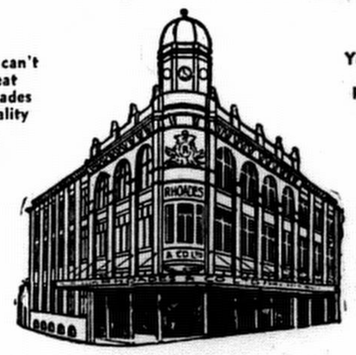

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COTTON PICKING PROBLEM

MR. FORDE AND MAN-POWER SHORTAGE

Statement by Mr. Williams

In view of the fact that the Army Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde) told cotton growers in Rockhampton recently that he could not hold out any hope of men being released from the Army to relieve the manpower shortage for picking the cotton harvest, it is obvious that steps must be taken without delay to make available the necessary labour required for picking the crop, said the Agriculture Minister (Mr. T. L. Williams).

The Queensland Cotton Board considers that there is an avenue from which labour can be diverted for picking cotton. The Board suggests that labour be not made available for the falling, burning, or fencing of virgin scrub land in Queensland during the present war conditions, as such work is considered quite unessential, seeing that its primary object is only the bringing of land under grass.

It is pointed out by the Board that approximately only 30 per cent of the yield of seed cotton per acre is obtained from cotton grown on such scrub land as compared with crops grown on cultivated land, and that the labour utilised in falling virgin scrub and sowing cotton seed after a burn could be used with far greater benefit to Australia's war effort if it were used for the growing of cotton on cultivated land. In that event more cotton would be produced and extra labour might be then available for picking.

Taking the acreage of burnt scrub planted to cotton and brought to the harvesting stage in 1942, the Board estimates that this would represent at least 300 workers employed for a period of from three to four months, this being labour utilised only on the falling, burning, and fencing of the scrub land.

It is further mentioned that last year a great part of the fencing wire which was released to the Board was used to protect these virgin scrub blocks, and as it is only the first crop of cotton that can be grown on such land, it would have been better if this fencing wire had been allotted where cotton is being grown on cultivated land, and which produces four or five crops of cotton on the same land.

"It is clearly essential that the best use be made of the labour resources on account of the acute shortage of manpower," said Mr. Williams. "It would appear that the Cotton Board has therefore made out a strong case for the adoption of its recommendation that as only one crop of cotton is produced on such land the system of scrub planting is uneconomic.

"It is of vital importance that the cotton crop be harvested when it is ready for picking, and the diversion of the men who are engaged for a period on work that is not considered so essential to the war effort appears to be justified."

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WOMEN IN WAR WORK

WHEN CONFLICT IS OVER

Must Not Be "Dumped"

There was a representative gathering of women in Sydney last week when Mrs. Jessie Street, acting president of the United Associations of Women and president of the Medical Aid to Russia Fund convened a meeting of members of the newly-formed Council for Women in War Work.

"The present job of the Council," said Mrs. Street, "is to develop the ability of women to the greatest extent and to see that this ability is used for a maximum war effort. Its future job is to see that women in the defence forces and in war industries are not just 'dumped' when the war is over. In other words, the Council for Women in War Work will work so that freedom from want and freedom from fear shall apply to women as well as men when the war is over."

One of the most interesting speakers at the meeting was Mrs. Elsa Booth, mother of nine young Australians, who is working in an arms factory near Sydney. She and the girls under her are "plugging along solidly" on a precision job—the first of its kind in Australia.

"There are a lot of headaches in the job still," said Mrs. Booth, "but one of the first completed examples has been passed as a 100 per cent job by an army inspector. There are 195 girls in the shop with me, and I tell them we must have unity — among ourselves, behind Prime Minister Curtin, and in the family too, if we want to do a real job for the war effort. I have a big family, and I'm proud of it, and the only way I can do a job at this arms factory is that I have taught my youngsters the meaning of unity. We all help each other, even the little ones."

The meeting was a rally to encourage women to enlist in the services and to join munition factories.

At the conclusion of the speeches, which were given by a number of union and factory representatives, two films were shown, one showing volunteer work done by women under blitz conditions in England, and women munition workers, parachute nurses and guerilla fighters in Ruhsia.

One girl in Sydney who is doing a particularly interesting job is Miss Ann Hannah, believed to be the first woman in Australia to gain her aeronautical investigation directorate's welder's ticket. She joined an aircraft factory ten months ago as a tea girl, and became fascinated with the welders' work when she took tea round to the men at their benches. She was so genuinely interested, in fact, that the men taught her welding in their spare time, and three months ago she had achieved sufficient skill to apply to the A.I.D. to sit for her welder's ticket. Now she has her ticket Miss Hannah is able to carry out the same welding jobs as the men, and has become the first woman in the Commonwealth capable of undertaking fuselage "stress" welding.

Before the war Miss Hannah was a nurse on the staff of the Far West Children's Home at Manly.

CAN YOU HELP?

Books, magazines and old clean newspapers are urgently needed by the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. If you have any old newspapers, books, or magazines, kindly leave same at Gladstone Cash and Carry, where they will be collected regularly and despatched to the troops in camp. The camps in the outlying centres are much in need of reading matter and indoor games, such as playing cards, etc. See what you can do.

FOR MERCHANT NAVY

Signal is "Girls Ahoy"

"First customer" (as he signed himself) at the new Merchant Navy Club in Sydney, was John North, one of the crew of a B.H.P. ship. Since then there have been dozens of signatures from men of all nationalities, all of them most appreciative of this club and very proud of the fact that it is their own.

Until a few weeks ago the club was an old and shabby garage. Now it has been transformed into a first-rate club, with its own shower rooms, billiard room, food bar, two wireless sets, writing tables, panatrope, magazines and information bureau.

The food bar, built in a long L-shape, provides real honest-to-goodness home cooked meals for a maximum price of 1/3. Over the bar is a striped red and white awning, and behind it are attractive voluntary helpers in red and white striped aprons to match.

The principal decoration on the walls is a mural of Sydney Harbour, designed and painted by Lieutenant Commander Ingleton, of Garden Island.

Near South Head is a whale looking at a signal flown from South Head itself, which reads, "Scram." A merchant ship nearing the Heads is flying the signal, "Girls ahoy!"

Mrs. W. P. Dunlop, who was in charge of the catering at the New Zealand Forces Club in London, is in charge of the voluntary helpers at the Merchant Navy Club, which is organised and financed by members of the Bundles for Britain committee in Sydney. The committee have been very gratified at the generous donations seamen visiting the club have dropped into the donations box. One American sailor gave thirty dollars.

NO COWS

At Battle Stations

There are no cows at battle stations in New Guinea and Northern Australia, and although the milkman does not call, troops must have an adequate supply of butter fat in their diet.

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Thanks.

THE MACKAY FAMILY, of Calliope, desire to thank Dr. Skinner, Dr. Byrne, Dr. Yum, the Matron and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to their mother whilst an inmate of the institution: also all kind friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

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CURRENT TOPICS

HOME NURSING PASSES.

The following who recently sat for their home nursing examination, passed with credit:—Miss Kathleen Farmer, Miss Nita Anson, Miss Jean Brown, Miss Marjorie Anson, and Miss Moira Christine Dwyer.

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held to-morrow night (Thursday) in the basement of the Town Hall, when a lecture will be delivered by Mr. A. Kennedy, of Brisbane. A large attendance is requested.

DONATION APPRECIATED.

Two school children, Ruth Hunter and Myra Watson, recently called on the Secretary of the Red Cross Society (Mr. V. A. Summers) and handed him a donation of six shillings and sevenpence for the prisoners of war adoption scheme. The donation was much appreciated, and the thanks of the branch extended the youthful donors.

MR. H. P. HALLAM.

Mr. H. P. Hallam, who recently resigned as hon. secretary of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society owing to pressure of duties, has been made a member of the Society's executive. This tribute to Mr. Hallam's work under difficult conditions will be appreciated by all well wishers of the branch. The fact that his services will still be available to the Red Cross in an advisory capacity will also be appreciated.

PRIVATE "MICK" BUSTEED.

Private "Mick" Busteed, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Busteed, is at present spending a fortnight's leave with his parents prior to returning to his unit in the south. After seeing service with the A.I.F. at Milne Bay young "Mick" contracted malaria and was invalided to Australia for treatment. After recuperating at Warwick he was transferred to a southern base, where he is now attached to his unit. His many friends in town and district will be pleased to learn of his recovery, and join in wishing him every good fortune and a safe return once again to his home town. He is at present spending a few days with his dad at the Boyne.

SALVATION ARMY

Red Shield Mobile Canteen

A scheme, planned by several residents to meet the needs of the civil population of Gladstone in the event of air raids, was happily consummated recently in the arrival of a mobile service unit for local use.

The widespread service of the Red Shield mobile units covered not only the battle areas of New Guinea and the Middle East, but also Australian cities and towns, a work which has won the endorsement of the Governments.

The mobile canteen, which has been purchased by voluntary contributions from Gladstone residents, has already done valuable service on a recent date when Allied troops were served with refreshments from the canteen. This act of kindness was greatly appreciated by officers and men alike.

The canteen is now fully equipped ready to render service wherever required.

The Red Shield Committee wish to thank all kind donors who contributed towards the purchase of the canteen.

PRICES OF MEAT.

The Commonwealth's decision to peg meat prices at last Friday's level will bring additional classes of meat under price control in Queensland.

Control in Queensland previously was limited to beef and mutton, but now prices for lamb, pork and veal will be limited.

The Commonwealth order says that butchers must not exceed the prices they charged individually on Friday.

TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

Commonwealth Subsidy Asked For

A special meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of Aldermen Smith and Busteed.

The business of the meeting was to deal with matters appertaining to the Boyne water scheme.

B PRIORITY.

The Deputy Co-ordinator General of Public Works (Mr. J. R. Kemp) advised the Council, through the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) as follows:—

"Further to previous correspondence relative to the Boyne River water supply scheme, I have to inform you that advice has now been received from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) that this project has been allotted a B priority, which means that only fighting services operational projects will take precedence. I have taken the matter up with the Loan Council Co-ordinator of Works, whose agreement to the full scheme proceeding in the current financial year is necessary in accordance with the Loan Council co-ordination plan."

MUST HAVE SIR HARRY BROWN'S APPROVAL.

The Mayor: We must wait until we get word from the Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown) as to whether we can proceed with the full scheme, as it must have his approval.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH COUNCIL.

The Mayor moved that the Agriculture Minister (Mr. T. L. Williams) be written to asking him to keep in touch with the Council and advise from time to time the latest information in connection with the Boyne River water scheme.

Seconded by Ald. Tudman and carried.

IMPORTANT MOTION.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) moved:—

"That application be made to the Commonwealth Government, through the Army Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde), for a subsidy of £20,000 on the whole of the Boyne River water scheme.

GRANTING A SUBSIDY.

Ald. Golding, in seconding the motion, said Mr. Forde, subsequently to getting in touch with the Town Clerk (Mr. Grayson), must have been reading the "Observer," as he (Ald. Golding) had dealt fully with the matter of a subsidy at a special meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday, February 2, when he requested that the whole question be reviewed with a view to the Commonwealth Government granting a subsidy on the scheme.

NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Ald. Golding went on to say that at this particular meeting he had stressed the urgency for the early completion of the scheme, as many industries drawing on their supply were engaged exclusively on war work, that large quantities of water were being taken at short notice in the national interests, that the citizens of Gladstone should not be called upon to bear the extra cost of the scheme brought about by the war, and that the scheme be declared of sufficient national importance to have it declared an A1 priority job.

SUBSTANTIAL SUBSIDY.

In conclusion, Ald. Golding felt the action he had taken was fully justified, and it was only right that the Commonwealth Government should grant a substantial subsidy.

PLEASED WITH MR. FORDE'S EFFORT.

Ald. Anderson said he was pleased with the efforts of Mr. Forde, and if they could get a subsidy round about £20,000 it would bring back the expenditure to about the cost of the original scheme, which he considered could be met by the ratepayers.

MOTION CARRIED.

The motion was then put and carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

At this stage the meeting was adjourned, pending the laying on the table of correspondence received a few years ago.

WOMEN IN BUTCHERS' SHOPS.

Application has been made to the Women's Employment Board for permission to employ women as wrappers, counter servers, and minor cutting hands in butchers' shops. This is to offset the acute shortage of male butchers called up for military service.

BOWLING

PENNANT MATCHES

Win For Gladstone

At the Gladstone Bowling Green on Saturday local representative pennant teams scored a meritorious win over strong rinks from the Rockhampton Bowling Club.

Although the visitors did not arrive until late in the afternoon, the matches were finished in daylight under good bowling conditions. The President (Mr. M. A. Busteed) welcomed the Rockhampton players, and Mr. C. Sturgess (president of the R.B.C.) suitably responded.

The improved standard of Gladstone bowling was reflected in the 3-1 win of the local representatives. The visitors sportingly commented on the excellent condition of the rinks, and admitted that on the day Gladstone bowlers were the better players. This is the first occasion Gladstone has defeated Rockhampton, and the 1943 pennants have opened auspiciously for the local club.

The ladies entertained the visitors and served afternoon tea at the club house. The Rockhampton players were unable to obtain accommodation overnight, and left again at 9 p.m. for Rockhampton.

PENNANT RESULTS.

Graham, Donald, Oxenham, Gatward (R.B.C.) v. Joyner, Chapman, Golding, Loveday (G.) 31-27.

Sly, Cameron, Humphries, P. Friend (G.) v. Feros, Thomas, Poole, Sturgess (R.B.C.) 37-15.

Friend, Archay, Wilson, Cooper (G.) v. Shaw, Smith, Lucas, Hetherington (R.) 25-19.

Hogan, Jenkinson, Greasley, Busteed (G.) v. Mayes, Stenhouse, Ifield, Orchard (R.) 31-16.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Hixon, Ferris, Joyner v. Pring, Schmidt, Barker 21-23.

Witty, Garrett, Browne, Matthews v. Menzies, Ferris, Buettel, Mackay 25-17.

Schmidt, Hixon, Dennis v. Christensen, Pring, S. C. Wilson 23-20.

Sly, Cameron, Humphries, P. Friend v. Henery, Chapman, Wilson, Loveday 25-19.

A. Friend, Archay, Drewe, Cooper v. Hogan, Jenkinson, Greasley, Busteed 21-18.

Comino, Corones, Bycroft, Ogg v. Garrett, Feros, Smith, Golding 42-17.

Menzies, Skinner, Jackson v. Witty, Brown, Weiske 21-20.

MR. V. A. SUMMERS

Secretary, Red Cross

Members and supporters of the Red Cross Society will be pleased to learn that Mr. V. A. Summers has again taken over the secretaryship of the branch. His splendid work in this position over a long term when Mrs. Walker was president is well known, and there were many expressions of regret when he advised last year that increasing calls on his business prevented him continuing in office. However, when Mr. Hallam advised recently that he would be tendering his resignation several officers and members approached Mr. Summer and asked him if he could assist by again being secretary.

Mr. Summers is one of the leading accountants in the town, and his special knowledge and qualifications were of great value to the branch when he organised the secretarial position previously. In addition members regard him as one of the best organisers the Society has. His work in connection with the prisoners of war street adoption scheme has already proved this.

Mrs. Phil Browne has generously agreed to assist Mr. Summers by attending to the correspondence, and Mr. A. W. Drew and other executive members are seeking to relieve him of extra work in connection with other details.

The clerical work in connection with the local branch has grown until today it is nearly a full-time job. It is, therefore, pleasing to note the co-operation of members in keeping an efficient secretary.

SOLDIERS' LEAGUE.

The Wide Bay and Burnett District Conference of the Returned Soldiers' League decided to recommend to the State Congress that every effort be made to fill all Government, or even semi-Government positions which were now vacant, or which might become vacant, with men who had enlisted for service in the forces.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

KNITTING AND SEWING CIRCLE

P.O.W. Adoption Scheme

Mrs. H. V. Phillips (president) occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society, there being seventeen members present.

BENARABY SUB-BRANCH.

Miss D. M. Colyer (secretary Benaraby sub-branch) advised of the activities of her members, and forwarded £15/5/11.

SEWING CIRCLE.

Mrs. J. W. Rigby (convenor of the Sewing Circle) reported that work had proceeded smoothly during the month. New members had attended, and progress was satisfactory.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. Connellan (convenor of the Knitting Circle) advised that 83 skeins of wool had been given out to make 19 pairs of socks and one sleeveless pullover.

The following were thanked for articles sent in:—Mrs. D. Norris, Misses R. Stirratt and J. O'Neil, 4 prs. socks each; Mrs. Grenfell 3 prs., Miss Liddicoat one pair; Mesdames Upton and Grenfell one chest protector each; Mrs. Wheeler (Calliope), one sleeveless cardigan.

Probably due to the holidays, there had not been a great amount of knitting taken out, and an appeal was made for knitters to make white cotton socks, which were needed for hospital cases.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE FORMED.

Mrs. Gollnick reported that a visiting hospital committee had been formed, and two members visited allied patients on Monday and Thursday of one week in each month. Cigarettes, tobacco, watches, writing material, books, magazines and fruit, also if necessary, shaving cream, tooth paste and tooth brushes are given to the servicemen. Twenty-two men had been visited in February. Permission had been given to instal a cupboard to hold writing materials and books, so that they would be available to the patients at any time.

Mr. Roulston was thanked for conveying committee members free to the hospital in his 'bus.

The small library now totalled 28 books, and more were required.

P.O.W. ADOPTION SCHEME.

Messrs. Summers and Connellan reported that the P.O.W. street adoption scheme had been satisfactorily organised. It was found that the comparatively slow progress in the first two months was due to lack of organisation and workers. As the fund had been listed by headquarters as most urgent, efforts were made to speed up canvassing of streets. December collections amounted to £10/8/-, January £12/11/6, and February had totalled over £60, showing the improvement to date.

Mrs. Elliot had completed Yaroon and part of Auckland Street, and with the assistance of the Scouts had done William and Glenlyon Street. Miss Margaret Hill was assisting with collections. Mrs. Watson, after completing Auckland Hill and Marine Parade with 33 contributors, did Bramston Street (21) and Herbert Street. She is now doing Lord Street and other small lanes in and around Auckland Hill.

Two of Mrs. Watson's contributors are old age pensioners, who insisted on being in the scheme. Another of her contributors has three sons, one a prisoner of war in Malaya, another in the Middle East, and a third is serving in Australia.

The ex-secretary of the branch (Mr. H. P. Hallam) is proud of the fact that his wife initiated the first three streets in Gladstone, and she has continued to collect from View, Ormonde and Scenery streets.

Mrs. Frank Johnston, who was given Barney Point by the organiser (Mrs. Coppin) has sent in four weeks' collections.

Mrs. Hartley, who took over Roseberry Street from Mrs. Clyde Smith, is now changing over to her own street (Bramston).

Mrs. R. Ricketts has proved another successful canvasser. She completed Fowler Estate, then Fisher Street, and the area around the Bowling Club, and is now to do Tank Street. Here again Boy Scouts have helped with collections.

Mrs. Clyde Smith, who did Roseberry Street, has left, and her services have been lost for the present.

The organiser, Mrs. K. Coppin, has returned from holidays, and is now doing Gondoon Street with Mrs. Watson, and has also undertaken to do Parson's Point.

It was early apparent that the valuable services of our best canvassers were being delayed by increasing collections. We, therefore, made an effort to get some of the junior Red Cross girls to follow Mesdames Watson, Elliot, Smith, Ricketts, Hartley, etc., just to collect the amounts. However, though approaches were made by your President (Mrs. Phillips) and other officers, there seemed to be many difficulties, and we had no success in this direction.

An appeal, however, to the Scoutmasters in charge of the 2nd and 3rd Gladstone Boy Scouts had better results, and a number of willing and enthusiastic Scouts were immediately placed at the services of the ladies.

Receipts, gate tags, street signs, literature, etc., have been given regularly to canvassers, and weekly calls made to assist them.

The scheme is now a success, and canvassers are even being asked by residents in streets not yet done for tags, etc. However, there is still a large area to be organised, and there is plenty of room for further assistance from ladies willing to canvass or collect.

To save collections many residents have given monthly amounts, and one (Mrs. Golding) gave a year's contribution, £2/2/-.

VALUABLE SERVICE APPRECIATED.

In thanking the branch for its valuable service, the Commissioner (Mr. D. W. Garland) discussed the difficulties of servicing, and the failure to notify the branch in time. The work of the Gladstone ladies was highly appreciated, and every effort would be made to improve the system of advising when assistance was required. The writer also apologised at not being able to visit Gladstone, recent heavy rains having forced a return to Brisbane when he was nearing Miriam Vale.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

Mrs. J. W. Rigby acknowledged a message of sympathy from members in connection with the recent death of her daughter, Lindy Beatrice, who was of great assistance to the branch.

WITH THANKS.

Headquarters acknowledged with thanks receipt of £159/8/4 for the prisoners of war adoption scheme, and £12/18/-, proceeds of sale Xmas Art Union cards.

A GALLANT SON.

The Secretary, Red Cross Bureau (Miss K. Weller) advised that a report was given to one of the Red Cross searchers recently, concerning Lieut. R. A. Patrick, who was reported killed in action last year.

It was decided to forward the report to Mr. C. D. Patrick, with the sympathy of members on the loss of his gallant son.

"REQUIRED CLARIFICATION."

It was decided to write the Red Cross Field Commissioner (Mr. D. W. Garland), regretting that he had been unable to visit Gladstone on account of road conditions. There were still many matters concerning servicing, etc., that required clarification.

RESIGNED.

Mrs. E. M. Joseph submitted her resignation as Commandant of the V.A. Detachment, and her valuable services were placed on record.

"ACCEPTED WITH REGRET."

The resignation of the secretary, held over from the previous meeting, was re-submitted, and Mrs. Phillips moved and Mr. Drewe seconded that Mr. Hallam's resignation be accepted with regret.

Mr. Summers agreed to take over the secretaryship if he could get someone to assist with the correspondence, and after some discussion Mrs. P. F. Browne agreed to undertake this part of the work.

Mr. Summers was then elected secretary, officials and members confirming his splendid work when he held the position last year.

Mrs. Browne was appointed to assist Mr. Summers.

Mr. Hallam was appointed to the executive vice Mr. Summers.

It was agreed that the executive meet at an early date to draw up a scheme to divide the secretarial work up as much as possible.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Private F. Brown is at present spending a few days leave with his parents at Calliope.

Miss Ethel Neumann, of Gladstone, left by Monday's mail train to spend a week's holiday in Bundaberg. She intends spending the latter week of her holidays with friends in the country.

SOCIALISTIC RUSSIA

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

Reply to Mr. Leo Funk

(By "Democrat.")

A glowing picture of the Soviet socialistic system has been painted by Mr. Funk during recent issues of the "Observer," but that writer's views have only been conveyed in a general sense. This is a definite advantage in illustrating a new order, as defects can easily be glossed over by the insertion of sugar-coated words and phrases.

As an example, I would like Mr. Funk to explain more fully the terms "continuous work" and "continuous wages," "adequate provision during periods of illness," and "a bountiful pension on retiring from work."

These are classical examples of generalisation, and convey nothing to the ordinary mind. State the weekly wages paid to the Soviet workers, the sick benefits, the nature and amount of the pension, Mr. Funk, and the ordinary worker will then be able to make a comparison between Australian and Soviet conditions.

NOT 100 PER CENT EFFICIENT.

I have the greatest admiration for the Russian people, as their magnificent fighting qualities and indominatible will have already been proved, and there are many points in their socialistic system that are excellent creations. However, admiration for a nation, as a whole, and agreement on certain reform principles does not necessarily imply that the prevailing system in that particular country is 100 per cent efficient.

The present system in Soviet Russia might function fairly smoothly in that country, and be unworkable in a democracy. This may appear paradoxical, but in a revolutionary change over the characteristics of the people and their adaptibility to the new order must first be assessed.

EXPECTED A MESSIAH.

I am not casting a reflection on the Russian people when I state that prior to the October revolution chaotic conditions existed in that country; in fact, the shackles of serfdom had not been removed from the people. The position of the Russian people at the time was remarkably like the Jews of the Old Testament; they expected a Messiah and received one in the person of Nikolai Lenin.

GRASPING A STRAW

Speaking generally, the Russian is a slow thinker with a strong mixture of Mongol blood in his veins, and when the new order was introduced the masses readily accepted the change as a drowning man would grasp a straw. To enforce the new order mass executions were carried out (called purges in Russia), and many ambitious and enterprising comrades faced the firing squad.

In a democratic country the people have their redress through the ballot box. The Soviet and democratic modes of living are dissimilar in many respects. In the Soviet Union women perform many manual duties that are not according to our democratic Hoyle, such as the tilling of the soil, unloading of boats, the segregation of the wood pile, etc.

In Australia we provide our women folk with a light axe. The comparison is not meant to convey satire, and is just an enlargement on previous remarks on the installation of a new system. There is an old saying that "one man's meat is another man's poison."

CAPITALISM BOGEY.

Capitalism must be Mr. Funk's pet aversion, as this bogey has again been resurrected, and the big bad wolf of high finance occupies pride of place in Mr. Funk's articles.

If capitalism was abolished trade unionism would vanish over night, for the boss and the worker would have nothing to scrap about. Capitalism so far as the worker is concerned, is the means to an end; or a short cut to the Arbitration Court.

A MISNOMER.

Is there a slave or wage plug yet born who has not at some time or other had capitalistic aspirations? Unfortunately, Messrs. McCarthy and Chifley have cut the ground from under our feet.

Mr. Funk and myself have both made mention of the word "slave," but this term as applied to our present standard of living is a misnomer.

There is a vast difference between obedience and servility. Lenin (the greatest Roman of them all, and presently described as "the saint in the icebox") always addressed his countrymen as comrades.

ALL "HOOEY."

Mr. Funk's remarks on gold are illuminating. It is many years since gold was withdrawn from our currency and after the thorough house to house canvass carried out by the "three ball" brigade anyone displaying a gold watch and chain at the present time would immediately be dubbed a capitalist.

On Mr. Funk's own admission gold is a negotiable instrument, and any commodity that is the medium of exchange has a definite value.

To my mind the statement that in Soviet Russia the people own the means of production and transport is all "hooey."

We have been told that we own our railways, but just try and "jump the rattler," and you will quickly explode that myth.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

Banking systems and monetary reforms are very debatable subjects, and one could fill many newspapers, and would then only be warming up to the job.

Mr. Funk states that in the Soviet "demand is kept in excess of supply," and later on it is mentioned "if there is a tendency to overproduce a certain commodity." How can there be over production when the supply is less than the demand?

OUR WAGES "PEELED OFF."

I can now understand why there is continuous work in the Soviet Union. It would be an eternal job to bridge the gap between production and consumption.

The much criticised democratic standard is based on supply and demand and the capacity to pay. The Soviet workers "have no need to hoard their wages," states Mr. Funk. We Australians never get the chance; it is "peeled off" us at the source.

BARTER SYSTEM.

We could all do with an extra pound of butter and more fruit, but not under the barter system, for we have adopted the "pay as you go" slogan.

When Captain Cook landed in Australia the barter system went out, and its reintroduction at this juncture would be a retrograde step.

Crises and wars are inevitable in all countries, but the democratic structure does not collapse under the first impact of war. It is a recognised fact that there is more money in circulation to-day than ever before; the capacity to pay far exceeding the production output.

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME.

The financing of the Boyne River water scheme, as illustrated by Mr. Funk, is very ingenious, and I would like to see Premier Frank Cooper's face when approached for a loan of £100,000 and told to charge the cost to the Gladstone Water Works or posterity. When in Rome do as Rome does, Mr. Funk, for the people of Gladstone have been waiting a long time for this new water scheme, and do not want their fingers burned by "fiddling" at this stage.

To use an Australianism, "it is the dough that counts."

DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.

I am still of the opinion that with a few alterations our own democratic system is the finest in the world, for it has stood the test, and it seems fairly certain that the winning of the present conflict and the ultimate peace discussions will rest largely with the democracies.

I am more interested at the present time in how to administer a K.O. to Hitler and Togo, and should we be unsuccessful in that crusade the only "ism" known in this country would be "Shintoism."

ANOTHER LEO.

We have read quite a lot about the Soviet from Mr. Leo Funk, and I will now quote an article from another Leo or Leon bearing the surname of Trotsky.

This chap Trotsky was a big shot in the Soviet until deposed by honest Joe, and he (Trotsky) had to flee the country in a mighty big hurry to avoid the firing squad. I quote Trotsky:—

"The official art of the Soviet Union—and there is no other over there—resembles totalitarian justice; that is to say, it is based on lies and deceit. The goal of this justice as of art, is to exalt the leader; to fabricate an heroic myth. Human history has never seen anything to equal this in scope and impudence."

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

CO-OPERATIVE FARMING

SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALIAN EXPERIMENT

Producing Rice Commercially

A great deal has been heard about co-operative farming in Russia, and the growing kinship between Russia and Australia gives added interest to the co-operative farming of rice, which is carried on successfully in Australia.

So far the Murrumbidgee irrigation area has been the only part of Australia producing rice commercially, and all questions regarding current demand, the areas to be planted, and estimates of suitable carryovers, are discussed at an annual meeting of rice growers and representatives of the Rice Marketing Board, the Department of Agriculture, and the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission. All information is pooled and the coming year's activities planned for the good of the whole. Before the war there were about 350 growers, and their holdings were restricted to 80 acres. This restriction has now been lifted to meet the requirements developing out of the war.

"Rice growing is already an important, though small industry in Australia," said Mr. W. H. Poggendorf, B.Sc.Agr., of the N.S.W. Department of Agriculture. "The production of rice in the Commonwealth is well organised and well managed, so controlled that it cannot become top heavy. It is a good example of what can be done here on the co-operative basis."

INCREASED CULTIVATION.

Rice has been grown on a commercial scale in N.S. Wales only since 1924, when 157 acres were put under crop in the Murrumbidgee irrigation area. Since then the area under cultivation in this district has steadily increased. In 1940 the yield of paddy rice was 34,251 tons from 24,263 acres.

"In normal years," said Mr. Poggendorf, "Australia can supply rice enough for our own needs, and probably an equal quantity for export, but before the cultivation of rice in the Murrumbidgee irrigation Area we imported about 25,000 tons annually. Now we are growing enough to cover the needs of the services and for islanders in the Pacific, whose supply formerly came from Burma."

Rotational cropping of rice with wheat, oats and other cereals is practised as a means of increasing soil productivity. Rice growing has also been instrumental in promoting pasture development and fat lamb raising through the irrigation area.

OVERSEAS VARIETIES.

Australia owes little to other countries in her rice industry. The problem of labour is practically non-existent, as the grower is his own chief labourer for the greater part of the year, and only at harvesting time are extra hands needed. The principal contribution to the industry from other countries has been through the introduction of varieties already successfully grown in the temperate and sub-tropical regions of the United States, Italy and Spain. One of Australia's most promising varieties is the Caloro, which was developed in California from stock which came originally from Japan.

Australia manufactures her own machinery for rice cultivation, as she does for her other agricultural undertakings. The machinery needed for the cultivation of rice is comparatively simple, though the reversible extension steel delver used for constructing the check banks and channels on the rice flats needs the use of six horses.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

The manufacture of agricultural machinery is now an important industry in Australia, developing year by year since the middle of last century, when John Ridley, of Adelaide, invented his stripper harvester. Agricultural machintry specially suited to, or adapted for Australian conditions has naturally been developed primarily, but nevertheless Australian drill cultivators and grain binders have been exported in considerable numbers to help cope with the increased war time production of the British Isles.

SELF-CONTAINED INDUSTRY.

A new export from Australia to Great Britain is discs for disc ploughs and cultivators, manufactured here only since the outbreak of war cut off the supply of the highly specialised steel necessary to stand up to such tough work. After experiments a suitable substitute was manufactured at the Newcastle Steelworks, which also supplies the iron and steel for the manufacture of other Australian agricultural implements. In fact, the manufacturers of agricultural machinery in the Commonwealth is an almost "self-contained" industry, as not only is the steel manufactured locally, but also the timber comes from the hardwood forests of Western Australia and from the softwood forests of Queensland and N.S. Wales.

The Department of War Organisation of Industry announced in Melbourne recently that an inter-departmental committee will be formed to ensure an adequate supply of agricultural machinery and spare parts to assist Australia's food production plans. The Director General of Agriculture (Mr. F. W. Bulcock) will be chairman of the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

WIRELESS PESTS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I am like most people, as I like to get the latest war news over the air, hear good music, or get the latest price of produce. But when Mr. so-and-so comes on I get a pain where I put my last glass of beer.

When a man buys a wireless set it is his own property, or should be. He pays a tax to get the latest information, so why has he to put up with people who like to hear themselves talking into a mike, or be smoked out of his house by some member of Parliament with a lot of political dope? If you want to have forty winks or make love to the cook you have to go out and camp on the lawn, or go bush, or turn the wireless off.

I am fed up, and am selling mine in the morning, and will go Waltzing Matilda out West.—Yours, etc.,

J. CAMPBELL.

Calliope, March 1, 1943.

MR. A. G. M. MITCHELL

His Worth to the Navy

"Mitchell is worth more to the Navy than a million pounds in the bank," said the senior Engineer Admiral of the British Navy, speaking recently at Birmingham.

Mr. A. G. M. Mitchell, master of civil engineering at Melbourne University, has been awarded the James Watt international medal, the highest award the Council of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers can bestow. The medal is awarded every two years for the most outstanding contribution to mechanical engineering in any country. The previous two winners before Mr. Mitchell were Henry Ford of the United States and Dr. Strodola, the famour Swiss mechanical engineer.

Sir Henry Barraclough, Emeritus Professor of Engineering of Sydney University, said: "We feel that Mr. Mitchell is a rightful and natural recipient of the James Watt medal. The magnitude and universality of his genius is similar in so many ways to that of James Watt himself."

Mr. Mitchell, who is also a renowned mathematician, is an expert on lubrication, bearings, and the reduction of friction in machinery. His main contribution to mechanical engineering is the Mitchell Thrust block, which is used extensively in marine work to reduce the frictional effect in the propellor shafting of large ships. Before his development of this type of block there was always difficulty in transmitting the full power of the engines to the propellor.

Both Mr. Mitchell and James Watt, the 18th century engineer in whose memory the award is made, were members of the Royal Society, a rare and coveted honour in the world of engineering.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

I, ELLEN WALKER, apologise to my husband, G. N. Walker, for damage I have caused him and his work. I have been untruthful and dishonest with money.

In future I intend to lead a good life.

(Signed) E. WALKER.

Dated 26/2/43.

Witness: A. E. A. Neilson, J.P.

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE AND GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD.
TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS, 1943.

IN pursuance of provisions of "The Local Government Acts 1936-43" and "The Harbour Board Acts 1892-1941," notice is hereby given that Saturday, 20th day of March, 1943, has been appointed nomination day, and that nominations for the undermentioned offices shall be delivered to the Returning Officer before noon on that day at the Shire Office, Yaroon Street, Gladstone, which is hereby appointed as the place of nomination:—

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(b) For three Members for Division 1
(c) For three Members for Division 2
(d) For three Members for Division 3
(e) For two members of the Gladstone Harbour Board.

Nominations for the office of Chairman and Members of the Gladstone Harbour Board must be signed by not less than six electors of the area of the Shire of Calliope, and for the office of Member of the Council by not less than six electors of the division for which the candidate is nominated.

Each nomination shall be accompanied by a deposit of £5 in cash or by a cheque drawn by a bank upon itself for that amount.

Nomination Forms can be obtained from the undersigned.

If the number of candidates so nominated exceeds the number required to be elected a poll by postal ballot will be taken on Saturday, the first day of May, 1943, closing at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Post Office, Gladstone.

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CHINESE NEIGHBOUR

IMPORTANCE TO AUSTRALIA

Friendship Should be Strengthened

Many people make the mistake of considering the Chinese and Japanese together as belonging vaguely to the same race and culture. Actually, the Chinese differ from the Japanese at least as much as a Frenchman, say, differs from a Russian.

Not only are the two peoples very different physically, but they differ very widely in the way they think and in their general outlook upon life. The Japanese lack the poise, charm, tolerance and sense of humour which are so characteristic of the Chinese people.

This poise and tolerance may, perhaps, be attributed partly to the fact that the Chinese civilisation is the oldest in the world. The Chinese have existed uninterruptedly as a political and cultural entity for about 4000 years. They had reached a stage of mature development and were producing philosophers like Confucius when the inhabitants of Japan were still in a primitive state.

Then, too, considered in terms of the old Chinese Empire, China is the largest country in the world. Counting in Tibet, Chinese Turkestan and Mongolia, it is no less than 4,000,000 square miles as against 3,800,000 in the whole of Europe. And China's population, which is estimated at somewhere between 400 million and 450 million, comprises about one-fourth of the entire human race.

DEMOCRATIC TRADITION.

Feudalism was abolished in China 2000 years ago, and during the intervening centuries the Chinese have maintained, on the whole, a strong democratic tradition with a marked tendency to despise military prowess.

Japan, on the other hand, has continued to be largely feudal in outlook, with power concentrated in the hands of a small governing class, and with a disproportionate emphasis upon the glorification of martial valour.

This important difference between the two countries is one answer to the question whether a strong China would be a menace to Australia's security.

A second reason is that for at least a generation after the war, the Chinese will find themselves fully occupied with the tremendous task of rehabilitating the vast areas ravaged by the Japanese. In the course of the war with Japan, about 50 million refugees have fled into the interior from the coastal provinces. They will have to be provided with homes and opportunities for employment.

Then again, if Chinese aspirations are fulfilled and Manchuria is returned to her, she is likely to find herself fully occupied with the job of taking over the administration of this vast territory, with its area of 300,000 square miles and its population of 40,000,000. There will be little time to spare for external adventures.

HOW CHINA IS HELPING.

At present, there are two ways in which China is making an important contribution to the total war effort, and hence to Australian security.

In the first place, she is immobilising a large Japanese force, estimated by Chinese military experts at between 500,000 and 750,000 men, which might otherwise be thrown into the struggle, either against Russia or against Australia.

Secondly, by holding on to the central portion of their North-South railway system, the Chinese are preventing the Japanese from establishing a railway connection from their industrial bases in Korea and Manchuria right down to Canton and through there to Indo-China, Thailand and Malaya.

It has been estimated that if they could achieve this it would amount to adding one million or more tons to the Japanese merchant fleet.

So much for the present. China is of importance to Australia, too, from the standpoint of the postwar future. It is almost certain that, but for the outbreak of war in 1937 China would by now be importing large quantities of Australian wool. Foreign experts who have investigated the matter feel that it is quite likely that after the war China will become an even better customer for Australian wool than was Japan.

There are sound reasons, therefore, why the basis of mutual regard between Australians and Chinese should be strengthened by promoting mutual understanding of each other's countries, characteristics, and customs.

HUN CONCENTRATION CAMP

Brutal Tortures

An escaped prisoner, speaking in a B.B.C. radio newsreel on a German concentration camp, said:—

"I was in a German concentration camp for thirteen months. I'm really quite young you know—thirty-one. My grey hair deceives. That's one of my souvenirs. It's useful too. Every time I look in a mirror I remember. That's what I want to do.

That boy at my camp—Josef was his name. He was twenty-one when I met him at the camp. He had been there ever since Hitler came to power. They took him when he was fifteen and a-half.

The Storm Troopers had paralysed his right arm, and he was suffering from consumption—undernourished. They had broken him. I mean mentally and spiritually. There was nothing left; no fear, that's true, but no will to live either.

That journalist who survived the most brutal tortures and became hard. That is, he was quite mild to talk to, but when you were in trouble he seemed to have an unlimited resource of strength and vitality.

In all those thirteen months I'd never known him despair one moment. I must leave it to you to imagine how these people got broken or stalled as they were; it's too obscene to be told. There are millions willing to die in German Europe, but the very idea of a concentration camp holds many of the bravest in unspeakable terror.

Concentration camp, where men pray for the hour of their death and are not allowed to die!"

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	4.33	4.48	.....	11.12	11.14
2	5.54	6.12	.....	——	12.25
3	7.00	7.19	.....	12.20	1.28
4	7.56	8.15	.....	1.21	2.24
5	8.45	9.05	.....	2.16	3.14
6	9.31	9.50	.....	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	.....	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	.....	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	.....	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	.....	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	.....	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	.....	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon	March 6
First Quarter	March 14
Full Moon	March 21
Last Quarter	March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	.....	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	.....	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	.....	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	.....	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	.....	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	.....	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	.....	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	——	.....	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	.....	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	.....	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	.....	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	.....	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	.....	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	.....	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	.....	——	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	.....	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	.....	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	.....	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	.....	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	.....	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	.....	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	.....	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	.....	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	.....	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	.....	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	.....	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	.....	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	.....	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	.....	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	.....	——	12.42

THE MOON.

New Moon	April 5
First Quarter	April 13
Full Moon	April 20
Last Quarter	April 27

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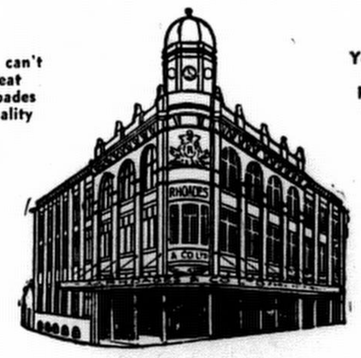

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ITALY

ALLIED LANDING SIGNAL

Would Bring Revolt

Italy has been made a subject for much wishful thinking, says "Salt," the Army education journal.

When Eisenhower's men landed in North Africa it was noised abroad that Italy was for it, that Mussolini might grovel by Christmas, 1942.

Such comfortable predictions were foolish. Italy is tired, war-spent, but not ready to throw off the Fascist yoke. Yet most Italians surely must be doing some hard, rueful thinking.

Smooth references to imminent revolt in Italy are not yet justified by facts. Hatred of Fascists (German and Italian) becomes more intense. Revolt within sight of Gestapo, O.V.R.A. and 200,000 German rifles is not an easy prospect. Only the powder flash of an Allied landing might cause the people to break their shackles.

But the powers behind Il Duce are not happy about the feeling of the people. Senator Bevione, one of Italy's most powerful financers and President of the Senate's Finance Committee, recently said he was bewildered by "the alarming strength of levelling tendencies in Italy."

The temper of factory workers can be judged by a recent decree placing them under military jurisdiction; they are to be shot if they desert their machines in air raids—a contrast with British and Russian workers, who often refuse to take shelter.

Bombing of the great industrial towns of Milan, Genoa and Turin is good political, as well as military tactics. Fascism is strongest among southern peasants—the North may blame the South for the R.A.F.

IF MUSSOLINI DIES.

Hitler would like to Petainise Italy should Mussolini die. Il Duce is said to have serious stomach ulcers, and few of his family have lived beyond 60. He is now 59. But the Italian people would be no more friendly to an old Petain or a young Ciano than to Mussolini.

Fascist propaganda has become even more confused in attempting to explain Axis reverses than Berlin. It still puffs about the stern resolution of Italians, but soldiers don't reflect it. For Italy there would be no victory in victory—only hope in defeat.

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY

Handling Farm Animals

Getting acquainted with horses, cows, and sheep after working hours has been one of the first steps in the life of members of the Women's Land Army in one Australian centre.

Some city girls who have been attending preliminary Land Army classes arranged by officers at a military camp have become most proficient in handling farm animals.

A few weeks ago they did not know where to stand when yarding sheep, or how to separate ewes from wethers.

Having mastered these preliminaries and gained at least a nodding acquaintance with Dinah and Dobbin, they feel more confident about handling their prototypes down on the farm, and are eagerly waiting for their call-up for the Land Army.

As one girl said: "If a 7-stone friend of mine can drive a team of four horses and plough, why can't I do something like that?" And the answer is that there is no reason why.

If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6.

JAPANESE THREAT

BASE FOR INVASION

A Real Menace

Curved in a great arc across our near north, New Guinea has long been called Australia's umbrella abainst invasion. So it has proved in the east, thanks to the Australians and Americans who have fought there, says "Salt," an Army education journal.

But the fact that the Japs have crawled under the west end of our umbrella, using the Dutch island groups (Tanimbar, Kei and Aru) in the Arafura Sea as stepping stones, means that much of the shelter from our umbrella has gone with the wind.

Japanese strategy seems to have run thus: Industrious consolidation of their gains in the Dutch East Indies, during a drive to cut the sea lanes from Australia to America.

The odds are that before Tojo is finally eliminated Australian soldiers will tread Dutch New Guinea's soil. When they get there they will find a country much like the Papua they already know, but even lonelier, wilder, and less touched by the white man. Hard to believe, but ask men who have sampled both territories.

This coast and its swampy inland plain offers little good ground for all-weather air strips. Bombers tend to bog down on anything but a first-class hard runway in the wet. But the Japanese may try to solve this problem by using float planes. They have, in fact, used them extensively for reconnaissance. They can duck down into small hide-outs in the river mouths, independent of runway conditions; refueling from scattered dumps hidden in the coastal scrub, their shallow draught allows them to use rivers, lagoons and lakes, where a larger craft would strike trouble.

C.M.F. MAY SERVE.

One point should be noted: all Dutch New Guinea; in fact, all the territory shown in the map on page 25, falls within the area in which the Commonwealth Government has proposed that the C.M.F. may be called on to serve. Under the Defence Act (as at February 12) militiamen could not be called on to serve outside Australia and Papua.

In 1942 the Coral Sea sympolised for Australia the threat of imminent invasion. So to-day the Arafura (and the Timor Sea) represent a menace.

Before you strike a light remember the needs of the armed forces. The demand for matches is enormous, but the output is adequate for all, provided matches are used sparingly. Some of the chemicals used to make matches have to be shared with the munitions industry. So adopt the slogan: Fewer matches, more munitions.

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JAPAN

SHIPPING PROBLEMS

Heavy Blows Still Necessary

Mr. Joseph C. Grew, former U.S. Ambassador to Tokyo, has done, and is still doing, much to awaken Americans to the grim task that faces the Allied Nations in defeating Japan, which, he has asserted, is potentially a stronger military power than the United States. However, Mr. Grew has made one point on which there is agreement by British, U.S. and Netherlands East Indies authorities, viz., Japan's shipping difficulties.

Even here Mr. Grew is not led into facile optimism, but he has indicated one important direction in which it is possible to greatly weaken Japan's hold on the wide areas which she has occupied in the Pacific.

"It is a weakness," he says, "that Japan's communications and transport must largely be by water, and as we have seen in America, there are always extremely vulnerable. Japan is not a country able to replace shipping losses easily, and this may well prove a big factor in her ultimate defeat."

Mr. Grew adds this note of warning: "I emphasise that such weaknesses will not, of themselves, cause Japan's defeat, unless they are exploited by determined and aggressive Allied action."

On the subject of shipping, Japanese leaders, too, have had something to say which tends to support considered Allied opinion.

JAPAN IS AN ISLAND.

"Shipping remains the main problem for Japan," said the Japanese Minister for Communications, speaking in the Lower House on February 7, 1943. Japan is an island, and all of her conquests are divided from her and each other by water. Japan is forced to import coal, metal and textiles.

DEMANDS ON SHIPPING.

Japan in 1939 had 5,600,000 tons of shipping of 100 gross tons and over. Now, owing to sinkings and tonnage laid up in repair yards, she is estimated to have only about 3,800,000 tons.

Since the outbreak of the China war she has averaged 1,000,000 tons of shipping tied up by troop transport on this front alone; 2,500,000 tons would be a conservative estimate for supplying other battle fronts. The least tonnage she would require to continue military operations would be 3,580,000.

She has, therefore, only 300,000 tons for the transport of goods and raw materials. In normal prewar times fourteen times this amount of shipping was used for trading, within the so-called co-prosperity sphere.

Japan realises the significance of the problem. Speaking on the 25th anniversary of the Japanese Navy League, Tojo said:—

"It is absolutely necessary for Japan to retain control of the seas."

Suzuki, chief of the Planning Board, was reported by Tokyo radio as saying: "Transportation by sea is the most important and urgent problem to be solved in Greater East Asia."

Japan is building ships as fast as she can at home, in Hong Kong, and in the N.E.I. She is launching wooden ships (which are, of course, built far more quickly), salvaging sunken and allied ships, and even building bamboo rafts for transporting troops, in order to cope with her problem at high speed.

It is obviously a vital necessity that the Allied air and submarine attacks should widen the gap between Japan's new construction and her shipping losses, and should destroy her lines of communication in time to strike at the industrial heart of the whole country.

Already Japanese shipping has been pounded to the North of Australia from the air and by U.S. ships and planes off Guadalcanal. The task ahead calls for unrelenting pressure and heavy blows.

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CURRENT TOPICS

A.R.P. PICTURES.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that on Monday night, at the Embassy Theatre, a series of A.R.P. pictures will be screened. Admission is free, and it was hoped that the various Gladstone services would be well represented.

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The Manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. W. H. Hall) has notified that the sum of £332 has been received from the Port Curtis Co-operative Association Ltd., Gladstone, as an interest free loan to the Commonwealth Government.

MR. M. JANSON.

Mr. M. Janson has been spending a holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Janson, of "Clinton," Gladstone. Mr. Janson was successful in obtaining a pass in the entrance examination of the Presbyterian Church, and thus is entitled to enter the Theological College. He left Gladstone by Friday's mail train for an appointment to a Brisbane charge.

HIGH PRICES PAID.

Prices paid at an auction sale last week-end instanced the exceptionally keen demand for anything in the electrical line. A 4-year-old electric refrigerator topped the century, the final bid being £105. An electric iron, which originally cost £1/10/-, brought £4/10/-. Similarly high prices were paid for an electric fan, toasters, etc. On the other hand, an electric radiator of well-known make in new order brought only £1/10/-, this being due to the fact, no doubt, that the winter is so mild that heaters are hardly necessary. In nearly every instance electrical units brought far more than their original cost, notwithstanding the fact that the articles were in use for several years at time of sale.

RED CROSS PADDY'S MARKET.

The Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society relies to a great extent on its monthly Paddy's markets for funds for the general account, which is expended in assisting the sick and wounded, purchasing supplies, servicing hospital cases and evacuees passing through Gladstone, and buying materials for its sewing and knitting circles, etc. It is, therefore, very necessary to keep these functions fully organised to secure a maximum return. The convenor Mrs. A. H. Friend, and her committee are now hard at work arranging supplies for the Paddy's market which takes place next Friday, the 12th inst. Town and country supporters are again requested to forward their donations of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes, jams, sweets and home manufactures to Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in good time for the stalls that day. A special attraction will be the raffle of the beautiful string shopping bag kindly made and donated by Mrs. W. A. F. McDonald. It is on view in Friends window, where tickets may be obtained.

RED CROSS ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. V. A. Summers advises that the organisation of the secretarial part of the local branch of the Red Cross is now complete. Mrs. H. Browne, of William Street, joint honorary secretary with Mr. Summers, will receive and attend all correspondence, including receipt of moneys and issue of receipts. Mr. D. J. Connellan, 'phone 174, street scheme organiser, will attend to the prisoner of war street scheme inquiries, and generally assist the many canvassers and collectors now operating. Mr. Connellan holds the street scheme official receipt book, and collectors are requested to account to him direct. Other inquiries concerning the actual operation of the P.O.W. convass may be directed to Mrs. Keith Coppin, who has again resumed her duties with Mesdames R. Elliott, A. Watson, R. Ricketts, M. Tait, F. Johnstone, G. Hartley, the ladies in charge of the scheme. Authorised collectors include Mrs. Lodder, Miss M. Hill, and members of the 2nd and 3rd Troup Gladstone Boy Scouts kindly assigned to this duty by the scoutmasters in charge.

TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

State Subsidy

The adjourned special meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, W. R. Golding, H. Andersen, R. H. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

The Mayor moved that a letter be written to the Agriculture Minister (Mr. T. L. Williams), asking him to ascertain from the Treasurer what subsidy the State Government was prepared to grant on the cost of the balance of the Boyne River water scheme.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Deveney.

Ald. Smith moved an amendment that the Council send a representative to Brisbane to ascertain the exact position of the water scheme. Seconded by Ald. Anderson.

Various aldermen were of the opinion that it was useless approaching the Treasurer at this juncture, as the matter would have to go before the Loan Council, Canberra.

On a vote being taken the amendment was lost, and the motion carried.

P.O.W. SCHEME.

Mesdames K. Coppin and A. J. Watson were very pleased with the result of their canvass of the main business street for the P.O.W. street adoption scheme yesterday. They had to secure an additional book at lunch time. Mesdames R. Elliott and M. Tait were busy yesterday canvassing Auckland Street and Oaka Lane. They reported a very successful canvass. The scheme is growing rapidly, and now promises to be a highlight in Red Cross activities.

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME.

What must be a record was established by the Town Council this week when aldermen were called upon to attend three special meetings to deal with urgent matters appertaining to the Boyne River scheme, and added to this was a deputation yesterday morning to the Premier (Mr. F. Cooper) at the Railway Station on the same question. The zeal and energy displayed by the local city fathers must commend itself to the citizens for the fight they have put up for a first-class water scheme for Gladstone.

PRISONER OF WAR.

Lance Corporal T. J. Dwyer, who is a prisoner of war at Stammlager (Germany) has advised his mother, Mrs. M. E. Dwyer, of Gladstone, that at the time of writing he was in good health and the weather was keeping fine. They had no snow yet, but had it fairly deep this time last year. He would like to see Frank and Chris. in the snow, as they were always a pair of cold frogs. He hoped to bring home with him for Dad a long German pipe. He asked that his Christmas greetings be given to all at home.

BLACK MARKET BREACHES.

There have been many complaints concerning the high prices charged for wine, spirits and bottled beer, and a State wide campaign is now being instituted to bring offenders to book. In addition to the sly grog penalties under the State law for those who trade illegally, anyone who sells liquor at exorbitant prices commits a breach of the black marketing provisions of the National Security Regulations. This was stated by an official of the Prices Commissioner's office, who warned hotelkeepers and merchants, and added that a gaol sentence could be imposed if the case was proved.

AT THE PARISH HALL.

An excellent entertainment will be staged on Saturday, March 13, in the Parish Hall, Gladstone, commencing at 2.15 p.m., in aid of the mobile canteen fund of the Salvation Army. The promotor is Mr. Norman Jones, Mysto, and a well balanced programme of magic in wonderland, supported by six local artistes, will be submitted. All the latest mysteries will be staged, and there will be a lucky door number for the boys and girls, also free competitions, and prizes will be awarded. Residents should support this entertainment, as it is in aid of a worthy cause. The prices of admission are: Adults 1/-, and children 6d.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

REV. W. E. BOYLDEW

CHAPLAIN IN A.I.F.

Farewelled at Gladstone

Following the evening service at St. Saviour's Church of England last Sunday, parishioners met to farewell their rector (Rev. W. E. Boyldew), who has enlisted as a chaplain in the A.I.F.

In presenting the rector with a wallet of notes, the people's warden (Mr. H. V. Loveday) said that all members of the congregation felt deep regret at his departure, and joined in wishing him every good fortune and a safe return.

In thanking those present for their kind expression of regard, Rev. Boyldew said that the function came as a complete surprise, and had he known anything of it he would have had Mrs. Boyldew there. He appreciated the many acts of kindness paid to him during his three years in Gladstone. He was still their rector, but chaplains were so short overseas that he had felt it his duty to go with the A.I.F. and do what he could. He gave them all his blessing, and looked forward to the day when peace would return to a troubled world.

The Rev. Boyldew and Mrs. Boyldew have left for the south, where the rev. gentleman will be attached to an oversea unit.

Special thanks is due to Mr. A. H. Malpass for his work in connection with the function.

The Anglican rector will be remembered in Gladstone and district for his cheery outlook, his charity to the people, and his magnificent work in making the lot of the Allied serviceman more comfortable and contented. During the past 18 months Rev. Boyldew worked hard to see that members of the Allied forces were given reasonable recreation and entertainment. Members of his congregation were asked to take servicemen to dinner each week-end, and many social functions for their reception were organised. In this splendid work he had the able assistance of his good wife. Hundreds of letters and messages from the battlefront and overseas bear silent tribute to the gratitude of the men in Allied units.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. H. BELL.

The death is announced at her residence, "Bewua," Cavendish Road, Coorparoo, of Mrs. Jane Hill Bell, relict of the late Mr. Robert Bell.

She was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Stirrat, of "Mt. Alma," early pioneers of the Calliope Valley, but all her married life was spent in Brisbane.

A keen worker for the Red Cross since its inception till failing health caused her retirement from active work, but a great knitter, doing good work to the last.

Deceased leaves a family of four daughters, the Misses G. and L. Bell, of Brisbane, Mrs. C. Thomas, whose husband is manager of the Commonwealth Bank, Mackay, Mrs. F. Parkinson, Sunnybank, and three sons, two of whom fought in the last war, Stuart, who resides in the Calliope Valley, Graham, of "Melmoth," Dingo, Campbell, of Colensoe.

The late Mrs. Bell also leave three sisters, the Misses E. and L. Stirrat, Mt. Alma, Mrs. Farmer, Barney Point, and a brother, Mr. James D. Stirrat, of Carinya.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mrs. M. Soppa, Auckland Street, has returned to Gladstone, after having spent a pleasant holiday in Bundaberg and Maryborough.

Miss End Parsloe, A.T., State School, Mt. Isa, has been transferred as head teacher, Nanango, Kingaroy line. Miss Parsloe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parsloe, Rocky Glen.

Private Pat Breslin, who has been spending 10 days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Breslin, West Gladstone, left by yesterday's southern mail to rejoin his unit.

Mrs. M. E. Dwyer, of Gladstone, has received word that her nephew, Captain Bernard Crabbe, of the Auxiliary Fire Service, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been awarded the M.B.E. for services rendered.

A/C 1 J. C. "Cliff" Stitt has returned home on a short period of leave. He returns to his unit in the south next week. Cliff, who was secretary of the Gladstone Band for many years, has kept in form by playing his euphonium in some of the crack Airforce bands in the south.

"BATTLE OF PRIORITIES"

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

Now an "A-2" Priority

The object in getting in touch with the Army Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde) in regard to the Boyne water supply scheme was to enlist his sympathy, co-operation, and influence in furthering it by way of obtaining an "A-1" priority, which would enable the Council to secure manpower and the necessary machinery and plant, and the full use of the harbour (undoubtedly one of the finest gifts that a beneficent Providence has ever bestowed upon any country), through an ample supply of first-class fresh water.

POLITICS RESPONSIBLE.

Mr. Forde is well aware of the fact that no other town throughout the length and breadth of the Empire has had so many knock backs and disappointments—nothing to equal the hard luck which has, like some evil spirit, haunted Gladstone for over three score years. And politics has been mainly responsible.

AN OUTSTANDING HARBOUR.

Mr. Forde also knows that originally Gladstone was intended to be the capital of Queensland, but before more than the preliminary work was done the site was changed and Brisbane was chosen. And ever since then Gladstone has never been given a ghost of a show in its fuller development. Only a few crumbs from the table—despite the fact that the harbour has been admitted time and again by competent authorities to be one of the best three in the world.

STILL A SMALL TOWN.

Gladstone is still a small town, and will remain a small town until such time as "politics" as we know it today is a thing of the past. When that day arrives Gladstone will certainly come into its own.

COMIC OPERA STAGE.

The position over obtaining a priority for the Boyne River scheme had reached the comic opera stage, and it appeared from the cold facts that Gladstone had received another setback, one more entry to be made in the ledger—"another disappointment."

A-1 PRIORITY ASKED FOR.

Mr. Forde, in replying to a letter from the Agriculture Minister (Mr. T. L. Williams), dated December 24, among other things, stated he had made representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, that the work be given an "A-1" priority. The people of Gladstone will note with interest that Mr. Forde asked for an "A-1" priority.

A BIT PUZZLING.

On February 8 Mr. Williams urged on the Commonwealth authorities (according to his letter to the Council) to grant an even higher priority for the Gladstone water supply scheme in order to further the proposal, and he promised to support this application in person when in Canberra. He also asked Mr. Kemp (Director General of Allied Works) to support him in the request that the scheme be placed in an "A-2" priority.

"B" PRIORITY GRANTED.

Here we have a direct conflict in representations made regarding the issue of a priority, and at this stage it appeared that despite Mr. Forde's representation for an "A-1" priority, a "B" priority had been granted.

DEFINITE ASSURANCE.

In face of the information received from Mr. Williams, the only conclusion to arrive at on the evidence submitted was that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) had failed to secure an "A-1" priority, despite his definite assurance that he had made representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, for such a priority. For here are Mr. Forde's exact words: "Have since made representations to the Defence Committee, Melbourne, that the work be given an "A-1" priority.

BATTLE OF PRIORITIES.

Gladstone will be able to make another entry in the ledger, "Battle of Priorities" still being fought out, while the extended entry will disclose that the small army of voters residing on the shores of Port Curtis had been outflanked and had been compelled to fall back according to plan—"another disappointment." However, as the Gladstone forces were taking up new positions, but before they could be consolidated another high explosive shell was dropped on a vulnerable spot through the flashing of the information from the Deputy Co-ordinator General of Allied Works (Mr. J. R. Kemp) through the Agriculture Minister (Mr. Williams) "that advice had been received from the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) that the Boyne scheme project had been allotted a "B" priority.

DEPUTATION TO PREMIER

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

Premier Most Sympathetic

A deputation, consisting of the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Ald. W. R. Golding, R. E. Smith, and H. Anderson, waited on the Premier (Mr. F. Cooper) at the Railway Station yesterday to discuss with him the prospect of obtaining the necessary money for the completion of the Boyne River scheme.

VICINITY OF £40,000.

It was pointed out by speakers that the burden over and above peace time conditions would be in the vicinity of £40,000, and the urgent national importance of the whole scheme made it imperative that it be completed at the earliest possible moment, and that other sources should contribute to the cost of the scheme because of this.

CITIZENS RATIONED.

Railway, shipping, and other industrial requirements were enormous, and the Council was rationing the citizens so as to provide for these demands. It was possible that Federal assistance would be forthcoming, but not sufficient to compensate for the added costs. The State Government had also an obligation towards this scheme which it must be prepared to shoulder.

COUNCIL LOOKED TO PREMIER.

Given a good water supply, the progress that Gladstone had made would be maintained, and the Council looked to the Premier, as head of the State to assist the people of Gladstone to put in a water supply that would be equal to every demand placed upon it.

FIGHTING FOR THE SCHEME.

The Premier (Mr. Cooper), in reply, stated the people of Gladstone had, or seemed to be fighting for this scheme since Captain Cook visited Australia, and he sincerely trusted that it would soon be completed, which would be one less worry off his shoulders, even if it meant leaving room for one more worry for him. No town, he said, had made as much progress over the last few years as Gladstone had done, and those who were responsible for its progress were hardly likely to let it down when peace was restored.

"WOULD GET THE SCHEME"

Mr. Cooper was sympathetic towards the Boyne scheme, and had rung up Mr. Curtin, and advised him of the urgent necessity for its early completion. He assured the aldermen that it had not been lost sight of, and as soon as the Federal Government made a decision as to what subsidy it would grant the better the position he would be in to consider their request. They could take it for granted, however, that the Council would get the scheme, and with as little delay as possible.

Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Cooper for his sympathetic hearing and his assurance of his support for the Boyne River scheme.

NOW A "A-2" PRIORITY.

Of course, it is the last battle that counts, and the Gladstone forces being encouraged by Mr. Forde's assurance early in the campaign that he was anxious to help the people of Gladstone, girdled up their loins, and in a determined counter attack good news was flashed on Thursday to the "Observer" Office. Here is Mr. Forde's communique:—

"Pleased to inform you that as a result of my further personal representations to the chiefs of staffs, Priorities Committee, I have been successful in raising the priority of the Gladstone water supply from a "B" to a "A-2" priority, which should expedite the commencement of the work and place it next in importance to very urgent operational work for the fighting services. Have communicated with Premier of Queensland (Mr. Cooper), Agriculture Minister (Mr. Williams), Mr. Kemp (Deputy Director General of Allied Works), Secretary Gladstone Harbour Board, and the Secretary of the A.L.P., Gladstone."

PEACEFUL PENETRATION.

Let us now hope that the "battle of priorities" is over—it was a most puzzling one—and that a peaceful penetration will continue, the commencing of the scheme in a large way and the carrying it out to a successful issue.

The foregoing discloses that Gladstone has to fight, and fight hard, to obtain her just rights.

A GRANT ESSENTIAL.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Forde's next communique from Canberra will announce that a substantial grant had been made by the Commonwealth Government towards a scheme of national importance.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

It is now up to Mr. Forde, and the prospects at present are indeed bright.

SOCIALISM

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

Reply to "Democrat"

In his reply to "Democrat" Mr. Leo Funk writes as follows:—

Oh, Democracy, what tripe is written in thy name!

It is hard to believe that the puerile prattle put up by "Democrat" was done by a grown person, but as it is always my practice to be charitable towards everyone, I will criticise the errors in "Democrat's" article paragraph at a time, and then give a summing up on the whole article.

DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.

First he accuses me of giving my views only in a general sense, yet towards the end of his article he says, "with a few alterations our own democratic system is the finest in the world." Not one jot of evidence in support; not one word of mention of anything done for the benefit of the workers under his democratic system, which cannot and will not be surpassed under socialism.

WAGES VARY.

He asks what do I mean by continuity of work, and yet later on he says he understands why there is continuity of work under a socialistic system! He asks me to state the weekly wages paid to Soviet workers. I could counter by asking him to state the weekly wages paid under democratic conditions, and to answer either would take more than one full issue of the "Observer," because under socialism and democracy rates of wages vary.

GOODS PURCHASED.

Again, it is not the amount of weekly wages paid which matters, but the amount of goods which can be purchased for that amount, and naturally where there is no profit motive it only stands to reason that a £1 would go further than would a £1 under our system, where everyone is endeavouring to exploit the other.

As Soviet wages are paid according to production, and those who produce the goods consume them, "Democrat" can rest assured that there will be sufficient wages made available to purchase the goods produced.

SOVIET COINAGE.

Yet still due to fact that Soviet coinage is in roubles, and it is not quoted on the capitalist Stock Exchanges, it is almost impossible to strike any comparison; and still again, does "Democrat" know that there is a difference between real wages and relative wages? If "Democrat" really wants to learn and become educated I can recommend for his guidance: "Soviet Finance," "How the Soviet State is Run," "Soviet Trade Unions," "Monopoly," "Soviet Farming," and last but not least, "Health in the Soviet Union." He will find all the answers there.

MASS EXECUTIONS.

"Democrat" deliberately lies when he says that mass executions were carried out to enforce the new order of socialism in Russia. Executions were carried out, and rightly so, against those found guilty of counter-revolutionary work. You make no mention, "Democrat," of the mass murders carried out during the regime of Tzar Nicholas, especially that of January 9, 1905, when 140,000 workers with their wives and children marched to the palace chanting hymns and carrying church banners and pictures of the Tzar, and pleading for some amelioration of conditions. You have made no mention of the fact that the streets literally ran with the blood of these workers, their wives and children; or is that in accord with your idea of democracy?

BALLOT BOX.

You say under democracy we have our redress through the ballot box. Disabuse your mind, old chap. The only privilege you have on election day is not who is going to represent you, but who is going to represent the boss class.

WORK ON FARMS.

You say, according to Democratic Hoyle women do not perform manual tasks. You have apparently never travelled; not even to the farming areas round Mt. Larcom, Bracewell, and Ambrose. Do so and you will find the women and children literally slaving on the farms. You will see the children (your democrats of the future, and what a future!) up at 4 a.m. milking before going to school, which is almost always two to three miles away, and then again after school straight into the cow yard until about 8 p.m., then supper if they do not fall asleep before, and to bed for a few hours rest before starting another day of drudgery. What a childhood! What a future, according to the Democratic Hoyle you boast about.

ARBITRATION COURT.

Apparently the only reason you can put forward for the continuation of capitalism is to have someone for the trade unions to fight with. If that is the limit of your thinking ability the rest of your article explains itself.

Don't delude yourself about the value of the Arbitration Court. History proves that concessions and adjustments are granted not according to merit, but according to the strength of the union concerned, and the degree of organisation within it.

"WAGE SLAVE"

I have never made use of the word "slave" as a synonym for worker, but I did, and do still claim that the worker is a "wage-slave," and challenge you to prove me wrong.

GOLD STANDARD AND EXCHANGE.

You say it is many years since we went off the gold tsandard. Yes, quite so, and immediately we did our exchange rate suffered until it reached the all high of 30 per cent. and even now is 25 per cent. In England our £1 is worth 16/: the same in New Zealand, while the American dollar, which at par would be worth 4/2, is at present worth 6/1, and when the exchange rate was fixed at 30 per cent. who fixed it? The Commonwealth Bank? No. The Bank of New South Wales, a private trading bank. Now, who controls the financial destiny of Australia?

JUMPING THE RATTLER.

Your statement about jumping the rattler is childish, but it does give point to the fact that where it is necessary to do this because of lack of means to pay the necessary fare under capitalism, under a properly planned socialist system there would be no need for anyone to "jump the rattler."

OVER PRODUCTION.

I did say that if there was the tendency to over produce a certain commodity, and I offer no apologies for having done so, under socialism the incentive to produce more is stimulated by the prospects of increased wages and lowered costs, shortened hours of toil, and thus more leisure hours, so that through production may have been planned to reach a certain figure, once industry became established and it was found that a five years' plan could be fulfilled in four years, and yes, even less. So by continuing with the production, after planning, had been exceeded, could tend to cause over production, which would be corrected by transferring production to some other commodity. Is that clear now, "Democrat?"

WAGES "PEELED OFF."

For once you are right when you say we Australians get no chance to hoard our wages, because it is "peeled off us at the source," and this under a democracy, which you say is based on our capacity to pay—our capacity to pay interest to the bondholders. Do you know, "Democrat," that away back in 1888 the N.S. Wales Government borrowed £16,000,000 for railways, redeemable in 1924, and by that year we had paid £30,000,000 in interest, and the loan was then converted to mature in 1950, by which time we will have paid £50,000,000 in interest, and still owe the original £16,000,000. This is no isolated instance, "Democrat." Do you want to hear some more?

BARTER SYSTEM.

Your confusion is really heart-rending. You admit wages are paid under a socialist system, and then you express the view (fortunately only your own) that socialism operates under a barter system. Poor misguided "Democrat," who could do not only with an extra pound of butter, but also a very elementary lesson in consistency and another in political economy.

CRISES.

Yes, crises and wars are inevitable under any capitalist system, and as capitalism advances towards its final disintegration these crises which lead to war become more frequent and more acute. (See my article on imperialism.)

BOYNE SCHEME

You say that Premier Cooper would have some peculiar look on his face if asked to charge the Boyne water scheme to posterity. What else, I ask you, is he going to do? The loan is supposed to be for 30 years, which means that posterity is going to pay, the same as it is paying to-day for the present scheme, which was put into operation many years ago, and on which there is, I understand, still some £20,000 owing.

ORGANISE YOUTH.

There are others equally as anxious as you to see Tojo defeated, but they do not descend to the mock heroics you have indulged in. There is before us, not only the immediate task of defeating Fascism, but of accomplishing it to such good effect that it can never again raise its ugly head. To achieve this we must make sure that the youth of to-day do not fall into the hands of the Australian Fascists, as did the youth of Germany fall to Hitler, and the Italian breed to Mussolini. The only safe and sane way to avoid this is to organise the youth to look forward to and work for a better future than up to the present they have had handed to them by the representatives of the money bags. Organise your youth, and the future will take care of itself, but only if they are organised on a socialistic basis, wherein their souls will not be embittered by exploitation, which starts at the cradle and ends only at the grave.

Your reference to Trotsky was unfortunate for you. You admit Trotsky had to flee because he was found out by honest Joe Stalin, and the words are yours. If Trotsky was honest he would not have had to flee, and yet you quote one who even you recognise as being a traitor to his country, and you quote something written whilst he was in exile, embittered at being found out! Do you know the full story of Trotsky and his machinations? If not I can give it to you "Democrat." For the present just one point about Trotsky. Immediately prior to his expulsion from the U.S.S.R. he was a convicted agent of Germany, using his inside knowledge to sell the very people who had raised him to a position of influence.

The final summing up of your article needs only this comment: Leave press work to those who know their subject and are sincere, and stick to playing with your kindergarten toys.

DOING THEIR BIT

GLADSTONE BOYS OVERSEAS

George Medal Awarded

Recent oversea advices give news of the exploits of young Jack Ryalls, of Monto, who is now a rear gunner in one of the large bombers which fly over Germany. He is the son of Mr. Tom Ryalls, of Monto, and resided in Gladstone until he joined the R.A.A.F.

His many friends in both towns will be pleased to learn of his success, and wish him continued good fortune.

Another Gladstonite to win fame recently is Pilot Officer Arthur G. ("Boy") Richmond, who is a member of a Sunderland aircraft operating overseas. When it crashed in the sea he saw another member of the crew, the wireless operator gunner, surrounded by a pool of burning petrol, and unable to swim because of a broken leg.

Although suffering lacerations, Richmond brought his comrade through the flames to safety, and eventually got him on a semi-inflated rubber dinghy.

Until it became certain that no other survivors were in the vicinity, Richmond did not abandon the search until he boarded the rescue boat. He has been awarded the Georgemedal, advice of this award having been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richmond, from the Air Board.

"Boy" was the younger son of the Richmond family, who lived at Boyne Island. He is 28 years of age, and was on the staff of the Vacuum Oil Coy., Brisbane, when he enlisted in the R.A.A.F. He left Australia in February, 1941, and served in the Middle East, being attached to the R.A.F. He is the grandson of the late Dr. H. R. Symes, who practised in Gladstone in the early days.

The elder brother, George, is serving with an allied naval unit, and has already gained the rank of captain in charge of small craft on important duty on the Australian and far north coasts.

AUCTION PRICES CONTROLLED

Lots Drawn at Sale

It is not generally known that prices for articles of goods at auction are controlled to the extent that no bids exceeding the prices originally paid for the new articles may be accepted.

At Canberra last Saturday a representative of the Commonwealth Prices Commission drew lots at a household auction. A prices inspector attended the sale and told the auctioneer (Mr. R. McKillop) that he could not accept bids exceeding prices for new articles.

Bidders were prepared to pay considerably more than the new price for two lengths of hose.

The auctioneer asked the prices official to place a value on the hoses. The names of those bidding were then put in a waste paper basket and drawn by the official at the request of the auctioneer.

MR. AND MRS. H. O'SING

VISIT TOOWOOMBA

Win at Golf

That golf in Gladstone is of a high standard was shown by Mr. and Mrs. Harold O'Sing, who are at present spending a holiday at Toowoomba. Mr. and Mrs. O'Sing are the best mixed foursome pair in the local club, having won many events from scratch on the Gladstone links.

In their first competitive attempt on the Middle Ridge Links they had a near win over a strong field. With two 39's off the stick the Gladstone pair scored 42 points in the mixed four-ball stapleford, and were the best cards returned until the last four came in to register 43 and 44 points respectively. The par of the course is 74, and the 78 gross returned by Mr. and Mrs. O'Sing was one of the best efforts by visitors for a long time, and stamped them as a really high-class pair. Some of the associate competitors in the event received as many as 24 strokes, so that the O'Sing's off their low handicap had to give away big starts. Local golfers will join in congratulating them on their splendid play.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Sing are staying at the Imperial Hotel, which is conducted by another old Gladstonite, in the person of Mr. Arthur King, and they expect to see many centres in the Downs before they return home.

BIG MATINEE

Commencing 2.15 p.m. SATURDAY, March 13th.
PARISH HALL, GLADSTONE
In aid of Mobile Canteen Fund.

Norman Jones (Mysto)

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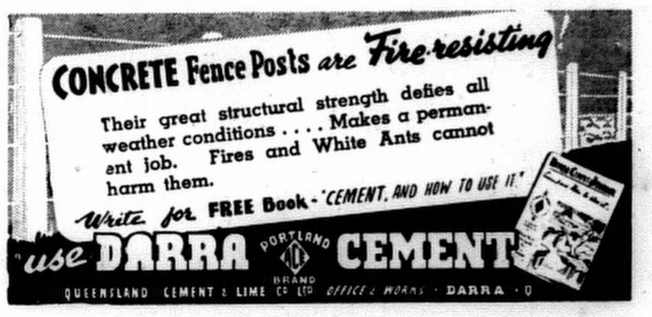

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6.45—B.B.C. News.
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7.08—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.

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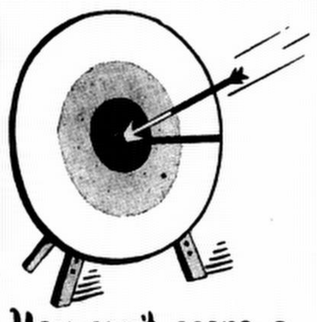

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PEACE NOT POSSIBLE

Without Complete Victory

Whatever may be said by well meaning and anxious critics about the organisation and planning of global war strategy, there cannot be the slightest doubt about the common aims of the United Nations.

The definite reaffirmation at Casablanca of the Allied intention to completely defeat the Axis in battle, was more recently echoed by Josef Stalin when he said that the Red Army had one objective—the complete annihilation of the enemy.

In these statements there is more than a realisation that total victory on the battlefield is a necessary prelude to peace. There is also the clear perception that the total destruction of the Axis war machine and the absolute elimination of Axis war ideology is essential to lasting peace, and a foundation for the building of that new social structure that is the eventual prize of this great conflict.

These aims are well founded on a logical analysis of the causes of this war, and there is no doubt that the theory must be entirely accepted by the people of the United Nations, however much they are inclined to shrink in natural revulsion from so cold and merciless a postulation.

COMPLETE VICTORY ESSENTIAL.

It is essential, therefore, that we order our thinking and our way of life in accordance with these aims, which apply equally to Germany and Japan.

The longer we refuse to believe utterly that we are up against enemies who can be brought to earth only by a complete physical defeat, the longer will we be forced to maintain the battle against them.

It is useless flirting with the belief that economic hardship or physical suffering will break their morale, or that a realisation of inevitable defeat will weaken their struggles to avert it.

They have struck at us with all the strength at their command, leaving themselves no road for retreat, and they will continue to fight with all their strength until they are battered into impotency.

From this cold logic there comes only one immediate conclusion, and that is, that nothing less than the maximum exertion of our capacities, individually and collectively, will attain our end.

In considering such an aspect it is more than difficult to ignore the example of the Russians—it is impossible.

In praising Russia there is no desire to belittle our own great contribution to the common cause. It cannot be said that our fighting men stand second to any. But as a nation, embracing the total population, we may well be inspired by the unity of thought and action that has so moved the Russians to throw every ounce of weight into the conflict.

ALL OUR STRENGTH.

We do not like war, because we are a civilised people, but we dare not afford to forget that unless we pursue war to the limit of its ruthlessness we shall fall, and bring our civilisation down with us.

Those who know the Japanese tell us, earnestly and urgently, that the sons of Nippon will not cease to fight until they are rendered impotent; that peace is not possible without complete and utter victory. Such a warning is well heeded in these days, when local victories tend to brighten the immediate foreground of the whole vast scene of war.

Peace will come when we have beaten the enemy, and to beat him we must fight every minute without rest and with all our strength; and "all our strength" means all the strength of everybody in Australia, as well as in China and America, plus whatever weight our other Allies may be able to throw into the scales. Peace will come when we have earned it—not before.

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OUT-OF-DATE COUPONS

Should Be Destroyed

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No good purpose could be served by keeping any out of date tea coupons. Retailers did not wish to be harassed by people asking them to accept these coupons after the date on which they expired. Both traders and the public would be saved from the temptation to be dishonest if these coupons were destroyed after they were no longer valid.

Cases have been known, said Mr. Cochran, of grocers accepting out of date tea coupons from customers. This was a serious offence against the Rationing Regulations for both the grocer and the customer.

The tea coupons current at the moment are "C" 7 to 10 inclusive, and these will become out of date on March 7 next.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
6	9.31	9.50	.....	3.09	4.00
7	10.14	10.35	.....	3.59	4.43
8	10.55	11.16	.....	4.46	5.24
9	11.35	11.58	.....	5.34	6.02
10	——	12.14	.....	6.20	6.41
11	12.41	12.54	.....	7.08	7.20
12	1.26	1.37	.....	7.59	8.04
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon	March 6
First Quarter	March 14
Full Moon	March 21
Last Quarter	March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	.....	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	.....	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	.....	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	.....	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	.....	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	.....	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	.....	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	——	.....	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	.....	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	.....	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	.....	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	.....	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	.....	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	.....	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	.....	——	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	.....	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	.....	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	.....	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	.....	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	.....	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	.....	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	.....	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	.....	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	.....	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	.....	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	.....	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	.....	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	.....	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	.....	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	.....	——	12.42

THE MOON.

New Moon	April 5
First Quarter	April 13
Full Moon	April 20
Last Quarter	April 27

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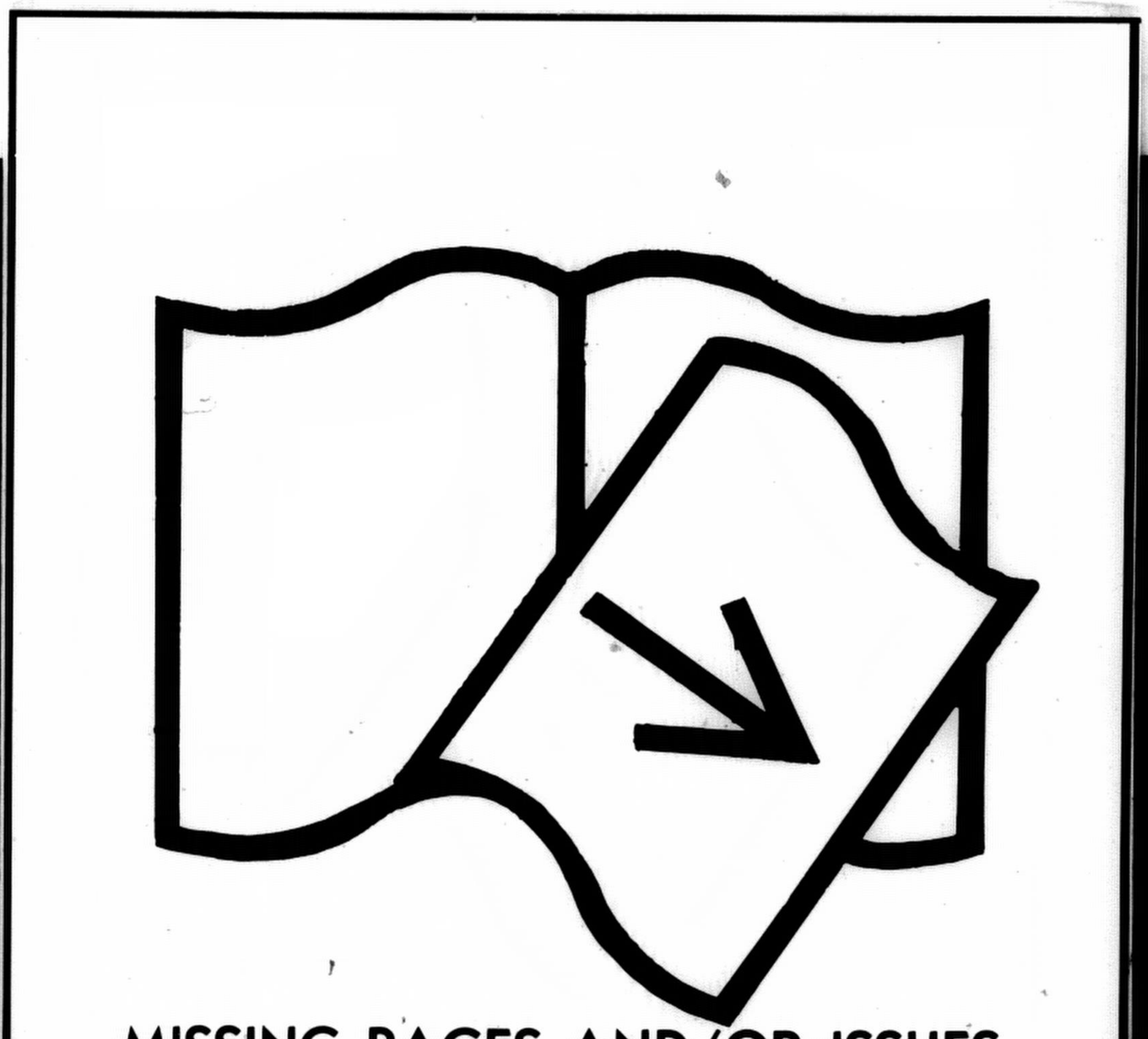

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RED CROSS

Supplies Arrive in Malta

A cable has been received advising that the supplies sent by the Australian Red Cross to Malta for the relief of war sufferers have arrived without loss, and that further urgent requirements are being supplied from the Society's stocks in the Middle East. A cable of appreciation for these provisions has been received from Mr. Scicluna, Red Cross Deputy Commissioner, Malta.

The shipment sent from Australia to the Middle East and subsequently to Malta was valued at £13,700, and included 1000 cases of coffee and milk, 261 cases of ration chocolate, 1481 cases of foodstuffs, 371 cases new and second-hand civilian clothing.

In a recent report from Miss Larke the following reference is made to the Red Cross supplies for Malta: "In Cairo I learned of the wonderfully generous way in which the Australian Red Cross is helping the people of Malta.

"Through the Malta representative in Cairo some supplies will be shipped immediately, and the heavier commodities forwarded at the earliest opportunity.

"The following day I saw these cases of foodstuffs and clothing for men, women and children stocked on the wharf. I was truly amazed at the quantity and equally impressed with the accuracy with which these cases were numbered and listed, thus enabling unhesitating selection of the cases needed for immediate delivery."

The Australian Red Cross had previously supplied £1366 worth of relief in the way of food and clothing for Malta. The total of the Society's gifts to Malta is thus £15,066.

SAVE CLOTHING

Warning Issued

Attempts by some employers to compel employees to maintain pre-war clothing standards despite clothes rationing, had been brought before the notice of the Rationing Commission, said the acting Director of Rationing (Mr. S. F. Cochran).

Any such compulsion was an offence under the National Security Regulations.

The clothing supply position was serious, and stocks were sufficient to allow only bare necessities to each person. Every conceivable method of saving clothing and restricting purchases should be practised.

Although most sections of the community had co-operated whole heartedly with the Commission, there were apparently still a few persons clinging to pre-war standards of clothing and prejudices, Mr. Cochran declared. Their attitude could only serve to increase Australia's clothing supply problems and hinder the war effort.

Garments forming an unessential part of a special uniform should be dispensed with, or replaced by more everyday clothing. Where ordinary street wear garments are just as serviceable as the prescribed garment, they should be worn in preference, and vital savings effected.

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CHINA

PLANNING ENLIGHTMENT

Adults Taught by Children

It is not every country that would submit to being taught by its children, but this is the case in China, particularly in the north-west, where the "Little Teacher" method of education has met with much success. Under this system children attending school impart their knowledge to adults who have not been to school.

Discussing China's post-war reconstruction plans in recent lectures, Mr. H. J. Timperley, an Australian authority on China, says that the Chungking Government is seized with the fact that good citizenship and real improvements are almost impossible without literacy. Several schemes are in progress for tackling this important problem.

About 80 per cent of China's 450,000,000 people are illiterate.

One plan aims to establish, within the next five years, one school to every 100 families. In this way 140,000,000 illiterates between 15 and 35 years will be taught to read.

PLEA FOR EDUCATION.

The desire for learning is deeply rooted in the Chinese people. Factory girls, after working a 12-hour day, will scorn suggestions for recreation and games in their clubs, and ask whether they cannot be taught to read instead. Grandmothers will attend the schools in the country districts and return home proudly carrying a "certificuate of education" tied up in a cotton handkerchief.

It is not the desire for prestige conferred by literacy that spurs them on. Even the poorest Chinese value learning for itself, apart from its utilitarian value.

In the "Little Teacher" method childrtn, for example, in the first grade at school have to impart their knowledge to four other people in their homes before they can earn a star and pass on to the next stage.

WORK OF UNIVERSITIES.

Paradoxically, perhaps, education is one activity that will benefit by war.

This springs from the fact that practically all universities and middle schools had to move to small towns in the interior as a result of invasion. These enforced transfers have effected a beneficial change in both the spirit and content of China's education.

Though universities had to leave behind most of their equipment and are operating in makeshift buildings, some of their loss in technical efficiency is offset by the effect of the war, which has developed among teachers and students a deeper seriousness and a more realistic approach to education.

Laboratory and field work on actual problems of industry and agriculture take the place of examples described in European text books.

Mr. Timperley says that the very real suffering and danger which students have experienced, as well as the hardships and difficulties under which they are obliged to live in the interior, are transforming their patriotism, formerly more vociferous than real, into a deep desire for service.

Never has China had more than 40,000 university students. This small proportion of the great population of China has made it necessary to discourage students from joining the army. They have been urged, instead, to continue their studies.

These students have found much to do in rural education and sanitation, in the co-operatives, in the care of the wounded, and in many other activities.

If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6. Three insertions 3/-.

HEADACHES IN STEEL

Australia Doubles Her Output

Steel rationing is a new problem in the United States, as nobody knows how much steel should be reserved for war production. Sugar rationing is easy to estimate, as supply and demand are known to the last pound. But no one can foresee the actual steel needs of industry, where the importance of certain necessities varies almost daily. Steel rationing affects food rationing too, as though there is more than enough food in certain districts in the States, it has to "stay put" because the steel rails have to be conserved for more vital traffic.

Steel has naturally been rationed in Australia, too, and supplies for house construction and domestic use were cut off early in the war. The steel industry here is in the happy position of being self-contained and almost entirely independent of supplies from overseas, but the enormous demand for war production has meant the absorption of all steel produced, even though the output is more than double the 1935 figures.

This enormous demand caused headaches in steel for Australia too.

In 1935 the limiting factor to steel production was the amount of coke available for the blast furnaces. This bottleneck was overcome by installing new coke ovens at the Newcastle Steelworks and at Port Kembla. As more coke became available, new blast furnaces were built to convert more iron ore into pig iron. Then three new open hearth furnaces at both Newcastle and Kembla were installed to convert the greatly increased pig iron supply into steel.

Now the main headaches have been overcome, and Australia is producing so much that our output is equal per capita to the output of Great Britain.

CAN YOU HELP?

Books, magazines and old clean newspapers are urgently needed by the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. If you have any old newspapers, books, or magazines, kindly leave same at Gladstone Cash and Carry, where they will be collected regularly and despatched to the troops in camp. The camps in the outlying centres are much in need of reading matter and indoor games, such as playing cards, etc. See what you can do.

"Peace is something to be built up by our exertions and maintained by still greater exertions; something for which we must provide a practical and effective organisation and the means to defend it. We did not do that last time."—Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary.

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Notable Extracts

DOROTHY THOMPSON, in English Journey—

"Therefore, and in very truth, Britain's fight is a fight for "World Liberation. In the darkest days that you have suffered, "and the dark ones that I fear will come again, this thought "must sustain you. That you are truly, in this hour of history, "the Hope of the World. And Mr. Churchill must have real-"ised this fully when he cried, 'This is Britain's greatest hour!'

. . . . . .

"And so I go home to my people to continue to write about "the nature of this epochal struggle, about the greatness of "the British people and the British cause, and about the gran-"deur of a destiny that puts the Sword of Liberation into the "hands of the English-speaking peoples of the World."

WINSTON CHURCHILL—

It is good to hear things of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill. Archdeacon Hancock, of Victoria, has made available a letter from his son, Professor W. K. Hancock, who is in England, which gives a cheering view of the War Leader in the land of "the little grey mother of nations in the Northern Seas." He says:—

"You ask me about my impressions of the Prime Minister. "I find them hard to put into words. The more he is encom-"passed about with disappointments and calamities the more "am I impressed with his greatness. I look upon him with a "sort of awe. Sometimes I think of him as Job, rising above "all afflictions; sometimes as Samson, carrying away the "pillars of Gaza. Such fortitude, constancy and strength! They "are on a level of nobility far above the common range of ex-"periences. He bears so many of other people's burdens be-"sides his own, with never a word of excuse or complaint, "even when they would be justified. He has carried at times "the weight almost of the whole world on his shoulders; he "has propped up, and will prop up, the falling sky. When we "can look back on all this, when all the little noisy men are "forgotten, our respect for him and our gratitude to him "will be beyond measure."

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COMMUNICANTS are notified that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed next Sunday, 14th March, at 7.30 p.m.

H. MACNEIL SAUNDERS.
Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES. C.W.A. Hall, To-morrow (Sunday) 14th March: 11 a.m., preacher Rev. A. Pratt, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. J. A. Pratt. All are cordially invited to these services. A special invitation is extended to Servicemen.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1943.

AN EXPLANATION.

The Minister of State for Defence (Mr. John Curtin) has empowered the Censor, among other things, to prohibit the publication of certain matter under the National Security (General) Regulations.

A function was recently held, the specific object of which is known to us, but a report of the function cannot be published, for it definitely comes within "prohibited matter."

If a report was published it would be a violation of the National Security Regulations. The law must be obeyed by every citizen, and rightly so too. The courts of the British Empire and America have held that ignorance of the law is no excuse.

On February 26 we received certain instructions which must be carried out, and subsequently further instructions again definitely prohibited "direct or indirect" reference to such matters, but the latest instructions also exclude many other items, including advertisements.

It will be gleaned from the foregoing that the matter is definitely dangerous, and there is no good ignoring the fact that responsible citizens must comply with the Government regulations and not endeavour to get round them.

No doubt the regulation dealing with the particular matter will be lifted, but till it is lifted the law must be upheld.

At the proper time and in the proper place full honour in a practical way will be bestowed publicly by the people of Gladstone.

CURRENT TOPICS

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 17, at 7.30 p.m., the object being to form an organising committee in connection with the third Liberty Loan.

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held on Thursday night next in the new Court House. Mr. A. Kennedy, of Brisbane, will continue his lecture on "Life Saving and Artificial Respiration."

RED CROSS DANCES.

The fact that nearly £250 has been received by the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society during the past three months from weekly dances run by the President (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) and her committee of ladies gives some indication of the great success these functions have been. The amount has been of inestimable value to the Prisoners of War Appeal Fund.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL.

Arrangements in connection with St. Patrick's ball have been finalised, and everything points to a record function this year. A dance band of four players has been engaged, and dancing will continue until the small hours of the morning. All novelties are free, including Monte Carlos and spot dances. The supper arrangements are in the hands of a capable ladies' committee, and every effort will be made to have a first-class supper served to all patrons. Messrs. Norris and Robinson will act as joint M.C.'s.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE BOARD.

The election of a local authorities representative on the Gladstone district Employment Exchange Board has resulted in a win for Cr. H. Ballantine, the Calliope Shire nominee. He defeated Cr. Webb (Monto), and Ald. Golding and Smith (Gladstone Town Council) in the election held on Saturday last. Mr. C. D. Cooper, manager of Dalgetys Ltd., Gladstone, has been elected as the employers' representative, and Messrs. H. Anderson and J. Deveney (Gladstone) are the employees' representatives on the Board, which is now fully constituted.

POLICE COURT

TWO CHARGES OF STEALING

Meatworker Pleaded Guilty

In the Police Court on Wednesday, before the Acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan), Lawrence Victor Hickson, 19, meatworker, was charged with:—

(1) Stealing the sum of £2/10/-, the property of Frank Toms.

(2) Stealing one pair of trousers, valued at £2, the property of Frank Toms.

THE FACTS.

The facts disclosed that the complainant and defendant had secured board and lodgings at Bradley's boarding house, both occupying the same room and sharing the same wardrobe. Defendant left the boarding house on March 5, but subsequently found the money under the bed mattress. Hickson was located on the Railway Station just prior to his departure for Rockhampton, and on being questioned by Constable Gregg admitted committing the offence.

With respect to the second charge, defendant was questioned by Constable Gerber in respect to a pair of trousers found in his possession. Hickson admitted having sold the trousers to the complainant during the week for the sum of £2, and on leaving the boarding house stole them, stating he was only having a loan of them.

CONVICTED AND FINED.

Hickson pleaded guilty to both charges, and was convicted and fined £1, in default seven days imprisonment on each charge, sentence to be cumulative.

The fine was paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—"Lowbrow!" Never before have I seen a name which so aptly described the writer.

It appears that "Lowbrow" wants to be told off, but my charitable disposition will not permit me to deal as harshly with this class of person as he deserves, so subject to the limitations imposed by my gentle disposition, my rebuke must be mild.

"Lowbrow," the inside story of the letter written by Mr. Jim Campbell, and which you were so eager to deal with, is:—

Mr. Campbell is an old age pensioner of 70 years, with no family ties and no wireless set.

He made a small wager in Calliope that if he were to write a letter to the "Observer," no matter what the subject matter, there would be at least one mug who would rush in to answer. Mr. Campbell apparently had heard of you.

At the same time the quality of your letter explains why you find it necessary to write under a nom-de-plume.—Yours etc.,

LEO FUNK.

AT THE PARISH HALL.

An excellent entertainment will be staged to-day (Saturday), March 13, in the Parish Hall, Gladstone, commencing at 2.15 p.m., in aid of the mobile canteen fund of the Salvation Army. The promotor is Mr. Norman Jones, Mysto, and a well balanced programme of magic in wonderland, supported by six local artistes, will be submitted. All the latest mysteries will be staged, and there will be a lucky door number for the boys and girls, also free competitions, and prizes will be awarded. Residents should support this entertainment, as it is in aid of a worthy cause. The prices of admission are: Adults 1/-, and children 6d.

ALL NURSES MUST REGISTER.

No phase of women's work is of more vital national significance at the moment than that of nurses. That is the reason it has been made obligatory for every woman right up to the age of 60 who has nursing qualifications and experience to furnish full details to the Deputy Director General of Manpower for Queensland, Primary Building, Creek Street, Brisbane, so that her skill and experience can be put to the most effective use. She is required to furnish particulars of residence, marital condition and number of children (if any), and present occupation. Failure to furnish the information may involve the person concerned in the penalties prescribed by the National Security Act.

A SERIOUS CHARGE

PLYING FOR HIRE WITHOUT LICENSE

Lindley Convicted and Fined

In the Court of Petty Sessions on Wednesday, before the Acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan), Lyial Cleave John Lindley was charged with committing a breach of the Traffic Act regulations, plying for hire without a license.

Sergt. S. Coxon prosecuted. Defendant did not appear, and the case was heard ex parte.

STATEMENTS TAKEN.

Constable James Oswald Holley stated he had heard the defendant's name called three times, and he did not appear. Witness interviewed Mrs. Sarah Sammuel Smith and Mrs. Edna Mary McMah, both of Rocky Glen, and Lloyd George Lee, of Tooloon Street, who was employed as a taxi driver by Clinton Arthur Janson, and took statements from them.

LINDLEY INTERVIEWED.

On January 15 the witness was in company with Constable Fells, and interviewed the defendant at Marine Parade. He said to the defendant: "I have been informed that you are using a motor vehicle as a taxi in the Gladstone traffic district."

In reply Lindley stated that he was not using the car as a taxi.

TAXI LICENSE.

In reply to further questions Lindley stated that he was not in possession of a taxi license, but had applied for one. When asked to whom he had applied, Lindley stated he was not prepared to tell.

"3/- FOR THE TRIP."

When Lindley was asked did he drive Mrs. Smith, Mrs McMah and their mother to Rocky Glen he stated that he did so as a favour, but he did not receive any payment for the trip. Witness then told defendant that he had interviewed the people in question, and they had told him they had paid 3/- for the trip. Lindley made no reply to this.

AT ROCKY GLEN.

Constable Holley then informed Lindley that he had obtained written statements from the two women, in which it was stated they paid 3/- for the trip.

In answer to this defendant said when they got out of the car at their home at Rocky Glen they asked him how much it was, and he told them he did not want anything.

In answer to further questions Lindley stated the women threw 3/- on the front seat and told him to put it in the kid's box.

ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT.

Lindley put the money in his pocket and accepted it as payment for the trip.

DO NOT TELL THE SERGEANT.

Edna Mary McMah stated that Lindley drove them to Rocky Glen and informed her the cost was 3/-. She paid 2/- and her sister 1/-. Lindley was talking to her mother for a while, but she did not hear what was said. Lindley told her not to tell the Sergeant that he was plying for hire, and he said this several times during the course of the trip. He did not offer to drive them home as a friend. They were not friendly, but she had no bad feelings whatever towards the defendant. Lindley was not correct when he stated that he drove them to Rocky Glen as a favour. He asked for the 3/- straight out, and put the money into his pocket. The question of the kiddies' money box was mentioned, but the defendant put the money into his pocket without much hesitation.

"DEFINITELY PAID 3/-."

Sarah Sammuel Smith stated that she knew Clive John Lindley, and he was paid 3/- for the trip to Rocky Glen, her sister paying 2/- and she paid 1/-. He asked her not to tell the police that his car was on hire. When she first approached Lindley he did say he would drive her home for nothing, but she told him she would rather walk than do this. They definitely paid 3/- between them for the trip, and that was the fare asked for by Lindley.

CONVICTED AND FINED.

Lindley was convicted and fined £2, and was ordered to pay 8/6 costs of court, witnesses expenses 10/-, in default 14 days in the Gladstone Lock-up.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

PATRIOTIC FUND

AIMS AND OBJECTS

Mr. W. R. Golding Explains

The Chairman of the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund (Mr. W. R. Golding) writes as follows:—

"Unfortunately, at a function this week, opportunity was taken by a speaker to criticise the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund, and myself in particular.

"The question of boys on furlough has occupied the minds of members of the Gladstone and District Patriotic Committee on more than one occasion, and it has been decided that such functions do not come within the scope of the constitution of the Patriotic Fund Act.

"The objects of which are:—

(a) To afford assistance to men and women who may serve in any capacity with or in connection with His Majesty's forces, or the forces of His Majesty's Allies on land, sea and air.

(b) To promote and conduct any institutions, societies, clubs or organisations for the benefit of such men and women.

(c) To assist the dependants of such men and women.

(d) To aid non-combatants who may be injured or who may suffer loss or damage to their property in the course of any operations in the present war.

"Being only the chairman of this Fund, and not the whole committee, I must abide by their decision. That I sometimes fail to live up to all that is expected of me is only human. Fewer mistakes, however, would be made if there was more co-operation, more helpful advice, and a greater desire to build up this Fund to make it worthy of our gallant lads in their hour of need, which will be after the war.

"My committee take the view that large sums of money will be needed when this conflict is over to put these lads back into civil life, and are working diligently to this end. The spectacle of the uncared for soldiers of the last war must not be repeated at the close of this one.

"This view has the support of all the patriotic bodies throughout Queensland, and is supported locally by the President of the R.S.S.I.L.A. (Mr. P. A. Friend) and other stalwart diggers, including Mr. C. D. Patrick, members of the Patriotic Committee.

"I trust that this explanation of the functions of this patriotic body will prevent a repetition of what to the average citizen must appear an unwarranted and uncalled for attack upon this patriotic body by an individual who is a member of the committee, and who should have known its aims and objects."

(Portions of the letter have been deleted so as to comply with the National Security Regulations. Ed. "Obs.")

MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE

GLADSTONE CENTRE

The following is the report of the Gladstone Maternal and Child Welfare Centre and sub-centres for the month ended February 28:—

Attendances during the month: Gladstone 165, Calliope 14, Miriam Vale 18, Mt. Larcom 51.

Number of newborns notified by registrar 22.

Number of babies visited in hospital, 11.

Number of subsequent visits paid, 10.

Number of new cases attending for the first time 21.

Number of children 2 to 5 years of age attending for advice, 40.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

The many friends of a highly respected resident in the person of Mr. Alf. Gent, who has been an inmate of the General Hospital for some time, will be pleased to learn that he has sufficiently recovered to leave the institution.

An old Gladstonite, well known in the town and district, Mr. Geoff Smith, spent a few days leave here looking into his business interests. Geoff is now Corporal Smith, attached to a unit in another State. He conducted the Koumala Hotel (near Mackay), the Royal Hotel, Mt. Larcom, and the Royal Hotel, Gladstone, during previous years. Looking fit and well, he renewed acquaintance with many old friends in town.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

STREET ADOPTION SCHEME

Total Collected £130

Highlight of Red Cross activities in Gladstone at present is the P.O.W. street adoption scheme, which is now working smoothly under very efficient organisation.

Of a total of £130 collected under this scheme over £50 is credited to the present month (March), thus showing the progress the organisers and collectors are making.

The drive to complete Gondoon Street was very successful, Mesdames Coppin and Watson securing nearly £6 from the first weekly canvass.

The two original canvassers, Mesdames R. Elliott and A. Watson, continue to open up new streets with splendid results. They have now completed Auckland, Lord, Yaroon and Glenlyon streets.

Mrs. Mortimer Tait completed William Street and then canvassed Oaka Lane.

Mrs. R. Ricketts, after completing Fowler Estate and Fisher Street, did the area around the Bowling Club, and has now canvassed Tank Street.

Mrs. H. P. Hallam, who opened the scheme with Side, View and Ormonde streets, is now canvassing Scenery Street and other parts of West Gladstone.

Mrs. Frank Johnstone put up a record at Barney Point, where she secured a maximum of 20 contributors from that number of residents there.

Miss Margaret Hill has now taken over portion of Auckland Street from Mrs. Elliott, and will in future collect this herself.

Mrs. G. Hartley has left town for a few weeks, and her collections in Bramston Street are being taken over by Scouts from No. 2 Troop, kindly arranged by the Scoutmaster.

Mrs. Lodder is now an authorised collector for Oaka Lane, and has done very well in that area.

Mesdames Elliott and Watson still lead in total collections.

The assistance of Scouts from Nos. 2 and 3 Troops is of marked assistance to the ladies, and is greatly appreciated by the branch.

The co-organisers (Messrs. Summers and Connellan) with Mrs. Coppin and the joint hon. secretary (Mrs. H. Browne) have put a lot of work into the organisation, and it is hoped to have the whole town completed during the present month.

BOWLING

DISTRICT SINGLES COMPETITION

Win for Loveday

After their splendid win in the pennants against the R.B.C. last week members settled down to social games, the green being in perfect order. Details:—

Ferris, Buetell, Mackay v. Schmidt, Pring, Browne 22-20.

Sly, Garrett, Johnstone, Ogg v. Henery, Chapman, Wilson, Busteed 26-13.

Duff, Hobbs, Coxon, Weiske v. Hixon, Quodling, Dennis, Mathews 27-15.

Comino, Joyner, Cameron v. A. Friend, Bycroft, Drewe 28-24.

The district singles competition was advanced a further stage when ex-president H. V. Loveday defeated Dr. H. B. Skinner 31-26 after 34 ends had been played. Dr. Skinner ran away to a good lead at one stage, being 16-4 on his opponent, but Loveday came at the right end to snatch victory.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, March 19.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) would much appeciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

SOCIALISM

POSITION SUMMED UP

"Democrat" Hits Back

Socialism in its primitive form was illustrated by Mr. Leo. Funk in last Saturday's "Observer," and no doubt his puny remarks and bombastic statements would cause some hilarity amongst his followers, but I cannot visualise a rush of recruits to his beloved cause. If his latest attempt is symbolic of the best Russian technique, then I am happy to be classed as a "decadent democrat." A tradesman having a slow selling or unattractive line on his hands, to deliver the goods would employ his best salesmen, for many a sale or venture has been marred by faulty salesmanship. This simile could also be applied to advocates of a new order.

FREE SPEECH.

I must admit that Mr. Funk makes full use of one of the most sacred planks in the democratic platform, namely, the right of free speech. Would a writer with democratic leanings be permitted to expand his or her views in a Soviet newspaper? Definitely not, for the teachings of the outside world are forbidden in that country. In the suppression of free speech, yes, and even thought, the masses are educated along a "one track mind system."

SHADOW OF THE OGPU

Suspicion and intrigue become rampant, and it is not a question of do as I do, but do as I say; the shadow of the Ogpu is forever hovering in the background. If you are feeling so charitable I am sure the many patriotic organisations in the town will be pleased to relieve your anxiety.

GENERALISING.

I did accuse you of generalising, and I am still awaiting your version of "adequate provision during periods of illness" and a "bountiful pension on retiring from active work." The pension position might be likened to our recent bountiful deluge—general in character.

"SIDE-STEPPER OF FACTS."

I also asked for the amount of wages paid to the Soviet workers, and the reply was a masterpiece of ambiguity. As a side-stepper of facts, you would gain a place in any international team. The rouble has been mentioned as the coinage of the Soviet Union, and its value is known only to the Russians. Would this coin be the gold rouble, the prewar value of which was quoted at 2/1½? Of course not, for "under socialism the only value that gold has is for what it can be manufactured into jewellery, etc.

SOVIET ROUBLE

Pardon my simplicity, Mr. Funk, but as the Soviet rouble is not quoted on the capitalistic stock exchange, and its outside value would therefore not be known, how would London Ambassador Maisky know whether he was being short weighted or not? Thanks, old chap, I can anticipate your reply. As a favour, I will learn and become educated, on one condition—that my tuition is carried out by a Democratic Maestro. The books suggested for my guidance sound alright to me, but as the choice is rather limited, and I have been accused of writing "puerile prattle," my thoughts would naturally lean towards the kindergarten. Any books dealing with the "child and the State" would satisfy my childish desires.

EXECUTIONS.

I have no apologies to offer regarding mass executions for the enforcement of the new order. Mr. Funk admits that "executions were carried out, and rightly so, against those found guilty of counter revolutionary work." Would any sane person suggest the deportation of Arty Fadden because his views did not coincide with those of Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin?

BALLOT BOX.

Your interpretation of "redress through the ballot box is rather crude. In a democracy the right of a secret ballot belongs to the people, and the election is not a mockery; the votes are counted after and not before the poll. My mention of the democratic Mr. Hoyle appears to have caused some confusion, and for your edification Hoyle is not a diplomat. Hoyle is not a racehorse. Hoyle is a recognised authority on a card game, the rules of which state that it is not prudent to open a Jack Pot on a pair of sevens.

AROUND MT. LARCOM.

I did not mention the milking of cows in the list of manual duties carried out by the Soviet women, as the suggestion of any exertion of pressure on the female species (cows) was furthermost from my mind. You are right again, Mr. Funk; I have never travelled, but I am hoping that one day I will be able to visit the farming areas around Mt. Larcom, Bracewell, and Ambrose. Just a word of advice old man should you contemplate a visit to the places mentioned, it would be advisable for you to take a couple of our "commandos" with you just as a precautionary measure.

"ELUSIVE SHADOW."

The women and children on the farms round Mt. Larcom, Bracewell, and Ambrose do work hard, as most of their menfolk are away helping to protect you and I. Those self same women and children are descendants of the grand old pioneers who have made things so easy for you and I. They are not Utopians, and do not discard the substance for the elusive shadow.

ARBITRATION COURT.

I am not going to enter into a controversy regarding the virtues of the Arbitration Court. I presume that you are working under an award granted by the very court you so caustically criticise. I have the utmost confidence in the union leaders who present the workers case, and in the decisions of the tribunal. Arbitration is a plank in the platform of our own Australian Labour party.

"WAGE SLAVE."

My views have already been expressed regarding the word "slave," and the title "wage slave" is just another example of a "rose by any other name," etc.

EXCHANGE.

Your exchange quotations are very interesting,, but what do they convey? Mention of that old saying containing the words "fools, wisemen, and tread" would be amiss at this juncture. The average Australian worker is not interested in the New Zealand or English value of our £1, for it is the Australian value that counts. The exchange rate is regulated according to the trade relations between one country and another, and on the supply and demand basis. The financial destiny of Australia would be quite safe in the hands of either the Commonwealth Bank or the Bank of New South Wales. Remember what happened to the N.S. Wales State Savings Bank a few years ago, when one of your own masters of finance gained control. Fortunately for N.S. Wales and Australia, that gentleman's reign was of short duration.

"JUMPING THE RATTLER."

My statement about "jumping the rattler" may have appeared childish to you, but would it appear childish to those poor Russians souls who are taken on the long trek to Siberia and for whom there is no return ticket?

PRODUCTION.

I cannot tolerate your production theory for you blotted your socialistic "ekker" badly in your last article, and future reference to the subject would only add to your discomfit. I did not know that way back in 1888 the N.S. Wales Government borowed £16 million pounds for railways, and in 1950 £50 million pounds will have been paid in interest. Those were the bad old days when the Kellys rode the ranges. Still, it is rather a good advertisement for the capacity to pay, and it reminds one of the chap who borrowed money to save up. However, I do know that way back in the years 1914-16 the Russian Government borrowed some hundreds of millions from Britain, and the capacity (or should I say desire) to pay was not very great, as the amount is still owing.

CRISES AND WARS.

Yes, crises and wars are inevitable under the socialistic system, and when this conflict is ended and the readjustments have been carried out it would not be surprising to find a worldwide democratic system in operation.

The reference to mock heroics is quite in keeping with one whose burden of responsibility has outweighed his sense of proportion.

TROTSKY.

My reference to Trotsky was not in the least but unfortunate for me, but that gentleman's quotation certainly appears to have upset the equilibrium of the local socialistic champion. Trotsky was a victim of circumstances, and in the jockeying for the rails position in the Soviet Diplomatic Stakes, was off to a bad start, and instead of Trotsky being "insky" he was "outsky." I did not say that Trotsky was found out by Joe Stalin. I used the word deposed, and the meaning of this word can be found in any democratic dictionary.

The intrigue associated with Trotsky's forced departure from Russia is well known, and it is most convenient to brand him as a traitor, a person whose writings and knowledge has caused considerable embarrassment and anxiety to his "comrades." You cannot window dress the Trotsky incident, Mr. Funk.

"AMUSING."

The final summing up by the socialistic commentator is amusing, and with your permission, Mr. Editor, and the tolerance of the readers, I will postpone the discussion on "knowledge of the subject" and "sincerity of purpose" to a later date.

"Stick to playing with your kindergarten toys" is yet another assessment of my journalistic ability. If one omits the "puerile prattle," "uneducated," "untravelled," "liar" and "insincere" phrases bestowed upon me by Mr. Funk, that gentleman and myself appear to have got on very well together.

PARTING SHOT.

As a parting shot, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to wile away a few hours with the kiddies in the kindergarten, for the minds of the dear little mites have not, as yet, been polluted by any brand of "ism."

WAR LOAN COMMITTEE

EFFORTS APPRECIATED

Letter to the Mayor

The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) has received the following letter from the Commonwealth Treasurer (Mr. J. B. Chifley):—

"I am anxious that you should know how much I appreciate, on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, the splendid work that your committee has done over such a long period in support of war loans and the national savings campaign.

"I know that these special war efforts represent a considerable tax on your time, and that of the members of your committee, and I am grateful for the unselfish way in which you put your private affairs on one side to concentrate on a matter of great national urgency. Results achieved for the Austerity Loan were undoubtedly due in great measure to the excellent work of district committees.

"There must, unfortunately, be more war loans. We must maintain our greatest efforts until the cause to which we all subscribe has been upheld.

"I am counting on you, therefore, to continue your valuable assistance in this way until victory is ours. You may be assured that there is no avenue of public service in which you could at the present time contribute more vitally to Australia's pressing needs.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

OWING to the increase in trading expenses I am compelled to raise the price of Sawmill Wood to 10/- a load as from Monday, March 15th, 1943.
W. McLEOD.

PUBLIC MEETING.

ALL Persons who are interested are invited to attend a Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 17th, 1943, at 7.30 p.m., the object being to form an organising committee to support the Third Liberty Loan.
G. G. DENNIS, Mayor.

HOUSE FOR SALE FOR REMOVAL.

THE Building is 40ft. long by 30ft. There is over 2 tons of iron, most of it being 10ft., and the remainder 8ft. and 9ft; also 1000-gal. Tank.
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JAMES DUFFY, Wietalaba.

GLADSTONE WATER AUTHORITY.

LIFTING OF WATER RESTRICTIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given that until further notice the restrictions on the use of water for gardens, lawns, etc., have been lifted. Consumers are reminded that the watering of gardens or for irrigation or other purposes by a hose not held in the hand, by means of a lawn sprinkler or other mechanical appliance, constitutes a breach of Water By-law No. 21.
(Signed) R. H. GRAYSON,
Town Clerk.
Gladstone, March 12, 1943.

TRANSMISSION BY DEATH.
Real Property Acts of 1861 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made for the registration of Transmission of Title to the land hereinafter mentioned. Particulars of such application are given below and any person desiring to oppose may do so by lodging a caveat on or before the day specified at the office of the Registrar of Titles in Rockhampton.
Name of Deceased Proprietor.—Francis James Gardner, late of Gladstone.
Date of Death.—1942, May 20.
Name of Claimant.—Alice Mary Gardner, of the same place, widow of deceased.
Description and Situation of Land.—Allotment 2 of suburban section 95A, county of Clinton, parish of Gladstone.
Estate Claimed to be Transmitted.—Fee simple.
Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Will dated May 8, 1928.
Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—1943, April 16.
R. J. THOMSON,
Registrar of Titles.
Registrar of Titles' Office,
Brisbane, 6th March, 1943.
V. A. J. BYRNE, Solicitor for Claimant, Gladstone.

BIG MATINEE

Commencing 2.15 p.m. TO-DAY (SATURDAY), March 13th
PARISH HALL, GLADSTONE
In aid of Mobile Canteen Fund.

Norman Jones (Mysto)

Presenting Magic in Wonderland, supported by Local Artistes.
PRICES: Adults 1/-, Children 6d.

LICENSED GATE AND GRID.

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Council of the Shire of Calliope for permission to erect a licensed gate and grid at the eastern end of the road recently resumed through portion 129, parish of Iveragh.
A. H. & T. C. MANN.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
—AND—
GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD
TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS, 1943.

I, ROBERT HUGH LACHLAN GRAYSON, hereby notify that I have appointed THURSDAY, the first day of April, 1943, as the day of nomination for the office of Mayor and Six Members of the Council of the Town of Gladstone, and Two Members of the Gladstone Harbour Board.
I further notify that I will be in attendance at the Council Chambers, Gladstone, the place of nomination, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m. and 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, the first day of April, 1943, being the day of nomination, for the purpose of receiving the nomination papers of candidates as follows:—
(a) Mayor of the Council of the Town of Gladstone.
(b) Six Members of the Council of the Town of Gladstone.
(c) Two Members of the Gladstone Harbour Board.
Nomination papers may, however, be delivered to me during office hours at the said place before noon on nomination day. In the event of the election being contested, a poll will be taken at the under-mentioned polling places on Saturday, the first day of May, 1943, commencing at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, and finally closing at 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

POLLING PLACES:
TOWN HALL (New)
PARSONS POINT STATE SCHOOL
R. H. GRAYSON,
Returning Officer.
Dated at Gladstone this eleventh day of March, 1943.

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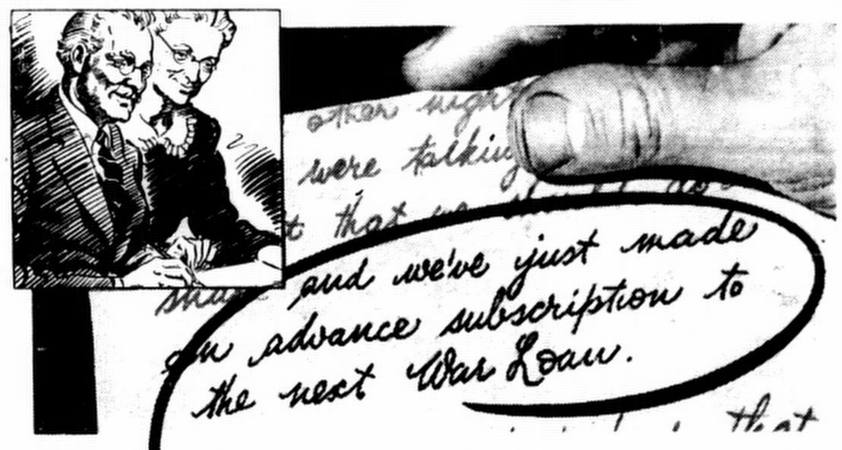

"You see, Bob, whenever we think of you we want you back home. The place is never the same when you're away, though we never grudged you going, you know that.

"Well, the other night we got to talking about it. Your Mother got the idea. 'Dad,' she said, 'If Bob's to come home soon we must do something about it.'

"'What can we do?' sa'd I.

"'Dad,' she said, 'if Bob's to come home sooner he and all the rest of the boys have got to have all the fine equipment they need to beat the enemy quickly. We'll put our money into an advance subscription to the next War Loan and help buy the planes and tanks and guns that Bob and his mates need.'

"Well, that sounded sense to me and we did it. Now we're going to save every penny we can and buy more bonds still. It seems we're helping more to bring you home and there's nothing we want so much as to have you, a returned soldier, safe and well, with us."

Nothing Matters Now but VICTORY—*Save & Lend*

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6d. buys a War Savings Stamp.
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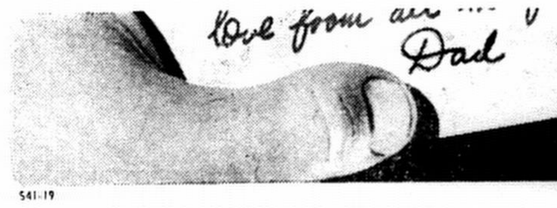
Or you may make an advance subscription to the next War Loan at any Bank, Savings Bank or Stockbroker.

THE NEED IS NOW

Increased concentrations of Japanese are at our very doors. To drive them back to Tokio we must equip our troops as never before. The need for money was never more urgent. Therefore, let us send our money to war—let us work as never before—save as never before and lend very penny we possibly can.



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OR MAKE AN ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTION to the Next WAR LOAN through any Bank, Savings Bank, or Stockbroker.

WANTED KNOWN, etc.

A MEETING will be held on Monday, March 15th, in the Salvation Army Hall, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of discussing Red Shield work. A cordial invitation is extended to residents.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, March 19th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

ACCOUNT A. B. Copeman, Garage containing Timber and Iron. Can be inspected at Head Teacher's residence any afternoon between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. Apply first to Gladstone Agencies.

A—SPECIAL Quality Eating and Cooking Apples 25/- bushel case; Choice Tomatoes 10/- half bush. case. Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques.—FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

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The A.M.P. Society exists solely to provide Security for its members—on an average it helps one family in every two in the Commonwealth to provide against the risks of life and death—but it knows that before there can be a general Security there must be a multiplying and conservation of the Nation's wealth, and not a dividing of it. Before there can be Security there must be Work and Production. The farmer does not succeed by eating his seed corn but by going out manfully to prepare the land for its increase.

To date the A.M.P. has put £50,000,000 of its members' conserved earnings into Commonwealth Loans. It is adding to this at the rate of £500,000 a month.

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AFTER THE WAR

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Nylon Stockings for Women

Paratroops will descend from the skies behind enemy lines on cast-off nylon stockings contributed by American women to the Government's scrap pile.

Millions of pairs of worn and not so worn stockings have been collected. The high pressure synthesis equipment which makes nylon chemicals from coal, air and water, was already taxed to capacity when it was decided to make the appeal.

New plant would have meant using large supplies of strategic equipment urgently needed for other purposes. So the synthesis process was put into reverse and discarded nylon stockings are being dissolved back into the two original chemicals from which nylon is made.

These pure chemicals, as good as new, are re-woven, not into new stockings, but into parachutes that will carry troops into the heart of enemy territory.

And not only are parachutes being made. Other products are obtained as a result of this sacrifice of feminine vanity, which will provide the enemy with some unpleasant surprises.

Parachute canopies made from scrap nylon stockings are as good as those made from Japanese silk, if not better; and tapes, shroud lines, and some of the harness webbing and belting is also made from this amazing source.

Rope made from nylon is superior to any for strength, it is claimed. It also has the great virtues of lightness and durability. As well, it has exceptional elasticity. For this reason it will be used for towing U.S. Army gliders picked up by aeroplanes. Gliders carry troops and vital supplies, so those stockings are doing a grand job in the front line.

The U.S. Government supervises the collection of all stockings. Silk ones contributed are made into powder bags. Only the nylons go to the du Pont Nylon Research Laboratory for reclaiming.

Few Australian women have possessed nylon stockings, which were coming generally on to the market in the U.S.A. when the war started. Travellers returning from the U.S.A. brought the new stockings with them, however, and it is difficult to realise the strength that lies in those fine threads.

Nylon stockings are something Australian women can look forward to after the war. In the meantime they are in the front line, along with our own stockings, as the silk formerly used for them is now being made into parachutes for Australian airmen.

BILLETING TROOPS

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Increased Allowance

Householders who are billeting troops will receive 1/- a day increase for each soldier they are accommodating under the provisions of the Defence Quartering order said the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde).

The necessary regulations authorising the increase had just been published in the "Commonwealth Gazette," and the increase would take effect immediately, the Minister added.

Under the old scale, said Mr. Forde, a payment of 3/6 per day for non-commissioned officers and men had been made. In future the rate would be 4/6 per day.

Similarly the rate of payment for officers, which under the old scale was 4/- a day, would now be 5/- a day.

SPEED IS WASTEFUL

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Tyres National Assets

Fast driving is rarely justifiable, but in these war-time days of rationed petrol and very limited rubber stocks it is inexcusable and unpatriotic. The rate of tyre wear increases rapidly with higher speeds, and it is the duty of every motor user in Australia to keep this in mind.

As the Minister for Supply and Shipping (Mr. Beasley) has put it, every motor tyre in use to-day is a precious national asset and every motor user with a vehicle on the road is the custodian of a vital raw material. Cut your speed by half, and you will make your tyres last longer. This is very desirable in your own interests, as it may be a long time before you will be able to buy another set of tyres.

COUNTRY TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

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Improved Services Promised

The efficiency of country telephone services will be greatly increased when the method of staffing country exchanges is revised this year, the Postmaster General (Senator Ashley) announced last week.

He explained that in July last the Government approved of a scheme submitted by him that permanent telephonists be employed at about 170 exchanges in Australia where junior operators had previously worked on a temporary footing.

The employment of temporary juniors was unsatisfactory because the volume of business handled was fairly appreciable, and the girls, who were designated exempt junior telephonists, were not retained in the service when they reached 20 years of age.

Senator Ashley announced that circumstances at the 250 additional exchanges where these girls are employed had been examined, and it had been decided to extend the scheme to embrace these exchanges.

The plan not only provides permanent employment for about 800 girls, who will be recruited by examinations to be held at each centre concerned, but it will greatly increase efficiency, with benefit to the Department and to telephone users generally.

The practice of releasing girls after a few years' service and forcing them to seek other jobs for which they were not trained by the Department was not in the best interests of the operators. Continual changes which took place in personnel under this scheme had an adverse effect on the quality of the service rendered.

The Commonwealth Public Service Board, with which the Minister has been in consultation, will arrange examinations to be held at each centre later in the year. Existing junior telephonists, those recently employed, and other candidates, will be given an opportunity to qualify for permanent appointments.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

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Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
13	2.15	2.29	.....	8.57	8.54
14	3.15	3.38	.....	10.00	9.54
15	4.26	4.57	.....	11.06	10.56
16	5.40	6.10	.....	12.09	11.56
17	6.40	7.07	.....	—	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	—	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	—	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	—	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon	March 6
First Quarter	March 14
Full Moon	March 21
Last Quarter	March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	.....	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	.....	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	.....	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	.....	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	.....	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	.....	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	.....	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	—	.....	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	.....	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	.....	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	.....	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	.....	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	.....	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	.....	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	.....	—	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	.....	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	.....	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	.....	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	.....	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	.....	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	.....	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	.....	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	.....	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	—	.....	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	.....	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	.....	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	.....	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	.....	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	.....	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	.....	—	12.42

THE MOON.

New Moon	April 5
First Quarter	April 13
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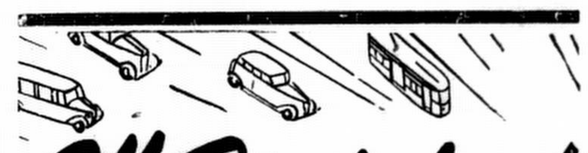

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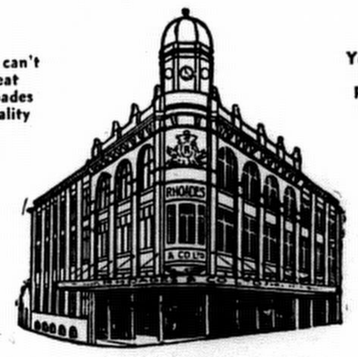

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SCHOOLS IN FACTORIES

POST-WAR HAPPINESS

Building Up Understanding

The establishment of schools in factories for pupils of any age who might wish to join was advocated by Miss Winifred Taylor, recently appointed educational supervisor of the Y.W.C.A. in Sydney, and until January principal of the Retail Traders' Training Institute of N.S.W.

Miss Taylor, who has had much experience with problems of young workers, feels that the establishment by the unions of schools within the factories would overcome many material and psychological problems.

"Leaving school in the early 'teens is not the great tragedy many people think," said Miss Taylor in an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service. "In fact, staying at school until you're 20 is a far greater tragedy. But youngsters who leave school early to join factories or industries should have their education continued in the factory or industry. I can't understand why unions do not make the establishment of these schools part of their platform. Young workers go into their jobs with school children values. They are sometimes arrogant and intolerant, and though they will outgrow these tendencies, they will lose them far sooner and much less painfully to everyone concerned if there is a trained educational staff to help them over their hurdles.

"In Sydney last year, 48 firms sent their employees to the Retail Traders' Training Institute to learn salesmanship, design, window dressing, elementary psychology, and other subjects which would help them. But even more valuable was the personal help we were able to give the students.

"All youngsters in all factories and industries need this help. Very often they are given some small, monotonous job to do. Well, then, teach them how their small monotonous job fits into the whole, and half the monotny will be killed on the spot. Teach them something of the workings of other departments. Then they will know what the other man is up against. Teach them to widen their interests, and you will find that post-war re-adjustment will not be so tough a problem.

"But it's not only the young members of the staff who need this training. All members of the staff will benefit from it, particularly those who will in time be foremen. Foremen at present are chosen for their 'good skills.' But their 'good wills' and understanding of their fellow workers is every bit as important.

"There are at least the excellent trade training schools in Australia, a grocers' school in South Australia and a school for the training of hotel management in Melbourne. But every industry should have its trade school within the industry. As to the curriculum, that would widen automatically as the pupils' interests widen. I have found that they will suggest additional subjects themselves, for once they are given a lead and given encouragement they will want to tackle subjects to which they have barely given a thought before.

"Post-war happiness and peace can be built up only on understanding of other people's outlook and problems. Now is the time to build up that understanding."

JAPANESE SNIPERS

PICKING THEM OFF

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"Picking off" Japanese snipers in New Guinea cost Australia £11 every five minutes. A tommy-gun firing for the same time used £7 of ammunition. A day's operation of the R.A.A.F. cost Australia £275,000.

These were some of the figures illustrating war costs given by Mr. Curtin when calling for subscriptions to the new Liberty Loan which the Government will launch on March 16.

The enormous cost of war production in the Commonwealth would be even higher if Australia did not produce the cheapest steel in the world, for iron and steel supply the basic metals necessary for the manufacture of essential war goods from tanks to surgical instruments.

Since the outbreak of war successful experiments have meant that Australia can now produce a wide range of steels, including tungsten high speed, bullet proof, and structural alloy steels for use in aircraft.

During a recent bomber attack against the Japanese, one Beaufort bomber costing £40,000 used £100 of fuel to attack a ship at Koepang with one torpedo costing £2000.

Before the war common building and rolling steels comprised the bulk of Australian steel output, but as a result of the development of the complex range of steel varieties Australia is now almost entirely independent of overseas supplies. To quote one example, Australia can now manufacture her own 3.7 anti-aircraft guns, in which no less than 47 different types of steel are used.

WOMEN CALLED UP

Voluntary Registration Still Open

Last week's compulsory call up of 300 women in Sydney to start work in canning factories at almost a day's notice is an indication that if women do not volunteer for national service in sufficient numbers to meet urgent requirements the Directorate will have no hesitation in exercising the far-reaching powers now held by the Director General of Manpower.

Mr. Wurth emphasises that as a matter of policy, powers of direction will be regarded as available for use only where voluntary response does not meet national needs. Every opportunity will be given both to men and women at present not engaged in essential employment to transfer voluntarily, but it is now only a question of weeks before men and women who do not avail themselves of the privilege of choosing employment from several categories will be directed to any specific job where they are required.

It is also stressed that in thousands of cases the Directorate already has the necessary information, and it does not follow therefore that a woman can afford to wait until she receives a questionaire form before making up her mind. Many will not get a questionaire, and the first intimation may be a specific call-up for work.

Wherever possible the Directorate will place both men and women close to their place of residence to avoid long hours of travel and to minimise transport and accommodation problems.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

NURSES MUST REGISTER

Last Day, March 24

On or before March 24 every nurse in Australia under 60 must get a questionnaire form (obtainable at any National Service Office), complete it, and either hand it in or post it to the Deputy Director General of the State in which she lives.

Failure to furnish the return involves penalties under the National Security Act.

Primarily, the return is required to ensure that every women with nursing skill and experience is being used to the best advantage. Many such women have retired. Many have transferred to other occupations. Some are acting as receptionists or secretaries. But the plight of hospitals, both public and private, is so desperate that it is now imperative in the interests of national health to fill the gaps in the nursing staffs.

In the second place it is essential that until every possible danger of invasion or bombing has passed, the whereabouts of every nurse must be known, no matter whether she is married or retired, so that in case of grave emergency — "it can happen here" — she can be located at once.

The "order" applies to all nurses except those in the fighting forces. It includes nurses in public or private hospitals, in private practice, in rest homes or other institutions, married or single, working or retired or engaged in other occupations, and trainees.

It applies to registered nurses, and to nurses with the qualifications for registration. It applies to nurses holding a certificate from a recognised authority as a general nurse, midwifery nurse, mental nurse, midwife, children's nurse, infants' health nurse, child welfare nurse, infants' nurse, or mothercraft nurse. It also applies to women who have had two years' experience in a hospital.

In the questionnaire provision is made for the nurse to state any reasons which prevent her from full-time service, from part-time service, or from service away from her present place of residence.

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"Therefore, and in very truth, Britain's fight is a fight for "World Liberation. In the darkest days that you have suffered, "and the dark ones that I fear will come again, this thought "must sustain you. That you are truly, in this hour of history, "the Hope of the World And Mr. Churchill must have real- "ised this fully when he cried, 'This is Britain's greatest hour!'

. . . . . .

"And so I go home to my people to continue to write about "the nature of this epochal struggle, about the greatness of "the British people and the British cause, and about the gran- "deur of a destiny that puts the Sword of Liberation into the "hands of the English-speaking peoples of the World."

WINSTON CHURCHILL—

It is good to hear things of the British Prime Minister. Mr. Winston Churchill. Archdeacon Hancock, of Victoria, has made available a letter from his son, Professor W. K. Hancock, who is in England, which gives a cheering view of the War Leader in the land of "the little grey mother of nations in the Northern Seas." He says:—

"You ask me about my impressions of the Prime Minister. "I find them hard to put into words. The more he is encom- "passed about with disappointments and calamities the more "am I impressed with his greatness. I look upon him with a "sort of awe. Sometimes I think of him as Job, rising above "all afflictions; sometimes as Samson, carrying away the "pillars of Gaza. Such fortitude, constancy and strength! They "are on a level of nobility far above the common range of ex- "periences. He bears so many of other people's burdens be- "sides his own, with never a word of excuse or complaint, "even when they would be justified. He has carried at times "the weight almost of the whole world on his shoulders; he "has propped up, and will prop up, the falling sky. When we "can look back on all this, when all the little noisy men are "forgotten, our respect for him and our gratitude to him "will be beyond measure."

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

SOCIAL AND DANCE.

A social and dance will be held in the Town Hall to-morrow night (Thursday), under the auspices of the Trades and Labour Council. Admission is free.

TO VISIT GLADSTONE.

Mrs. A. M. Atkinson, deputy superintendent (Qld.) of the Australian Women's Land Army, will arrive in Gladstone on March 27, and during her stay here will give addresses on the work being done by this fourth auxiliary of the services. She will be at the office of the National Service Officer (Court House) to advise and enlist women for land work.

LODGE CONGRATULATED.

The Grand Primo, Sir George Calenekos, and the Grand Secretary, Ron Bell-Taylor, of the Queensland Grand Lodge, R.O.A.B., paid a visit to Gladstone recently, and were the guests of local members at a very happy function. The State officers congratulated the Coronation Lodge 64, G.L.E. on its rapid growth, and extended best wishes for the future.

FOR THE BOYS.

A dance, arranged at short notice by the Chairman of the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund (Mr. W. R. Golding) and the President of the Comforts Fund (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), was held in the Trocadero on Friday night. An enjoyable time was spent, and approximately £12 will be added to the Patriotic Fund for the benefit of the boys.

FAREWELLED—PRACTICAL GIFTS.

On Monday and Tuesday the Chairman of the Patriotic Fund (Mr. W. R. Golding), the President of the Comforts Fund (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), and the Secretary (Mrs. J. W. Garrett), had a busy time farewelling boys, and presenting each with practical gifts on behalf of their respective organisations. Of course, this is nothing knew, as the three persons named have performed this service over a very long period.

ANOTHER GRIFFITHS SUCCESS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Griffiths, of Melbourne, has advised that their daughter Marcia has won a scholarship given by the Principal of the Conservatorium of Music, Melbourne. The scholarship entitles Marcia to twelve months free tuition at the Conservatorium. Marcia is a sister of Miss Jessica Griffiths, who recently won a J. C. Williamson scholarship. Gladstone residents will be delighted to learn of her success.

DAIRY FARMERS.

Dairy farmers and personnel employed full time in butter, cheese and bacon factories have now been given indefinite deferment from call-up on the lines applicable to other rural industries. In localities where the manufacture of these commodities is only seasonal due regard will be paid to the manpower requirements in the peak periods, and a "seasonal register" will be kept to ensure that essential personnel who may be engaged in other work during the "off" season are readily available when required.

DENTISTS UNDER MANPOWER RULE.

In addition to controlling all nurses, the Director General of Manpower has now taken over control of dentists and dental mechanics, pharmacists, and pharmacy apprentices, who until now have been under the control of the Central Medical Co-ordination Committee. As in the case of other scientific manpower, dental and pharmaceutical advisory committees will be set up to advise the Director General on all cases of enlistment, call-up, transfer, or employment of all dentists and pharmacists.

COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGED HOMES.

Householders whose homes are damaged as a result of guns firing in practice from fixed fortifications do not normally receive compensation, the Minister for the Army, Mr. Forde, stated. If it could be shown in these instances that neglect on the part of the Army caused the damage, compensation would be paid. Owners of properties damaged by concussion from gunfire when troops in training were on the move would be compensated, said Mr. Forde. It was considered that in these circumstances it was the duty of the Army authorities concerned to see that they carried out their gun practice in areas where they would not cause damage to homes.

PADDY'S MARKET

RED CROSS SOCIETY

Total Receipts £35/14/-

The Red Cross Paddy's market, held at the Society's hut in Gondoon Street, was again very successful, the total receipts amounting to £35/14/0. The result was very gratifying to the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her ladies' committee.

A well-known Red Cross official in Mrs. R. J. Cavil, who was for many years convenor of the Sewing Circle, won the beautiful shopping bag donated by Mrs. W. McDonald (Cluden). The winning ticket was 121.

The tin of coffee (donated by Mrs. R. Elliott) was won by Mrs. Chas. Barker.

The next Paddy's market will be held on Friday, April 9, when a turkey gobler for Easter (donated by Mrs. Doelle) will be raffled, also a doll donated by Mrs. A. Easterby.

DONATIONS.

Mrs. Friend wishes to thank the following for their kind donations:—

Mesdames A. V. Worthington 30/- (sale of dragons), Geo. Phillips 10/6 (sale of eggs), Wyatt senr. 10/-, A. Martin 7/-, R. Shaw 5/-, H. P. Hallam 5/-, P. A. Friend 5/-, J. Schneider 5/-, G. Wilson 4/-, Quodling 2/6, McPherson 2/6, P. R. Paxton 2/-, Miss E. Stirrat £1/1/-, K. Ballantine 6/-, and Shirley McCray's dancing pupils 4/6.

Flowers: Miss George, Mesdames H. Ballantine, C. Bycroft, G. Phillips, D. Groundwater, Hando, F. Stitt, P. M. Jones, Harry Parsloe, Mrs. Schneider.

Jam: Mesdames G. T. Clark (collection and sale of jam during month) 4/6, L. Johnstone (collection and sale) 7/6, W. Golding (sale of jam) 4/6, McDermott (sale of jam) 7/6, Benedict (collection jam), R. Shaw, Leitch, Harbottle, J. Simpson, Kirkham (collection of jams, chutney, lemons, cucumbers, lemon, butter and eggs).

Mrs. F. Menzies (fruit, cake, and apple cucumbers).

Sweets: Mrs. Chas. Barker (collection of sweets and £1/0/6, sale of sweets during month.

Mrs. Golding and Mrs. Coxon, 8lbs. sugar.

Eggs: Mrs. A. Martin.

Fruit: Mesdames J. Simpson (pie melons), A. Martin (lemons), Bone (Yarwun) case pawpaws, Harbottle (pawpaws), L. Johnstone (Yarwun) case pawpaws.

Vegetables: Mrs. Eric Barker and Miss George.

Salad dressing, Mrs. Masterson.

Dripping, Mrs. J. Simpson.

Collection of Books: Miss Duckman (Nagoorin).

Mrs. Broughton, pair of shoes.

Cakes: Mesdames Spen Geddes, Downey, R. H. Grayson, H. Hall, A. Sly, Hando, H. C. Moore, C. N. Joseph, Hamilton, J. Simpson (Barmundu), W. R. Golding junr., Taylor, C. Cooper, Mackay, Hodge, R. Farnsworth, Eric Barker, Huddleston, G. Byrne, P. A. Friend, Grant, Mills, D. J. Connellan, Thompson, Leitch, Cavill, Benedict, A. Friend, and Miss Hadgraft.

CORPORAL N. FERRIS

Invalided Home

Corporal Noel Ferris, second son of Mr. W. Ferris, of Gladstone, who left Australia two and a half years ago, has been invalided home, and is at present a patient in a military hospital in the south.

Noel, one of the famous "Tobruk rats," saw much service in the Middle East, and was eventually wounded in the big push at El Alamein on October 28 last. A smashed knee is the chief trouble.

The sporting fraternity will remember Noel as an all-round performer. One of the best centre three-quarter footballers of his day, his spectacular diving tackle won him much applause, and saved his side many points.

As a cricketer he has scored 1000 runs in a club cricket season, and holds cups for singles and doubles championships in district tennis. Bowls, however, will have to be his recreation in future.

His many friends will welcome him back.

A.R.P. WORK IN N.S.W.

Thousands of men and women and boys and girls over 15 in Sydney will be asked to enrol as fire guards in the national emergency services' fire fighting service now in process of formation. Wardens will begin this week to distribute to every householder a pamphlet setting out the objects of a fire guard, said the N.E.S. Minister (Mr. Heffron).

STOREMEN AND PACKERS' UNION

GLADSTONE BRANCH FORMED

Mr. J. Gosschalk President

A branch of the Federated Storemen and Packers' Union has been formed in Gladstone. Previously members have been covered from Rockhampton.

Permission having been obtained from the Central Executive to form a branch, a start was made, and at the first meeting 100 per cent attendance was recorded.

Mr. J. Gosschalk was elected president, Mr. R. Haack secretary, and Mr. E. Martin treasurer.

This action by the employees of the Shell Oil Co. marks a definite step forward on the industrial front in Gladstone. If this town is to fulfill its destiny it will assuredly become a large industrial centre, and an organised industrial front will be essential.

Rockhampton branch was not too pleased at Gladstone's independence, but it is one more sign that this town is beginning to assert its rights.

It remains for the citizens of Gladstone to make or mar their town, and the step taken is one more towards what should be the ambition of all—the completed edifice—the city of Gladstone.

TEN ACRES OF VEGETABLES

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA

Comforts For The Troops

The story of how the A.C.F. has provided comforts and cheer for men in the far flung areas of Northern and Central Australia was told by Capt. G. S. Slobom, A.C.F. Hon. Commissioner, who returned from a tour lasting nearly four months covering an area of 700 miles by 800 miles.

Many of these camps are very isolated. At one, which was 35 miles from anywhere, our boys in uniform had put their spare time to good use, and now have charge of ten acres of vegetables, which they are growing for the troops. They had been there for months and seldom saw anyone. Other lonely units are situated at artesian wells, where the duty of the men is to boil water for cups of tea for passing convoys.

Capt. Slobom said it gave him the greatest pleasure to be able to provide wireless sets, playing cards, and other cheery comforts for those lonely men who see no one but troops and representatives of the A.C.F. and its affiliated bodies, the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army.

The work of the A.C.F. spreads far and wide, and the following extracts from a letter received from a chaplain somewhere in New Guinea gives some idea of the way the comforts are appreciated. The Chaplain wrote:—

"My observations and investigations have convinced me that, under your able supervision the A.C.F. has functioned efficiently and well, and in a manner calculated to bring the greatest possible comfort to those brave lads who have earned the undying gratitude of all Australians.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Pilot Officer V. A. J. Byrne paid a brief visit to the town on Monday. He returned to rejoin his unit yesterday.

A.C.I. Arthur Radford, R.A.A.F., is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Radford, Fowler Street, Gladstone. Arthur leaves by Friday's train to rejoin his unit in the south.

Private Mervyn Boyle, of Yarwun, is spending his leave with his parents at "Kia-Ora," and will rejoin his unit in the south later in the month. His many friends are pleased to see him looking so fit and well.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, March 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Mrs. M. Brawn, the Rectory, Gladstone.

BOYNE VALLEY

PATRIOTIC FUND DANCE

Total Takings £25/18/-

Despite the inclement weather the usual monthly dance, held under the auspices of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund, was a great success, both financially and socially. The music was again provided by the ever popular orchestra, Mrs. Dougall (piano), Mr. L. Pownall (cornet), and youthful Brian Pownall playing the drums like a veteran drummer.

The Patriotic Fund is indeed grateful to these musicians, as they supply the music for all the patriotic dances free of charge.

A case of pineapples (donated by Mr. F. F. Lee) was raffled, Marion Ganter being the winner.

A whip (made and donated by Mr. Beresford) was raffled and won by Darcy Robertson.

Mr. E. Steel donated the chocolates for the chocolate waltz, which was won by Percy Whetter.

Mrs. Wengert donated the ladies' prize for the Monte Carlo, and Mr. Waite the gents' prize. Miss Muriel Lindley and Mr. P. Whetter were the winners.

The financial result was as follows:—door takings £8/8/-, raffle of pines £4/12/-, raffle of whip £3/0/6, chocolate waltz £1/5/-, and Monte Carlo 9/-.

Donations were:—J. N. Pownall £2/2/6, A. J. Cooke £1/6/-, M. M. Moran £1, W. H. Harman 5/-, A. R. Wagner 10/-, Miss J. Davies 2/-, Miss M. Gray 2/-, 26 memberships at 2/- each, £2/12/-.

The total takings for the night amounted to £25/18/-.

The donations include some regular donors towards the Red Cross P.O.W. adoption scheme.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

ALL-OUT EFFORT WANTED

£10 Bonds By Instalments

Increased quotas of cash and, in some cases, subscribers for the £100 million third Liberty Loan, officially opened by Mr. Curtin on Monday night, reflect the Government's confidence in the capacity of metropolitan and country towns to face up to the loan's challenge.

The money quotas are necessarily higher than those set for the record-breaking Austerity Loan, because the whole of the £100,000,000 required in the third Liberty Loan is new cash, whereas £22,000,000 of the £100,000,000 Austerity Loan was obtained by conversion.

The War Loans Campaign is convinced that, with the vigorous co-operation of loan committees, many of which have been strengthened for the occasion, the new quotas will be reached.

In the last loan, thanks to the unstinting work of committees and the magnificent response of country people, most towns created new records. Some of the outstanding per capita contributions came from some of the smallest places in Australia.

It is hoped to obtain at least 500,000 subscribers, and thus beat the record of 458,000 who over subscribed the £100,000,000 Austerity Loan by more than £4,000,000.

As in past loans, it will be possible for subscribers to the third Liberty Loan to obtain £10 bonds by instalments, these being as low as £1 down and £1 for nine months on each bond.

In an emergency, Government bonds can always be sold at market price, and the money obtained promptly. Any bank will arrange the sale of bonds for an owner at any time.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

WIRELESS PROGRAMMES.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I would be much obliged if you would publish these few lines to enlighten some of your readers that I am not the author of the outburst which appeared in a recent issue of the "Observer" regarding wireless programmes, and signed J. Campbell, Calliope.

If Mr. Jim Campbell carries out his promise, maybe Calliope will be more peaceful, though I sympathise with the cook.—Yours, etc.,

J. M. CAMPBELL.

Barmundu, March 13, 1943.

BOWLING

ATHELSTANE CLUB VISIT

Win for Gladstone

Gladstone representative bowlers put up another good performance over the week-end when they met and defeated Athelstane Club, Rockhampton, in the second round of the pennant competition. The visitors were successful on only one rink, where McNeil's four beat Loveday's quartette 24 to 17. The other three rinks all ran away to comfortable wins for the home players.

Percy Friend's rink beat Johnston's, 29-17.

President Busteed's rink beat Leach's 25-13, and Cooper's men beat Baxter's 34 to 16.

Gladstone won by 105 points to 70.

The visitors were entertained at afternoon tea, which was provided by the ladies.

Details (Gladstone shown first):—

Comino, Joyner, Johnston, Loveday v. Green, Stumm, Shillam, McNeil 17-24.

Henery, Chapman, Drewe, Cooper v. Pembleton, Chapman, Edwards, Baxter 34-16.

Hogan, Archay, Greasley, Busteed v. Bryan, Fitzpatrick, Wilson, Leach 25-13.

Sly, Cameron, Humphries, P. Friend v. Jackson, Murray, A. Jackson, Johnston 29-17.

SINGLES.

Jack Comino had a good win in the singles when he beat H. V. Loveday 32-24. Although the scores were comparatively close, Comino did not look like losing at any stage.

Arthur Joyner went away to an early lead in his match with Lindsay Cameron, but the banker was too solid at the finish, and won 31-23.

HOGAN-BUSTEED WIN PAIRS.

A good combination in J. Hogan and M. Busteed had to fight all the way to defeat Bycroft and Humphries by a single point 19-18. The scores were level at the 20th end, but the business pair emerged victors.

SOCIAL MATCHES.

Friend, Dennis, Dr. Skinner, Edwards v. Mackay, Schmidt, Archay, Greasley 26-21.

Menzies, Barker, Ogg, Cooper v. Henery, Chapman, Drewe, Cooper 25-16.

Witty, Coxon, Duff, S. C. Wilson v. Lodder, Seaton, Buetell, G. Wilson 31-17.

Perry, Dr. Skinner, Weiske v. Hixon, Browne, Dennis 39-10.

Schmidt, A. Friend, Golding v. Ferris, Bycroft, Ogg 21-20.

Corones, Wilson, P. Friend v. Duff, Jackson, Weiske 25-17.

Witty, Browne, Golding v. Ferris, Garrett, Johnstone 27-25.

HARBOUR BOARD

Monthly Meeting

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Board was held on Friday. Present: Mr. A. W. Drewe (chairman), and Messrs. W. R. Golding, J. F. Donovan, E. W. Crow, C. S. Schache, R. S. Wilson, and A. D. Hopper (secretary). An apology was received from Mr. C. W. Macfarlan, who was granted leave of absence from the meeting.

UNABLE TO QUOTE.

Messrs. Parbury, Henty & Co. advised they were unable to quote for the supply of imported 2½-inch canvas fire hose, as all supplies had been taken over by the Commonwealth Government.

ELECTIONS.

The Treasury Department forwarded a copy of a letter to local authorities that the Harbour Board elections would be held on May 1 in conjunction with the local authority elections.

DONATION.

Gladstone Ambulance Brigade asked for a donation.—It was decided that the usual donation of £5/5/- be made.

FINANCIAL.

Payments amounting to £1178/14/11 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £98/8/- were passed for payment.

GENERAL.

The Chairman (Mr. A. W. Drewe) and Messrs. J. F. Donovan and C. S. Schache were appointed a sub-committee to meet the Electric Light Committee of the Town Council to discuss charges for electric power supplied to the Board.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

KREMLIN AND PEOPLE

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Essential to Post-War Reconstruction

Throughout the period preceding Russia's involvement in the war, she was greatly misunderstood abroad, and did little to dispel foreign misunderstanding. Many people have had to readjust their ideas of Russia to no small extent, and there can be no doubt that mutual understanding between Russia and her Allies is essential to post-war reconstruction.

For our knowledge of Russia we are dependent upon what we read in our daily papers and on books written by people who have lived in Russia, particularly members of the diplomatic corps and correspondents of the great newspapers.

Newspaper reports and books often bear conflicting testimony to the truth. Each reporter sees with his own eyes and seeks to interpret the facts with which he has been brought into contact. Discerning and even critical reading is therefore necessary if we are to get an accurate picture of what is happening in this most populous of European countries.

Many people who have a fair idea of what took place in Russia at the time of the Bolshevist revolution have little clear or accurate knowledge of what has happened there during the last ten years. Apart from an understanding of what has taken place in Russia throughout the last decade, there can be only inadequate or false estimation of the existing conditions of affairs there, and of the trend of events on which the future of Europe and the world must largely depend.

Mr. Walter Duranty is in a position to be able to provide us with much of the information about Russia, and he has so provided us in his book entitled "The Kremlin and the People."

Mr. Duranty was for many years correspondent in Russia for the "New York Times," and has been referred to by Mr. Bernard Shaw as "the king of reporters." It has been suggested that he might be described as the first and last man to see modern Russia, for he went to Russia in 1920, spent many long years there as a newspaper correspondent, and visited it again in the spring preceding Hitler's invasion.

The author points out the difficulty of any man compassing mighty Russia, where there are 79 different major languages and hundreds of minor dialects. Nevertheless, he goes on to say:—

"They act alike and think alike, and this goes for the Tsarist emigres as it goes for the Bolsheviks at home. Russians are always Russians, and every Russian is the same Russian—kind, cruel, hospitable, envious, suspicious, affectionate, generous; will shoot you as soon as look, and if he happens to miss, might kiss you the next minute on both cheeks."

We are reminded that in 1914 the will of the Tsar was law, and that there were then in Russia no Magna Charta, no process of habeas corpus, no freedom of press or speech, and that the whole country was run for the benefit of about five per cent of the population, "that only one out of five could read or write, that the top-dogs lived in luxury and splendour to make even Hollywood blink, and the others lived like pigs, in filth and disease and hunger."

He tells how it was that Lenin turned Bolshevik: "In one of the great moments of my life, on the day after Lenin died, I heard his widow tell why her husband became a Bolshevik. He had, it seems, a brother older than he, whom he loved. This brother was educated in St. Petersburg, and maintained, as any boy would—he was only twenty-one—friendship and correspondence with some of his classmates there. He wrote a letter to one of them, just the usual sort of letter about how are things with you, and I'm doing this and that, and let me hear from you soon, and what are your plans, and so on—an ordinary letter. But it seems the boy who received it was closely involved in the assassination of the Tsar, which happened about that time. So the Tsarist police hanged him, and for good measure hanged Lenin's brother as well, because he had written that letter."

When he went to Russia he thought that Bolsheviks were disgusting, but as he came to know them he felt compelled to revise his estimate. Stalin, he points out, has greater power over more people than any other man ever before him, save the peerless Alexander of Macedon, the lord of the then known world.

He regards the murder of Kirov as a very momentous event, because it "marked the end of a period of internal conciliation in the U.S.S.R. and drove the Kremlin to the fantastic 'treason trials' and the 'purge' which undermined the Soviet party abroad, and thus aided the machinations of Hitler and his friends in London Paris, and elsewhere. It is to be remembered, however, that is was by means of these events that Russia was freed from anything in the nature of fifth columnists, and is now able to face her enemies without any enemies in her own camp.

It now seems evident that the Russian traitors were tools in the hands of Hitler and his fellow Naxis, and that had Hitler succeeded in his intrigues the European situation would now be vastly different from what it is, and Russia would have gone the way of France.

The mater is well put in a statement made by a Frenchman:—

"Yes, it must have been awful, like a madness, as you call it. But don't forget, mon ami, that in Russia they shot the fifth columnists, and in France we made them cabinet ministers."

Mr. Duranty reports Sir Stafford Cripps as having made the most successful prophecy he had ever encountered, when he said at a press conference: "I am convinced that Hitler will attack Russia before the end of June. You think he will strike at England first, but I tell you he will launch an attack against Russia before the end of June." This prediction was made in February.

Hitler made the mistake of thinking the Russians would break as the French had done.

Despite the fact that, at the time of writing the Red Army had not launched its great winter counter-offensive, Mr. Duranty was convinced of the ability of the Russians to deal with the Germans, a conviction we are now able to see to have been well founded.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, March 19.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) would much appeciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY

Proposed Award Opposed

Opposition to the application of an award to the dairy industry unless and until producers were assured of production costs plus any additional expense entailed by such an award, was expressed at a meeting of the State Executive of the Queensland Dairymen's Organisation.

The acting secretary of the organisation, Mr. F. A. Cushon, stated that a resolution to this effect had been forwarded to the Australian Dairy Farmers' Federation, which body is acting in conjunction with the Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee in submitting a fresh case for a price increase.

A report that the Labour Minister (Mr. Ward) intended taking immediate action to refer to the Arbitration Court the question of wages in the industry had caused much concern to the executive.

The Q.D.O. President (Mr. W. L. Osborne) said his organisation very much doubted whether the additional 3½d a lb. for butter and 2d a lb. for cheese, recommended by the Dairy Committee of Inquiry, would be sufficient to enable the industry to provide award wages and conditions for its employees.

In spite of any suggestions to the contrary, the Queensland Dairymen's Organisation had never advocated the introduction of an award for dairying where seasonal and other conditions would necessarily make its application a matter of considerable difficulty.

CURTIN GOVERNMENT.

SERIES OF BITTER DEFEATS

Five Times in Two Days

Senate Opposition Leader, George McLeay, the genial South Australian, is displaying qualities of real leadership at Canberra.

Last week he administered a series of sharp and bitter defeats to the Curtin Government, shocking it out of its Parliamentary complacency and reminding it that Nemesis awaits a Prime Minister who presumes on the early popularity of his Government.

During last week Senator McLeay

Forced the Government to authorise the Taxation Department to refund tax credits.

Compelled it to relieve soldiers' deferred pay of all taxation.

Induced the Senate to request elimination of the National Welfare Fund "tack" in the Income Tax Rates Bill.

Threw out the Government's motion to withdraw the request.

Refused to consider the National Welfare Fund Bill until the dispute between the two Houses on the "tack" issue was resolved.

To do this, he, with the help of a loyal united Opposition, defeated the Government five times in two days.

SECOND-HAND CARS

MANY INQUIRIES

Trade Brisk

Trade in second-hand cars in Brisbane is brisk, notwithstanding petrol problems, tyre shortage, and the difficulty of getting repairs done without a priority order.

An owner who advertised a 1938 model last week had the first 'phone call in reply at 6.30 a.m. By 8 a.m. the car had been inspected and sold.

A second-hand dealer said: "We get dozens of inquiries every week, but can't get the cars to supply the demand. If a car comes in it is snapped up immediately, irrespective of age or condition.

"Most of the buyers have never owned a car previously. They are earning more money now than ever before, and imagine a car is an investment, even though it might have to stand unused.

"I ask how they will manage for petrol, but they seem satisfied if they get enough for a night at the pictures occasionally.

"Not even the possibility of tyres being impressed is a deterrent. They have the money to spend, and want to spend it on something tangible."

THE YOUNG CHURCHILL

Peep at the Past

Clare Sheridan, speaking on the British Prime Minister in a B.B.C. radio newsreel, said:—

"I think the outstanding feature about Winston, as I look back over the years, is that from the earliest times he impressed everyone with a sense of his high destiny. As early as 1902, when I was a small girl in a French Convent, I treasured a letter from him for the sake, as I noted in my diary, of the autograph.

"Earlier still, when he was a schoolboy and I was in the nursery, I remember his tin armies, set out in battle array upon a huge trestle table. Whatever he does, he does with all his concentrated attention, be it painting, bricklaying, piloting, dictating.

"It is said that heredity often skips a generation. Winston certainly derives his chief traits from our American grandmother, Jerome, a noble personality. She had that same brooding, forceful thoughtfulness. Even her love of France has been transmitted to us. She was a great friend of the Empress Eugene, and lived for seventeen years in Paris with her three beautiful daughters. But for the war of 1870 they might never have come to England. It is said that she was magnificent in a crisis."

WARDER STABBED.

William Hogg, a warder, was stabbed in the neck three times with a knife at Parramatta Gaol on Saturday last. He is in hospital in a serious condition, but is expected to recover. A prisoner with whom Hogg was talking when he was attacked was gashed on the wrist by someone, but he has refused to make a statement.

AT TIMOR

FIGHTING BEHIND JAP LINES

Vivid Description

An Australian commando gives a personal account of the fighting behind Jap lines at Timor. Here are extracts from this vivid description:—

The Japs happened to arrive on the same night that the Portuguese troops were expected. When the Japs marched in singing, talking and laughing the population was dumbfounded; they had expected Portuguese.

There were only 20 Australians on the 'drome to meet the Japs. For six hours those men fought at least 500 Japs, but only three of them were lost, notwithstanding that they had only light Brens, Tommies, and rifles—no artillery or mortars.

About dawn the men blew up the 'drome, and under cover of the confusion escaped through Dilli into the hills, picking up a truck on the way. But the Japs had infiltrated, and they were ambushed.

Private Poynton, who had been on the 'drome, broke up the ambush with grenades and a Tommy. That earned him the D.C.M.

Believing that the rest of the Australians had been cleaned up, the little party moved on to Atomboia, and later joined the main force.

A COMMANDO BATTLE.

The whole company then moved off in the direction of the coast, not without having several tough brushes with the Japs. By then the men were reorganised for actual commando battle.

A few signallers had a grandstand view of the Jap landing. A few explosions were heard early in the morning by the four boys at the signal station. When they got up they saw the invasion fleet riding in the bay. Planes were giving cover while hundreds of men were being landed.

The main Australian company carried no food supplies, and the men were dependent on what they could gather from the wild country.

One of the signallers, Joe Loveless, began building a wireless set to contact Australia in the hope of securing supplies. Two months went by, full of heartaches and disappointment for the signallers, who worked desperately to make the transmitter. Finally they fixed up a set which contacted Darwin.

MAIL BUILDS MORALE.

Commando morale rose 1000 per cent when it became known that Australia had answered. Later we received quinine, boots and money from the mainland. Malaria was becoming bad, and the quinine was a God-send. But the mail packets were much better medicine.

The Japs were trailing us all the time. The men were split up into sections to cover the track leading from Dilli.

As the Japs rolled along the tracks in motor trucks they were attacked, and as they jumped off the trucks they were potted. These ambushes harried the Japs, and they withdrew to Dilli—a distinct victory for the Australian commandoes.

After a few months this type of warfare became more intricate. At first the Japs were easy targets, moving along open tracks, sitters for expert marksmen. The Japs were forced to adopt different methods, and resorted to their Malaya tactics—infiltrating through the bush.

DOGFIGHTS CHEER TROOPS.

In August the Japs organised a big drive. They struck from the north, south and west simultaneously, which forced the Aussies to hit and run for ten long days. They were tough days.

Bombing became very consistent, and dogfights provided excitement on many occasions. Those R.A.A.F. boys were game. Unlike the Japs, they had no fighter protection, but they reached their targets undaunted. The Flying Fortresses were crackerjacks: Dilli burned for five days after they had presented their compliments.

NEW MANPOWER MOVE.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand (Mr. Fraser) has told Parliament that the time had arrived to reconsider reallocation of the Dominion's manpower between the military forces and the urgent needs of industry. It might be possible, he said, to release from the army those in the 18-19 group, who desired to return to civil life. The War Cabinet was of opinion that the forces in the Middle East and the Pacific should be maintained at fighting strength although at the successful end of the Tunisian campaign the question of the future role of the Second Division would have to be reconsidered.

SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM

Tells a Good Story

Admiral of the Mediterranean Fleet, Sir Andrew Cunningham, told a good story in an interview last week. It may well join the history-book story of Sir Francis Drake and his game of bowls when the Spanish Armada was sighted. Here it is:

Asked how our intentions were masked immediately before the Battle of Matapan, in which the Italians learnt a lesson the Spaniards discovered nearly four centuries ago, Sir Andrew Cunningham said:

"As a screen I golfed in the afternoon before the fleet went to sea with the blunt end of the Axis—the Japanese Consul at Alexandria."

TAXI DRIVERS FINED.

Two taxi-drivers, Samuel Hamilton (25) and George Beake (37) were fined £17/10/- and £14/10/- respectively, for having 88 gallons of aviation petrol in their possession which had been stolen from an airforce station. Brisbane police stated that Beake poured 44 gallons down a sewer when he heard they were on the case. The accused obtained the petrol from an airforce corporal, each paying £11 for a 44-gallon drum.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

OWING to the increase in trading expenses I am compelled to raise the price of Sawmill Wood to 10/- a load as from Monday, March 15th, 1943.
W. McLEOD.

PUBLIC MEETING.

ALL Persons who are interested are invited to attend a Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall to-night (Wednesday), March 17th, 1943, at 7.30 p.m., the object being to form an organising committee to support the Third Liberty Loan.
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A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, March 19th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

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7.45—Australian News
7.50—Overseas News
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News
1.20—Australian News
1.35—Overseas News
1.45—State News
5.15—B.B.C. News
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.
a.m. SUNDAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Australian News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
5.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.

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MEAT A STAPLE FOOD

Cheap Cuts Valuable

Meat is one of our staple foods, and whilst it is really necessary at least once a day, there is no need for it to be served at all meals. Eggs for breakfast, salads for lunch, and for the heavier meal at night meat, of course, is the logical choice, though there is no need for the dish to be expensive.

Because all meat contains protein and is a muscle building food, housewives can get just as much nutritive value into the dinner menu by selecting cheap cuts, when it is a strain on the family purse always to buy the more expensive cuts. There is scarcely any difference in the amount of protein in meat selected from different parts of the animal, be it beef, veal, mutton, lamb, rabbit, poultry or pork.

Tougher cuts of meat have an excellent flavour as well as food value. Therefore it is in accordance with "austerity" to make the most of cheap cuts.

But while, when cooked, there is not much difference in flavour and nutritive value, there is certainly a difference in the way the cheaper cuts should be cooked.

The best dishes you can make from the poorer cuts of meat are stews and casseroles. Think of the extra food value when you add vegetables. It makes almost a meal in itself. Have you ever tried a hay box when cooking stews?

Shorter methods are satisfactory, too, if you carefully choose your cut and have the meat minced or ground.

This cuts up the tough fibres, and mixed with fresh breaderumbs and seasoning, can be made into many delightful dishes, such as rissoles, patties, or hamburgers.

An appetising way to make hamburgers is to grill them, or bake them in a hot oven. These are excellent served with bacon and vegetables.

If you have more time, mould the mixture into a meat loaf and bake it. Serve with gravy and baked vegetables like a joint. It cuts well when cold, too. There is no waste, and there is a difference in the cost.

Then there is always stewed mince and dumplings with vegetables for a cold day. When cooking the meat, add a little lemon juice or vinegar to the stock. This helps to make the meat tender.

And last, but not least, pound the steak with a rolling pin when preparing it. You will find that the tough fibres will wilt under this treatment. Use moist heat in cooking, but for a shorter time. This will give most satisfactory results.

VITAL RAW MATERIALS

A World Shortage

Every country in the world is suffering from shortages in some vital raw material, and ingenuity and necessity have built the war years into an age of substitutes.

Soybeans, corn, cottonseed and linseed are being used in America to produce rubber, which, though not suitable for tyre rubber, makes good insulating mats, hose linings, adhesive and belting.

Soybean rubber, called agripol, is produced from soybean oil, from which fatty oils have been extracted before being treated with ethylene glycol.

As tyres have never accounted for more than 50 per cent of American rubber consumption, agripol and similar substitutes will go a long way towards relieving the acute rubber shortage in the States.

Rubber has also been made from coal. Rubbery fibres found in lignite have been examined by chemists who consider that they are remains of rubber originally in the twigs of a type of shrub now found only in Africa.

A member of the American Chemical Society said, "The conversion of coal into rubber is no more fantastic than its conversion into beautiful dyestuffs, pharmaceutical chemicals, explosives, and plastics."

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Campaign in N.S. Wales

In view of the appearance of an increased number of cases of diphtheria in New South Wales this year, the Health Department has launched another campaign in the interests of immunisation. Local municipal councils are urged to be as active as possible in the matter, and parents are urged to present their children for the necessary injections.

Science has now definitely established the value of immunisation. The percentage of immunised patients is very low, and practically none of the cases in which the patient has been immunised prove fatal. Some mistakes probably were made in the beginning, but the experimental stage is now over, and parents are very foolish if they do not afford their children the protection that is available for them.

The health of the community, as well as of the individual, is at stake. There is danger of an epidemic, and parents should think of the possibility of their children spreading the disease, as well as of the sorrow or even bereavement they themselves may suffer.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

China or Glass

Miss Joan Twynam, of "Riversdale," Goulburn, is the first country resident to send a donation to the Red Cross Special Appeal Auxiliary for their sale of china and glass which the Governor, Lord Wakehurst, will open in Sydney on May 18.

Miss Twynam's gift is a Rockingham tea set which has been in her family for 50 years. Old or new glass or china, useful or ornamental, is wanted for the sale, and everything in good condition will be welcome. So follow Miss Twynam's example, and send a donation to the Auxiliary, 39 Martin Place, Sydney.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
17	6.40	7.07	.....	——	12.50
18	7.29	7.54	.....	——	1.50
19	8.10	8.34	.....	1.39	2.31
20	8.47	9.10	.....	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	.....	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	.....	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	.....	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	.....	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	.....	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	.....	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

THE MOON.

New Moon	March 6
First Quarter	March 14
Full Moon	March 21
Last Quarter	March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	.....	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	.....	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	.....	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	.....	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	.....	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	.....	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	.....	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	——	.....	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	.....	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	.....	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	.....	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	.....	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	.....	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	.....	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	.....	——	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	.....	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	.....	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	.....	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	.....	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	.....	3.20	3.37
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WILL TO WIN

Challenge to the People

"If we think that, collectively and individually, we can continue to lead our normal lives, leaving the spirit of self-sacrifice to our soldiers and sailors, letting the intensification of our production programme take care of itself, we shall unquestionably risk the danger of a stalemate in our war with Japan."

These are not our words. They are the words of a man who spent ten years in Japan; who was in Tokio when Japanese bombs devastated Pearl Harbour.

He is Mr. Joseph C. Grew, former American Ambassador to Japan, who as early as 1941 cabled Washington that the Japanese were planning a surprise mass attack on American territory.

Australians, immediately threatened by the Japan Mr. Grew knows so intimately, should ponder his words during these days when we are called upon to face up to a vital challenge right here at home—the challenge of the £100,000,000 third Liberty Loan.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS.

We should ask ourselves, as individuals, what part we are playing with our fighting men to win the war; what sort of a partnership we have with those men offering their lives in the battle zones.

We should ask ourselves what we have sacrificed in order that the full sacrifice demanded of us all should not fall exclusively upon the men in uniform.

We should ask ourselves what we have done in past war loans to help to provide the money needed adequately to equip these men, and then decide quickly what share we propose to take in the third Liberty Loan.

THE LOAN MUST BE FILLED.

The loan must be filled so that our soldiers, sailors and airmen can be clothed and fed and supplied urgently with the vital things of war.

It must be filled so that we can achieve ascendancy over our enemies in every department of the war; so that we can maintain the tempo of victory set so magnificently by General MacArthur's men in the Bismarck Sea battle.

NO EASY PATH.

It becomes, therefore, the patriotic duty of every Australian to work as never before, to contribute without stint, to sacrifice to the utmost.

Some Australians may say that new taxation makes it difficult for them to put more money, voluntarily, into the war effort.

The answer is that until we give until it hurts we have not reached a stage of effort, let alone sacrifice, in any way commensurate with that being made by the fighting men depending upon us to stick to them until the job is done.

No country can hope to win a war the easy way. No country could ever win a war if it were composed entirely of peole determined to put into the struggle only what they were forced to put into it.

Those who invest in the Third Liberty Loan will be doubly repaid.

Not only will they have the satisfaction of knowing that their money is fighting for their own safety now and in the future; they will have the comfort of knowing that they have set something aside for themselves and their families—something that will enable them to readjust themselves to new conditions when peace comes, to buy things needed but cheerfully given up during the war, and generally to set themselves up for a happier and more prosperous future.

CONFIDENT APPROACH.

Recent reports from London tell us that the people there—those people who have undergone one of history's most dreadful ordeals—have entered into Britain's Wings for Victory campaign in a carnival spirit. The "most cheerful scenes of the whole war" have marked the campaign, in which the sale of Government bonds, certificates and stamps has reached a record.

It is in this spirit, a buoyant spirit bred of our determination to win, of our faith in our cause and in ourselves, that Australians should set out to fully subscribe the third Liberty Loan.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

Canada's Admiration

A special message to Australian troops from Mr. Justice T. C. Davis, who recently arrived here as High Commissioner for Canada, is released in the current issue of an Army educational journal.

The admiration and respect Canada feels for the forces guarding Australia and pushing the Japanese back are as warm as the sentiments Canadians hold for the valiant people who held Britain against terrific odds, writes Judge Davis.

Canada is relatively safe from invasion. This fact has enabled her to become one of the great arsenals of democracy, of the fighting forces of the United Nations in all theatres of war.

Canada shares Australia's pride in the magnificent achievements of Australian warriors in Africa, Greece, Crete, Syria, Malaya and New Guinea. Canada has treasured her sisterhood with Australia since Canadian and Australian troops fought side by side in the last war.

DISLIKE INACTION.

While thousands of your soldiers have already had their baptism of fire and steel, most of Canada's great Army has yet to come to grips with the enemy. Canadian troops have bled and died at Hong Kong and Dieppe, but inaction has been the greatest disappointment of most Canadian soldiers.

Canada has learned many lessons from this war. Our Prime Minister, Mr. MacKenzie King, recently said: "This war has shown us that the way of monopoly, of unrestricted power, whether political or economic, is the way that leads to destruction, desolation and death. The only path to prosperity and peace is the path of equality, of co-operation, and of human brotherhood. The hope of the future lies in the universal recognition of our own humanity."

Canada is giving her all for victory. She is certain peace soon will crown the sacrifices of those who fight for freedom. She recognises, in the announcement of her Mutual Aid Bill, that every soldier who fights for freedom, whether he be British, Russian, Chinese, American, South African or Anzac, is a defender of Canada.

FIGHT FOR EQUALITY.

Canada believes that the way of co-operation and mutual aid is not only the road to victory for the United Nations; it is also the path to freedom and equality for all. That is why Canada is fighting; that is why you are fighting; that is why you and the fighting men of Canada never have been closer in spirit than you are now.

This fraternal kinship, born in the last war, nourished with blood and sweat in this great struggle, will flourish through many generations.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

"MAGIC IN WONDERLAND"

An Enjoyable Programme

A very enjoyable programme was submitted by children and adults alike when Mr. N. Jones and his company presented "Magic in Wonderland" to an appreciative audience in the Parish Hall, which was kindly loaned for the occasion.

Much laughter was caused by Leon the clown, who convulsed the audience with his witty jokes.

The community singing was ably led by the musical vagabond, who also conducted the competition for the children, and played various instruments.

Miss Phyllis Harms did her part well at the piano.

Master Teddy Baynton's tap dancing was also greatly appreciated.

Master Neville Jones' singing, accompanied by the ukele, was a delightful item, as was the solo by Miss Gloria Jones.

Other artistes who helped were:—Joyce Jones, Terry Smith, and Ernie Hay.

Sweets (made by Mesdames Fry, Stewart and Fischer) met with a ready sale.

Mr. Hanson carried out the duties of doorkeeper.

The Red Shield Committee sincerely thanks all who took part, and who in any way helped to make the function a success.

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5 BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE organised to meet any local emergency.
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7 CONVALESCENT HOMES established and maintained in all States (cost over £200,000).
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Engagement

BAUER-PEVITT.—The engagement is announced of A.C.W. Esmae Bauer, W.A.A.A.F., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Bauer, Bramston Street, Gladstone, to John Pevitt, A.I.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Pevitt, Julia Street, Nundah, Brisbane.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The Manager of the Q.N. Bank notifies having received the sum of £200 as an interest free loan to the Commonwealth Government for the duration of the war. The doner wishes to remain anonymous.

BUNDABERG HON. DOCTORS.

Three of the four honorary doctors servicing the Lady Chelmsford Hospital have notified the Bundaberg Hospitals Board that they will not attend patients in the public wards until they receive a reply from the Director General of Medical Services (Dr. Cilento), whom they have approached for certain information.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BALL.

St. Patrick's Day in Gladstone was celebrated with the usual grand ball, which was held in the Trocadero on Wednesday night. There was a huge crowd present, all previous records being broken. Needless to mention, the function was a huge financial success, and a most enjoyable time was spent, a real carnival spirit. The duties of master of ceremonies were carried out by Messrs. Bert Norris and M. Robinson, while excellent music was supplied by Mrs. W. Forbes' orchestra.

AT THE RAILWAY STATION.

Continuing their good work of farewelling the boys, the Chairman of the Patriotic Fund (Mr. W. R. Golding) and Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan (President of the Comforts Fund) and Mrs. J. W. Garrett (secretary), visited the Railway Station again yesterday afternoon, and on behalf of their respective organisations presented the usual practical gifts. This service has been in operation almost since the formation of the Funds, and the large number of letters received bear ample testimony of the splendid work carried out over a long period.

SOCIAL AND DANCE.

A largely attended social and dance, held under the auspices of the Trades and Labour Council, in the Town Hall on Thursday night, extended a welcome to servicemen. The function was most successful and enoyable, and the duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. A. Higginson, while splendid music was rendered by Mrs. W. Forbes' orchestra, assisted by Mr. J. Busteed and Mr. Reg. Winters. The President of the Trades and Labour Council (Mr. Bert Heathwood) suitably extended a welcome to the boys, as also did the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Mr. C. Boles (secretary). Each serviceman present received a gift in the form of £2/10/-. The gifts were suitably acknowledged. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies' committee, and those concerned deserve a word of praise for the excellent service.

DRIVE FOR LAND ARMY GIRLS.

The shortage of labour in rural districts is becoming so noticeable that farmers are giving serious heed to the possibilities of our fourth auxiliary—the Australian Women's Land Army. Although there has been a fairly steady stream of recruits for this important service, many more are wanted, because the peak period of harvesting is upon us, and now more than ever before the services of the Land Army are being relied on. To further the recruiting camaign the Deputy Superintendent (Mrs. A. M. Atkinson) is conducting an intensive drive for new members, and is opening her recruiting campaign in Gladstone on Saturday, March 27. At public addresses to women and the Younger Set she will tell the story of the work of the Australian Women's Land Army. She can be interviewed at the National Service Office (Court House), and will give advice on any matters connected with this service.

PUBLIC MEETING

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

Residents Asked to Invest

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday night, the object being to form an organising committee in connection with the Third Liberty Loan. There were present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), Mesrs. Thomson, J. Robinson, J. Burrows, H. Hall, W. R. Golding, C. W. Macfarlan, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

SUBSCRIBER GROUPS.

After the Mayor had explained the object of the meeting, it was decided that all present be formed into a committee with power to add.

The Mayor and Mr. Burrows were appointed a sub-committee to interview business men with a view to having subscriber groups formed at the respective establishments.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis); secretary, Mr. H. Peters.

ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION.

It was decided that every member of the committee be appointed a canvasser to further the interests of the loan.

With a view to obtaining the assistance and co-operation of local bodies and the various unions, it was decided they be written to asking that representatives be appointed.

ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Hall expressed his appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Press to the Austerity Loan, characterising it as wonderful publicity, which, in his opinion, was responsible in a large degree to the large number of subscribers, and he felt sure the same assistance would be given to the Third Liberty Loan.

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PAY BY INSTALMENTS.

Loan applications may be paid by cash with application, or by deposit of 10 per cent, and the balance in one amount at any time up to July 10; by deposit of 10 per cent and three amounts each of 30 per cent, payable on or before May 10, June 10, and July 10; or by deposit of 10 per cent and nine monthly instalments, payable on or before the 10th of each month from May, 1943, to January, 1944, inclusive.

FREE OF STAMP DUTY.

Third Liberty Loan bonds are free from stamp duty. The Commonwealth Bank will hold bonds for safe custody for any investor without charge. Other banks will provide the same service free for their customers.

"READILY REALISABLE."

Should a subscriber require to regain the use of money invested in the loan, bonds or stock are readily realisable. They may be sold through a sharebroker at a very small charge. The Commonwealth Bank, or the subscriber's own bank or savings bank will arrange this without charge other than brokerage.

INVEST NOW.

Gladstone residents are now asked to invest in the Third Liberty Loan.

ENGINE CLEANER WANTED.

Applications for employment as engine cleaner in the Railway Department are being invited in this issue from lads who have attained their 17th birthday and not exceeded their 19th on the 3rd April, 1943.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, March 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Mrs. M. Brawn, the Rectory, Gladstone.

GLADSTONE TENNIS CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club will be held at Mr. P. M. Jones' Newsagency on Wednesday, March 24, at 8 p.m. It is to be hoped that all members and prospective members will endeavour to be present, and help to make this season as successful and enjoyable as these times will allow.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING

Excellent Work Performed

At an important committee meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society, Mr. A. W. Drewe occupied the chair in the absence of the President (Mrs. H. V. Phillips. There were also present: Mesdames L. Golding, H. Browne, E. Cooper, L. M. Hanson, M. Coppin, L. Rigby, R. Yum, H. Hando, E. Friend, M. Ricketts, N. J. Burnhope, E. Johnstone, Messrs. A. H. Friend, and V. A. Summers. Apologies for non attendance were received from Mesdames Phillips, D. Connellan, W. N. Hall, H. Gollnick, Miss A. Joyner and Mr. J. W. Rigby.

SEWING CIRCLE.

The lengthy reports submitted by nine different committees, circles, etc., instanced the phenomenal growth of Red Cross activities in Gladstone and district.

Mrs. L. Rigby (sewing convenor) advised that the attendance had improved wonderfully during the month, with the result that the circle had a big consignment of finished articles ready for headquarters. Coloured quilts were required, and seven had already been completed. Material was on hand for another dozen.

When in Brisbane recently headquarters commented on the quality of the Gladstone work. Both sewing and knitting consignments were always looked forward to.

For the present packing over 1000 finished articles were on hand, 666 being Gladstone, and the remainder Benaraby and Builyan sub-branches. White quilts are also required. Old linen was specially requested, this being required for urgent hospital pads. Thanks were extended Mesdames Cavill and G. Byrne for carrying on during the convenor's absence.

Thirty-three members had their new uniforms, and another six were waiting. Visits to Red Cross work rooms in Brisbane and Stanthorpe were very instructive. Headquarters paid very high compliments to Gladstone garments, certain articles being picked out as examples of perfect work.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. J. Connellan, knitting convenor, reported that no wool had been bought during the month. 71 skeins given out made 9 prs. socks and 5 sleeveless cardigans. 10 skeins of white knitting cotton had been given out to make socks for tinnea patients. Thanks were due to the ladies who made the following articles:—Sleeveless cardigan, Mrs. McDermott; 4 prs. cotton socks, Mrs. Watson; 3 prs. socks, Mrs. Norris; 2 prs. socks, Miss J. O'Neill; 1 pr. each, Mesdames Simpson, Grenfell, Misses Liddicoat and Gilmore.

The following list of articles, to be forwarded to headquarters, was contributed to by Benaraby, Nagoorin and Many Peaks sub-branches and our own circle:—72 prs. socks, 5 scarves, 15 chest protectors, 15 Balaclava caps, 18 skull caps, 2 prs. gloves, 2 prs. mittens, 1 hotwater bag cover, 9 prs. knee caps, 13 prs. white socks, 4 sleeveless cardigans, 2 long sleeve pullovers. White cotton socks for tinnea patients were still urgently needed, and another appeal was made to all knitters to assist in making these articles.

V.A.D's.

Miss Alma Joyner, commandant Voluntary Aid Detachment, advised that the unit had four officers, 13 fully trained members, and 6 members with hospital hours incomplete. When this training was completed the detachment would have 100 per cent fully trained personnel. At next meeting more new members would join, and first aid classes would be resumed.

On March 8 all members attended a picture programme, demonstrating first aid, etc. It proved very interesting and informative. All V.A.D.'s attend the Ambulance every Tuesday evening at 7.30 for first air practice, and meet all hospital trains in case their services are required.

New officers were assistant commandant, Miss J. Worthington; quartermaster, Mrs. A. H. Friend.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

Mr. F. C. Thompson, supervisor Junior Red Cross, reported that the first meeting of the year was held on February 17, when 21 members attended at the State School. First aid instruction was recommenced, with a revision of last year's work. Plans for the ensuing year were discussed, and it was decided to commence sewing with the making of stuffed toys.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Mrs. Hilda Gollnick, reporting on behalf of the Hospital Committee, advised that since February 18th 42 visits had been paid 42 servicemen, and cigarettes, matches, writing material and magazines left with them. The boys now looked forward to these visits, and express thanks to the branch for making such a service possible. The sisters and nurses at the District Hospital were thanked for their unfailing courtesy in giving information concerning patients and their needs.

BENARABY SUB-BRANCH.

Miss D. Colyer, secretary, advised that the Benaraby sub-branch had sent 147 articles to Gladstone, and had received an acknowledgment for same. Recent floods had interfered with entertainments arranged. The canteen orders forwarded to the Benaraby members of the forces were received and greatly appreciated by all.

P.O.W. STREET SCHEME.

Messrs. Summers and Connellan, co-organisers, reported that the prisoners of war street adoption scheme was well under way, and thanks to the splendid work of Mesdames Coppin, Watson, Elliot, Ricketts, M. Tait, Hallom, F. Johnstone, Hartley, Lodder, Miss M. Hill, assisted in collections by scouts from Nos. 2 and 3 Groups, it promised to be a record revenue producer for the branch. Of a total of £150 received to date, nearly £70 had been collected in the 14 days of March. The organisers, with Mrs. Coppin and the joint hon. secretary (Mrs. Browne), had put a lot of work into the organisation, and it was hoped to complete the balance of the town during the month. The little gate tags had been affixed, and were undoubtedly a striking advertisement for the scheme. In recognition of their great assistance, Boy Scouts were to be given the honour of attaching the large street signs now available. Long streets, like Gondoon, Auckland, etc., had taxed the energy and canvassing abilities of the ladies, but they had come through with flying colours. High tributes to the Red Cross by returned boys had been of great assistance, and letters from prisoners of war proved the immense value of the service.

FINANCIAL.

Mrs. A. H. Friend reported that Paddy's market had again been very successful, returning £35/14/-. The financial statement revealed receipts totalling £109, principally P.O.W. scheme £73/13/-, and entertainments £19/1/-.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO WOMEN OF GLADSTONE

Visit of Mrs. Atkinson

Because of the urgency of the call, I pen this letter to the women of Gladstone and adjacent areas, who are between the ages of 18 and 50 years and not gainfully employed.

As officer commanding the Land Army on the field in Queensland, I am personally visiting your city, that such women may have an opportunity to visit me and receive first hand knowledge and advice in connection with this, the Fourth Auxiliary service to the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

I am seeking women under alternative conditions of enrolment:—

1 For my standing army during the duration of the war;
2 For the Army Auxiliary, into which we enroll women for upwards of two weeks and longer. Such auxiliary members camp with us, receive award rates of pay, working clothes and boots, and all fares to and from camps are paid.

I, therefore, call on girls about to take holidays from Government offices, other offices, shops and factories. Won't you devote those days to us? Your help will not only allow a permanent army girl much needed leave, but remember the greatness of the service. No ship can put to sea, and no boy can climb ranges or fly without food. Munitions need our cotton crop.

All camps are run under army conditions, with picked officer matrons and cooks.

It's a health giving service. Two for your country and one for yourself.

Join the soldiers of the soil, the army behind the army.

If you've a husband, son, brother or sweetheart in the forces, don't be content to talk and write about him—work for him.

Make your appointments now with the National Service Officer (Gladstone Court House), who will advise you of the date of my arrival.

Direction of women in Queensland is at hand. Be a volunteer.

A. M. ATKINSON,
Officer commanding Queensland on the field.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

MONTHLY MEETING

Certificates Presented

Mr. A. T. Power presided over the monthly meeting of the Ambulance Brigade, and there were also present: Messrs. A. S. Fry, H. N. Ballantine, W. O'Reilly, W. Ross, Geo. Wyatt, and W. V. Coase (secretary).

A vote of thanks was passed to all subscribers during the months of January and February.

BEARER HUTCHEON.

The Chairman (Mr. A. T. Power) presented Bearer P. Hutcheon with a hon. instructor's certificate, which he recently sat for and passed, and congratulated him on his success.

Bearer Hutcheon suitably returned thanks.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR.

Two certificates of honour were forwarded to the Brigade for Mr. A. T. Power (chairman) and Mr. A. S. Fry (treasurer) for 20 years continued service on the committee in the Q.A.T.B. (Gladstone centre) by the Executive Committee, Brisbane.

Mr. O'Reilly (deputy chairman), in presenting the certificates, said he had much pleasure in doing so, and congratulated the chairman and treasurer. It was a great honour, he said, to present the certificates, and spoke of the good work carried out by both gentlemen. He trusted they would be spared to continue on the committee for many years to come.

Mr. W. Ross, Mr. W. H. Ballantine, and Mr. G. Wyatt endorsed the remarks.

Mr. Power thanked Mr. O'Reilly and fellow colleagues for the kind remarks, and said he was pleased to receive the certificate, and pleased that Mr. Fry had also received one. They had worked together for many years, both on the Ambulance Committee and other committees for many years. There had been many ups and downs during his 20 years on the committee, but he was very plaesed to see after 20 years that the committee could show a large credit balance.

Mr. A. S. Fry said he was very pleased to receive the certificate, and thanked Mr. O'Reilly for his kind remarks, and trusted he would be spared to remain on the committee for many years to come.

MR. T. L. WILLIAMS

An Error Corrected

The report of the Town Council meeting, published in our issue of Wednesday, March 10, contained, among other things, a long letter from the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) in regard to a priority for the Boyne River water scheme.

The letter, as published, stated: . . . "You will see that after representations to the chiefs of staffs, Priorities Committee, he (Mr. Forde) has been successful in raising the priority for the Gladstone water supply scheme from 'B' to 'A2,' thus placing it next to urgent operational work. I was very pleased to learn that he had been unable to secure such a priority for the work in Gladstone."

The latter portion of the letter should have read: "I was very pleased to learn that he (Mr. Forde) had been 'able' to secure such a priority for the work in Gladstone."

Mr. Williams has drawn our attention to the matter, and the editor regrets the error, a mistake having been made in typing the letter for publication. There was no intention whatsoever of injuring Mr. Williams; far from it. As the great Gladstone once said, "It is human to ere," and we now take the first opportunity of correcting the error.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss M. Leahy, of Ruby Vale, who spent a short holiday with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith, Gladstone, has returned home.

L.A.C. John Crowson is at present spending his leave with his wife and family. He leaves by Tuesday's train to rejoin his unit in the north.

Mr. Kev. Wilson, the popular teller of the Q.N. Bank, leaves next week for the south in respone to notice of his call-up. While in Gladstone, Mr. Wilson made a host of friends, all of whom wish him the best of good luck.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

GLADSTONE BRANCH

Various Matters Dealt With

There were nineteen members present at the monthly meeting of the C.W. Association. The President (Mrs. E. W. Uhillips) presided.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the reciting of "My Creed," followed by a two minutes silent prayer for the fighting forces and those bereaved.

WELCOME EXTENDED.

The President welcomed Mrs. Paxton, a member from Rockhampton, and as this was the first meeting after recess, also welcomed all members, and hoped they would have a very happy year.

EUCHRE EVENINGS.

Mrs. Leadbetter reported that the euchre evenings were still popular, and the branch recorded its appreciation to Mr. D. Jackson for kindly assisting Mesdames Irwin and Leadbetter to carry on this work.

HOSTESSES.

The President suggested that hostesses for afternoon tea be taken in alphabetical order. This was agreed to.

Mesdames Baynton and W. Chapman were the hostesses for the meeting, and Mesdames Dennis and Cross will be for the next meeting.

YOUNGER SET.

Mrs. W. Chapman, supervisor for the Younger Set, reported that no meetings had ben held since going into recess, but hoped to resume shortly. They held a very enjoyable party on New Year's Eve, to which they invited servicemen and voted having spent a very happy evening.

NO DISTRESS CASES.

There were no distress cases. One traveller's aid was called upon, which Mrs. Galloway attended to at Bundaberg, and the branch voted thanks to her.

HOSPITAL VISITING.

Hospital visiting has been carried on each Thursday afternoon throughout recess by Mesdames Phillips, Picton, W. Chapman, Ricketts and Burnham.

XMAS EVE.

The president and secretary visited the hospital and presented small gifts to each patient from the branch. Thanks are due to Mesdames Millward, Fleetwood, Bensted, Hillhouse, Stanfield, and A.C.F. for papers, magazines, etc.

The cottage is occupied and in good order.

CAMOUFLAGE NET WORK.

Camouflage net work is going ahead, and twenty nets to date have been sent to Rockhampton. The Junior Red Cross members are now taking lessons, and will soon be able to form a group.

HOUSEKEEPER SCHEME.

The one penny per week scheme was discussed, when several members paid their annual subscription of 4/4. It was decided to vote £2/2/- to executive for the housekeeper's fund, and it is hoped Gladstone will soon be in a position to establish a C.W.A. housekeeper in our own centre.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

The mystery parcel (donated by Mrs. Burnham) was won by Mrs. Phillips.

Mrs. Ogg kindly offered to donate the next parcel, and Mrs. Cross for May.

DEMOCRAT'S STATEMENTS

CASE FOR SOCIALISM

Mr. Funck in Reply

"Democrat's" statement that my idea of socialism represents that state of society, in a primitive form, is not in accord with facts, but if that were so, what a beautiful thing socialism would be when it blossomed into full maturity!

SUPPORT OF FORGAN SMITH.

He complains about my being given space in the press to advocate socialism, the very policy put forward by Mr. W. Forgan Smith, late premier of Queensland, and one who "Democrat" follows, according to his remarks of "Our Australian Labour Party."

Speaking at the A.W.U. annual delegate meeting in January, Forgan Smith said: "In our new order we must postulate the public ownership of the means of production and entire elimination of the profit motive. We do not want a new order; we want a just social order now. We do not any longer want the domination of the nation's resources by vested interests. They mean inflation of land values, and inflation of industrial capital, which in turn mean increased prices, with the worker carrying the burden all the time."

Surely "Democrat," an ardent supporter of Labour policy, will not suggest that Forgan Smith spoke with his tongue in his cheek. Surely "Democrat" will not suggest that Forgan Smith advocated a policy which was not in accord with Labour party ideals, and thus committed political heresy. The only fault with Forgan's speech was he failed to tell the people how to achieve this.

POLITICAL POLICE.

Yes, Russia has her OGPU, and being surrounded by countries whose desire it is to smash this truly democratic state, to wreck this progressive workers' country, must of necessity have their political police to scotch the activities of Trotskyites or their Australian or foreign admirers.

Tell me one country that has not its political police.

CARE OF SICK.

You ask for my version of "adequate provision in illness, etc." In a pamphlet "Health in the Soviet Union." Reg. S. Ellery, M.D. F.R.C.A.P., of Melbourne, one time professor at the Melbourne University, writes: "Diagnosis and treatment are free, no matter how extensive they may be. In dustrial accidents and domestic illness receive immediate treatment, and the worker is paid wages from the first day of disability until he is able to resume his occupation. If he is sent to a convalescent home his wages continue. If he is permanently disabled he receives a pension, which varies according to the degree of his disability."

RETIRING PENSIONS.

Ellery has this to say:—"Men of 60 and women of 55 may retire on a pension. Old age pensions vary according to the length of service: they may be as high as 75 per cent of the maximum wages earned, and are never less than 50 per cent. And Reg. S. Ellery, M.D., F.R.C.A.P., is no "decadent democrat," and the pamphlet costs 8d.

WEEKLY WAGES.

The weekly wages paid in the Soviet Union vary from 400 to 900 roubles a month. The more responsible positions carry the larger salaries. The highest salary is paid to doctors working in leprosariums. Now, if you want what each individual class of worker receives in wages, then you will have to arrange for me to have a full issue of the "Observer." I challenge you to tell me the weekly wages paid under your so-called democracy—I mean to each individual class of worker.

QUEENSLAND BASIC WAGE.

We all know that the basic wage of £4/16/- per week in Queensland is the highest in the Commonwealth, and we also know that it is the minimum amount necessary to replace the labourer's energy burnt up from day to day—i.e., the amount necessary for food, shelter, and poor quality clothing, and to enable him to beget two more of his kind to keep up the supply of labour power.

ARBITRATION COURT.

The Arbitration Court, which is part of the Labour policy, has decreed a basic wage for Queensland of £4/16/- per week for man, wife and two children. Yet even a noted anti-working class Government like the Menzies, Fadden combine realised the inadequacy of this wage, and granted an endowment bonus of 5/- per week for each child after the first. Hats off to the Arbitration Court. Yes, hats off and heads down in shame.

POLITICAL SUPPRESSION.

You ask would any sane person expect the Prime Minister to deport Mr. Fadden. Definitely not.

I ask, would you want Prime Minister Curtin to deport Mr. Forgan Smith for advocating elimination of profit motive, for advocating the public ownership of means of production. You certainly would not, because he is too prominent in the party you follow.

Did you raise your voice against the enforcement of illegality on the Communist party. Definitely not.

Did you raise your voice with the many to have the ban lifted. Definitely not.

You do not want Mr. Fadden suppressed; you would not want Mr. Forgan Smith suppressed. Yet you are quite prepared to have suppressed the Communist party for telling how to put into practice the policy stated by Mr. Forgan Smith at the A.W.U. delegate meeting.

You want to suppress the only party which could and did give leadership in the agitation against sending pig iron to Japan!

THE BALLOT BOX.

Your charge about my remarks concerning the ballot box being crude is possibly due to my inability to choose the correct word to suit you. I did not question when the votes were counted. The point stressed was that we choose not our representatives, but the representatives of the money bags, and the truth of this is borne out by Mr. Forgan Smith's statement at the beginning of this article: "Vested interests dominate the resources of the nation." In the face of this, do you still seriously contend that the parliamentarians represent the people as a mass?

DEMOCRATIC HOYLE.

You cannot dump your "Democratic Hoyle" by pleading confusion, and I do not care whether he is a horse or merely an ass—your Democratic Hoyle, I mean. The reading of your letter satisfied everyone as to your state of mind. If milking cows, separating, and slushing round the cow yards are not considered manual tasks, then would you class it as a game of kindergarten?

SHALLOW HYPOCRISY.

The women of Mt. Larcom and elsewhere worked in the cow yard, and followed the plough, and yes, even used the hoe to till the fields, long before the war started, and will be doing so again until the next war, if the social order is not corrected. But for you to put this down to war effort is shallow hypocrisy.

COST OF LIVVING.

At the outbreak of war the basic wage was fixed by the Arbitration Court at £4/5/- per week, but since the war started the cost of living has increased 22½ per cent, which means if the basic wage had been increased to keep pace with the cost of living it would to-day be £5/3/4 instead of £4/16/-, so the worker is again mulcted of 7/- per week. All glory to the Arbitration Court.

CONTROL OF BANKING.

When you express satisfaction with the domination of Australian resources by the Bank of New South Wales, do not you think that you should give some idea as to what private banks can do that a properly constituted Government bank cannot? If you will not tell me, then please tell Mr. Forgan Smith.

JUMPING RATTLER.

Yes, Stalin, Lenin, Timoshenko, Molotov, Voroshilov and others did "jump the rattler" out of Sibera, where they had been exiled by the Czar and his political police, and the terrors inflicted on them made them all the more determined to see that future generations of Russians would not have to endure these hardships, and this could be prevented only by the introduction and establishment of socialism.

LOANS.

I did not expect you to know anything about N.S.W. or anyone else borrowing £16,000,000, nor do I expect you to know that we are still paying for the Boer war; neither did I expect you to know that out of every sixpence collected in tolls on the North Shore Bridge 5½d goes to the bondholders; and, yes, out of every shilling collected on the Murrumbidgee irrigation scheme 10d goes to the bondholders.

WAR DEBTS.

Of course, the Soviet Government repudiated the war debts incurred by the Czarist regime, but you forgot to say that England surrendered two-thirds of the debts owing to her by France. You did not mention that Italy was made a present of one-third of her debts, and on more than one occasion the annual repayment from England to America had to be suspended.

FINANCING GERMANY.

You did not say that in 1934, after having an interview with Stalin, Lord Beaverbrook informed the Treasury officials that it was necessary to expand production of tanks and aeroplanes. Mr. Montagu Norman (governor of the Bank of England and financial agent to the British Government), and incidentally a private trading bank, informed the Government that the financial position of Great Britain would not allow the extra amount of money to be spent. The same week he financed a loan of £100,000,000 to Germany to build tanks and aeroplanes.

Unlike you, all these statements of mine can be verified by checking. You say, "Under socialism wars and crises are inevitable." I challenge you to prove your statement, confident in the knowledge that on your part it is merely wishful thinking.

MOCK HEROICS.

I fully realised your inability to carry the responsibility you had shouldered, hence my remarks about heroics.

TROTSKY.

Trotsky was no victim of circumstances. His crimes merely caught up with him. He wanted to be not only the jockey on the rails, as suggested by you, but also starter, handicapper and judge, and when he could not accomplish this, was prepared to sell out to the highest bidder.

Even during the counter revolution of 1919 at Tsaritsin, he was prepared to sell out to the forces of intervention, and it was Lenin who despatched Stalin to bring order out of the chaos into which Trotsky as War Commissar, was trying to lead the revolution.

Lenin said of Trotsky (and remember you called Lenin a Messiah), "And yet he isn't one of us; with us, but not of us."

In conclusion, I support the policy of abolition of profit motive, the public ownership of means of production, the end of the domination over the country of vested interests. In short, socialism, which alone can give emancipation from the fetters of capitalist wage slavery.

MORTGAGE BANK BILL.

The Commonwealth Bank Bill, by which the Mortgage Bank department of the Commonwealth Bank will be set up by the Federal Government to assist primary producers, has passed all stages in the Senate.

WOMEN "TRAMMIES"

Women tram conductors are threatening to walk off their jobs if transport is not provided to take them home after working the last cars. The matter will be considered at two mass meetings of tramway unions on Monday.

CAN YOU HELP?

Books, magazines and old clean newspapers are urgently needed by the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. If you have any old newspapers, books, or magazines, kindly leave same at Gladstone Cash and Carry, where they will be collected regularly and despatched to the troops in camp. The camps in the outlying centres are much in need of reading matter and indoor games, such as playing cards, etc. See what you can do.

There's a Pledge Form waiting to be filled in by you which will signify your wholehearted support of Australia's war effort. In the foyer—when you are in or near a theatre—you'll find it a convenient way of expressing your intention to subscribe all you can to the Third Liberty Loan.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Gladstone Tennis Club will be held in Mr. P. M. Jones' Newsagency on Wednesday, 24th March, at 8 p.m. All members and prospective members please attend.

Business: To receive the Annual Report and Balance Sheet. Election of Officers.

MAVIS BARKER, Hon Sec.

HOUSE FOR SALE FOR REMOVAL.

THE Building is 40ft. long by 30ft. There is over 2 tons of iron, most of it being 10ft., and the remainder 8ft. and 9ft.; also 1000-gal. Tank.

The House is situated half a mile from Wietalaba Railway Station.

Price £80 Cash. It is a Gift.

JAMES DUFFY, Wietalaba.

QUEENSLAND Railways.—Examination for Engine Cleaners, Central Division. Applications, which must be made on the proper printed form, will be received by the Secretary, Railway Offices, Adelaide Street, Brisbane, until Saturday, 3rd April, 1943, for the position of Engine Cleaner in the Central Division. Applicants must have attained their seventeenth and not exceeded their nineteenth birthday on the date of closing of applications. Successful candidates will be required to produce definite proof of age and pass the prescribed medical examination prior to appointment. The subjects of the educational examination consist of arithmetic and dictation, equal to sixth grade standard in State Schools. The securing of a pass does not necessarily entitle candidates to employment, as the number to be appointed is governed by the vacancies in which they can be placed.—J. L. E. Lingard, Secretary.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

AIRZONE Wireless Set for Sale, 1st class condition, including Aerial, Switches, etc. £12 cash. Apply this Office.

ACCOUNT A. B. Copeman, Garage containing Timber and Iron. Can be inspected at Head Teacher's residence any afternoon between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. Apply first to Gladstone Agencies.

A—SPECIAL Quality Eating and Cooking Apples 25/- bushel case; Choice Tomatoes 10/- half bush. case. Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques.—FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

BUSTEED'S for Batteries, Car or Truck, of first quality only sold. Make your application To-day.

BUSTEED'S (the Tyre People) will pay highest prices for Second-hand Tyres and Tubes, all makes, all sizes. If your car is laid-up, sell us your Tyres for essential users.

COME to Griffiths' Cafe for your Ice Cream, Cakes, and Fruit.

CHURCH of England Guild STREET STALL, Friday, Mar. 26, in Grand Hotel Buildings. Donations of produce and cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated by the Guild.

DIAPHRAGMS for all Cars, Trucks, etc. Why suffer petrol losses when you can buy new Diaphragms with a manufacturer's guarantee. Prices from 3/9 each. See Port Curtis Motors To-day.

EVERYTHING possible for the Cycle and Cyclist at Port Curtis Motors, Tank Street, Valley, Gladstone.

FOR SALE.—Handy Bororen, young active Draft Geldings, broken-in and quiet. Price 15 guineas per head. Please apply Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

FISHING TACKLE.—We still have a large stock of Lines, Hooks, Sinkers, etc. Also 18ft. Cane Rods, 8/6 each (fine job). P. M. Jones.

FOR SALE.—Modern Home, containing 6 Rooms and Verandah. High position. Price £750. Terms arranged. Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

FIVE New Detailed Maps just arrived: New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Australia, Europe, and Mediterranean, and the World. Limited stocks. Prices 2/- to 2/6. P. M. Jones Stationer.

FOR SALE.—Whippet, Pontiac, Overland. Apply this Office.

FOR SALE.—If you want a good Car at reasonable price, inspect the Chev. Coupe we have offering for sale at £175. Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

FOR SALE.—1930 25 h.p. Hupmobile Roadster; mechanically sound, good tyres, £40 or offer. Apply "Advertiser," this Office.

FORD T Owners, also Fordson.—An urgent message: How are your trembler points? We have stocks. Order now, we cannot guarantee further supplies. Port Curtis Motors.

GRAMOPHONE.—H.M.V. Re-entrant model, English oak cabinet, condition new. Instrument with powerful tone, suitable for country dance hall. Cost £50. Will sell for £18/10/-. Apply "Gramo.," this Office.

KEEP the Moths away from your Clothes. Use Silvermoth, 6d a packet. Each packet is equivalent to a pound of Naphthaleine. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

PORT CURTIS MOTORS for Batteries, Motor Parts, Accessories, Tyres and Tubes. We carry a large stock of Motor Accessories of all descriptions, especially Fan Belts, Hydraulic Brake Parts, Ignition Parts, sets of Brake Linings, for all popular cars. If we cannot supply will soon procure.

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7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
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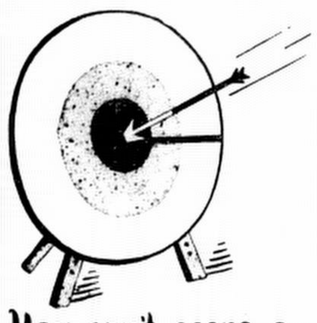

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VALUE OF DEHYDRATION

Australia's Opportunity

Some of the innovations for solving agricultural war problems in Australia may outlast the war, some will not. Among the probables is dehydration. Dried mutton is now coming from one or two of the new processing centres, and the verdict of those best qualified to judge its suitability for ordinary domestic consumption is favourable. Its culinary treatment, as is the case with any other food product,can make or mar it. Its primary purpose at the present time, however, is not to provide another convenience for flat dwellers said to "dine out of a tin."

LARGE BRITISH PURCHASE.

The British Government is so well pleased with the Australian product that it has already ordered 3000 tons, with the likelihood of an additional 2000 tons before the year is past. The Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. Scully) expects that big orders will be received from Eastern markets because of its cheapness.

By means of dehydration a ton of meat can be compressed into one-seventh of the space it would normally occupy, and it remains well preserved in cartons for six months, and in tins for two years.

A PASTORALIST'S OPINION.

Mr. R. J. F. Boyer (president of the Queensland Untied Graziers' Association) sees big possibilities ahead of the industry. He recently attended the Institute of Pacific Relations conference in Canada, and while abroad conferred with members of the U.S.A. food relief organisation established by President Roosevelt, which has for its purpose the feeding after the war of the starved peoples of Axis occupied Europe. Famine now ravages Poland, Greece, and other countries, and when the struggle is ended it is almost certain that Europe will face starvation on a widespread scale.

"A dried meat programme is undoubtedly the only answer to any talk of surplus flocks in this country," Mr. Boyer states. "To wilfully reduce our flocks when the meat they represent may mean the saving of countless lives cannot be contemplated. We must push on with our dehydration proposals for Queensland in spite of all opposition."

Within a short time Australia will have ten dehydration factories in operation.

FRESH APPLE PACK.

Before the war a Tasmanian firm of packers was manufacturing an excellent apple product in a form ready for use in pies or puddings, or eaten as fresh preserves. It is still being made, but the product is now required for the fighting services.

This method of processing, plus the rapid expansion of dehydration is already going a considerable distance towards solving the problem of utilising Tasmania's unmarketable apple crop.

It so happens that Taspania's principol culinary variety, the Sturmer, and certainly one of the best cooking varieties produced, is grown more cheaply in that State of low production costs than any other variety, owing to specially favourable climatic and soil conditions. This apple in pre-war days headed the list in point of quantity in Australia's apple exports, and Tasmania provided practically the whole of the shipments.

HOW PREFERENCE IS ESTABLISHED.

To the average Australian housewife a cooking apple is any kind of apple, provided it is green, while, conversely, a dessert apple, to attract her fancy, must be highly coloured. Because of these erroneous distinctions the average Australian household has been denied the best, or unquestionably one of the best, of its choice cooking apples, and the British housewife benefited.

It may be that after the war the Sturmer crop will be sent abroad in tins, and so continue to save hundreds of tons of costly refrigerated space.

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research is assisting in overcoming dehydration difficulties, and the work of its technical officers appears likely to result in a great improvement on the previous products.

Quality is already being attained by selection of suitable varieties and improved processing technique, and there is reason to expect that a product of high grade will permanently establish itself even on the Australian market.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
20	8.47	9.10	2.21	3.07
21	9.21	9.45	3.03	3.41
22	9.54	10.17	3.41	4.15
23	10.26	10.50	4.20	4.45
24	10.58	11.25	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	—	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	——	12.09

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... March 21
Last Quarter ..... March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	——	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	——	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	——	12.42

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... April 5
First Quarter ..... April 13
Full Moon ..... April 20
Last Quarter ..... April 27

Before you strike a light remember the needs of the armed forces. The demand for matches is enormous, but the output is adequate for all, provided matches are used sparingly. Some of the chemicals used to make matches have to be shared with the munitions industry. So adopt the slogan: Fewer matches, more munitions.

WAR DAMAGE INSURANCE.

Applications for war damage insurance on household goods and personal effects had been substantially increased immediately following the air raid alarm in Sydney, said the War Damage Commission's Controller General (Mr. Hitchcock). Of the total of £300,000 premiums in N.S. Wales last year for private chattels, renewals totalling £100,000 had either lapsed or had been deferred.

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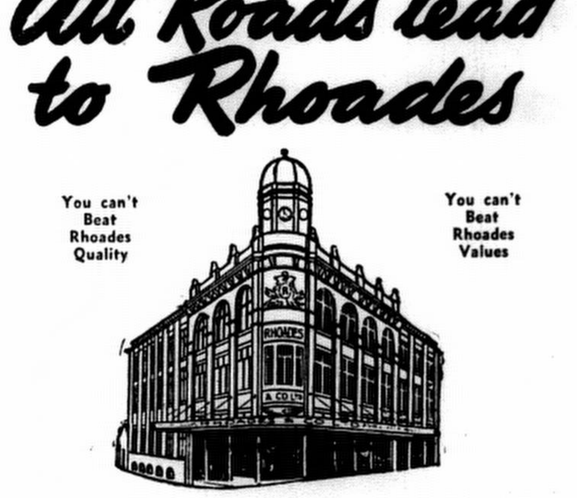

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A NUMBER OF PENNANTS are being awarded Red Cross Branches gaining the largest quota, based on membership. Would all Red Cross subscribers therefore take a note of this and send their donation direct to the Gladstone Secretary. A fund will be opened later in the "Gladstone Observer." Gladstone has a big chance of winning a Pennant.

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The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

GLADSTONE'S QUOTA £30,000.

The cash quota for Gladstone in the Third Liberty Loan is £30,000, and the subscribers' quota 332. The Calliope Shire is £10,000, and subscribers 324, and the Miriam Vale Shire £5000, and subscribers 158.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

The next Church of England Guild street stall will be held in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, March 26, and donations of produce, cakes, sweets, etc., will be much appreciated. The secretary is Mrs. M. Brawn, the Rectory, Gladstone.

A.W.L. SOLDIER—MAN FINED.

A fine of £25 was imposed on Jask Pasman Chapman in the Ipswich Police Court on a charge that he contravened a provision of the National Security Regulations in that he harboured a member of the defence forces of the Commonwealth who was absent without leave.

TUBELESS TYRE.

Details of a tubeless tyre have been sent to the Department of Supply and development. Officers of the department are greatly impressed with its potentialities. After ten days' running an air pressure check showd that less than ½ lb. had been lost of 40 lb. pressure.

WOMEN TRAM CONDUCTORS.

A mass meeting of members of the Brisbane Tramways Union decided that women tram conductors would not sleep in the bunk-houses the Tramways Department of the City Council intends providing for them in order to avoid having to transport them home after they have worked late trams.

BOWLING

DISTRICT SINGLES

Win for Joe Hogan

Keen interest centred in the semi-final of the district singles between Joe Hogan and George Dennis, as both had been playing good bowls. The former ran away to an early lead, and although Dennis made strenuous efforts to regain it, Hogan eventually won 32-23.

Jack Comino has already entered the final, and he will play the winner of the Hogan-L. B. Cameron fixture for the championship.

In the district pairs Alan Sly and Geo. Wilson advanced a stage further when they met and defeated Henery and Golding 39-14.

Social games resulted:—

Duff, Witty, Dr. Skinner, Busteed v. Garrett, Pugh, Chapman, Jackson 30-22.

Hando, Chapman, Golding, Cooper v. Garrett, Seaton, Drewe, S. C. Wilson 26-17.

A Friend, Weiske, G. Wilson, Loveday v. Sly, Joyner, Johnston, Busteed 34-17.

Dahl, Bycroft, Dr. Skinner v. Coxon, Barker, Dennis 32-19.

Ferris, Browne, Dr. Yum v. Schmidt, Buetell, Matthews 29-21.

Comino, Barker, Archay v. Friend, Browne, Drewe 35-15.

Ferris, Dahl, Dr. Yum v. Menzies, Matthews, Johnstone 22-18.

VICTORY SUIT

Purpose Served

When the order relaxing the restrictions on men's and boys' tailored clothing was promulgated it would be found as liberal as wartime conditions required, said the War Organisation of Industry Minister (Mr. Dedman).

Mr. Dedman said that the victory suit had served a useful purpose in saving civilian wool cloth at a critical time. He believed it would still be sought by many men who knew the value of money and of their ration tickets.

One factor which had contributed largely to the building up of wool cloth stocks in Australia for military and civilian use had been the return of troops from the Middle East.

It was no longer necessary to send such huge stocks of warm clothing overseas. The troops in North Australia and New Guinea generally had light summer kit.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING

Appeal for Funds

At the monthly meeting of the Society correspondence included a letter from the Secretary Red Cross Bureau, enclosing a communication from the International Red Cross, Geneva, seeking information concerning a Greek citizen, Mr. Vassilis Stratigos, said to be resident at Gladstone, Queensland. The original inquiry came from the Greek Red Cross at Athens. The Secretary advised that he had forwarded the information concerning the death of Mr. Stratigos in Gladstone last year.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. S. Robertson) Red Cross Appeal Committee, advised concerning the urgent need for funds, and the peak set of £300,000 to be raised in 1934. To reach the objective branches would have to exploit every avenue. Details of a pennant competition were enclosed. Red Cross Sunday had been fixed for May 16, and Red Cross week from that date to May 2. The President of the Queensland Division (Lady Wilson) also endorsed the appeal and the need for additional funds.

TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS.

Concerning the recent instruction that only typewritten letters would be delivered by the Japanese to prisoners of war in their hands, many inquiries had been received as to whether the Red Cross could re-write (type) letters for local relatives. In most cases someone connected with the local Red Cross branch would undertake this work for those inquiring.

BUILYAN SUB-BRANCH.

Mrs. L. Muspratt (hon. secretary, Builyan sub-branch) wrote concerning activities at that centre, and advised despatch of a parcel to the Sewing and Knittle Circle.

Mrs. Dicker (Nagoorin) was thanked for an offer to arrange a dance for Red Cross funds.

Mrs. V. Dickinson (Calliope) was thanked for her committee's efforts in raising £19/4/3 for the Prisoners' of War Fund.

GENERAL.

Miss Mavis Barker, hon. treasurer W.N.E.L., Gladstone branch, was thanked for a donation of £5/5/- from her organisation to the P.O.W. Fund.

Mr. H. H. Waddell (Taragoola) was thanked for a donation of £1/1/-.

Letters of thanks were forwarded to Messrs. C. D. Patrick and E. Barker, in charge of Nos. 2 and 3 Scout Groups, for their assistance in connection with the Prisoners of War street adoption scheme.

Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. were thanked for donation of valuable advertising space in detailing the finances and work of the Gladstone Red Cross.

Spr. James J. Fitzpatrick expressed thanks on behalf of several servicemen for comforts from the local branch during their stay as patients in the Gladstone Hospital. The men fully recognised the devotion of members to the aims and duties of the Red Cross.

In acknowledging notification regarding change of officers, Miss G. Richardson (general secretary) conveyed thanks to the retiring secretary (Mr. Hallam), and congratulated Mrs. Browne and Mr. Summers on their joint appointment. Previous work by Mr. Summers in this position had been appreciated.

It was decided to renew a request that coupons be allowed street collectors P.O.W. scheme for shoes used in this work.

Mrs. Ricketts reported on the work of the entertainment committee, special mention being made concerning the otustanding success of the weekly Red Cross dances.

It was decided that members be advised of the strict ruling that Red Cross uniforms were not permitted to be worn outside of actual Red Cross work, and that a notice be posted in the branch rooms to that effect.

To celebrate Red Cross week in May, it was decided to organise a monster Paddy's market to take the place of the usual function that month, Builyan and Benaraby sub-branches are to be asked to organise their own functions for that week.

PETROL TICKET HOARD.

For having been in unlawful possession of petrol ration tickets, representing 10,990 gallons of petrol, John Piggott, 41, car dealer, was fined £100 and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment in the Sydney Criminal Court. Piggott declined to reveal where he bought the tickets, or the price he paid.

CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL

TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

Cr. Beak Chairman

Nominations closed on Saturday for the triennial elections of the Calliope Shire Council, the Returning Officer being the Shire Clerk (Mr. H. H. Whittle).

Two nominations were received for the position of chairman, the sitting Chairman (Councillor Walter Beak) and Mr. R. R. Nothling, who filled the position for one term—1936-39.

The Returning Officer (Mr. Whittle) rejected the nomination of Mr. Nothling on account of it being signed by electors of Division 1 instead of by electors of all the three divisions. Councillor Beak, therefore, was elected unopposed.

The Councillors in Division 3, W. C. Dickinson, E. H. C. Steel, and J. F. Drynan were returned unopposed, as were also the members for the Harbour Board, Messrs. A. W. Drewe and R. S. Wilson.

An election will be held in Divisions 1 and 2, the nominations being:—

FOR DIVISION 1.

Messrs. J. H. Cummings, S. J. A. Creed, R. W. Hunt, W. Hansen, and Jas. Schafer. The sitting members are: Councillors Cummings, Creed, and Hunt.

FOR DIVISION 2.

Messrs. Hugh-Neill Ballantine, J. M. Campbell, G. H. Potter, R. S. Wilson, and H. E. Jefferis. The sitting members are Councillars Ballantine, Campbell, and Potter.

CALLIOPE

C.W. ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Calliope branch of the Country Women's Association was held in the hall on March 18. Present: Mesdames Chandler (president), Armour, Bentley, Dickinson, Ferguson, McKean and Wheeler. Apologies were received from Mesdames Waddell, Simpson, Mylne, McKenna and Courtney.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the recitation of "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer for all on active service.

MEMBERS WELCOMED.

This being the first meeting of the year, the President extended a welcome to members, and explained that rain and flooded streams had made it impossible to hold meetings during January and February.

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY.

Mrs. H. Wright's resignation as secretary was accepted with real regret, and it was decided that a letter of appreciation be sent from this meeting; also that a silver badge be purchased and presented as a token of gratitude for the friendship and willing help in the work of the branch that she at all times bestowed and rendered.

SECRETARY.

On the motion of Mrs. Dickinson, seconded by Mrs. Armour, Mrs Wheeler was appointed secretary.

DANCE AND RAFFLE

Arrangements were made to hold a dance and conduct a raffle during the month of April.

DONATIONS.

It was decided that a donation of £1/1/- be sent to the Gladstone Ambulance Brigade, and £1/1/- to the Central Executive towards the expenses of removal to Bundaberg.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

It was reported that two completed 24ft. x 24ft. nets would be despatched at an early date. The secretary was requested to order more twine and four mesh sticks.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

This month's mystery parcel realised 1/3. It was presented by Mrs. Bentley, and won by Mrs. Wheeler.

PENNY FUND.

The penny fund, which was increased by 3/6, has now to be devoted to the emergency housekeeper's scheme.

PROGRESSING WELL.

Feature of the first five days of the £100 million third Liberty Loan campaign was the steady flow of small investors. This was reported from all States, and it is hoped to get a record number of small subscriptions. The Commonwealth Loans Organiser (Mr. C. R. Banfield) said that the drive for subscriptions from industrial areas was progressing well.

TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME

Financial Assistance Asked For

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson). Apologies were tendered and accepted for the absence of Aldermen M. A. Busteed and R. E. Smith.

EARNING INTEREST.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, wrote in reference to a credit balance held by the Council in a trust fund, which fund consisted of moneys subscribed by residents of Gladstone for the establishment of an aerodrome, and advised it was of the opinion that there was no legal objection to the Council investing these moneys in war loans. It was for the Council to decide whether or not it would be advisable for the moneys to be invested in long term loans or be available at short call.

It was explained that the money was invested in the Commonwealth Savings Bank, and was earning interest.

NONE AVAILABLE.

General Secretary, Red Cross Society, Brisbane, asked the Council to make available any old blueprints, as same could be made into material for sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals. Handkerchiefs made from blueprint materials were really excellent.—To be advised that the Council had no blueprints available.

"SLOW DOWN" SIGN.

Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, Gladstone, wrote relative to serious accidents at the Gondoon-Bramston Street intersection, and suggested that steps be taken to have a "slow-down" sign erected at each approach, or other suitable warning to motorists. Further, a stricter regulation of speeds across the intersection would be in the public interest.

It was decided that action be taken in accordance with the views expressed by the Rev. Saunders.

SERVICEMEN.

Trades and Labour Council, Gladstone, asked that a meeting of all interested bodies be convened for the purpose of forming a welcome home committee for servicemen.

It was decided that the Trades and Labour Council be asked to appoint three representatives to meet the Council to discuss the matter raised in their letter.

POLLING BOOTHS.

Trades and Labour Council, Gladstone, asked the Returning Officer to make available additional polling booths at the forthcoming elections, and suggested the following:—Meatworks School, Parson's Point, Eggstein's shop, Town Hall, Hallam's store, and Railway Station.—The matter was left in the hands of the Returning Officer (Mr. Grayson).

GENERAL.

Ald. Deveney asked would the Council, under the new building by-laws, have power to pull down old houses that did not come up to specification.

Ald. Golding stated that old houses would not be affected by the new by-laws. It was only the erection of new houses that would have to comply with the by-laws.

Water Authority

FEDERAL GRANT.

Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) wrote as follows:—

"I am in receipt of your letter of 4th inst., requesting me, on behalf of the Gladstone Town Council, to make representations to the Hon. the Treasurer for a Federal grant of £20,000 to assist in financing the Boyne River water scheme, and intimating that in the opinion of the Council the early completion of the scheme is now a matter of national importance. I am giving the question my immediate attention, and you and your Council may rest assured of my best efforts."—Received.

STATE SUBSIDY.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) wrote as follows:—

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., having reference to your Council's desire to obtain a State subsidy in connection with the Boyne River water scheme. I am taking up the matter with the Hon. the Treasurer, in an endeavour to assist in this direction, and I shall communicate with you as soon as I have any information to convey to you."—Received.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ASKED.

With a view to obtaining financial assistance from the Railway Department and Swift Australian Company (Pty.) Ltd., in the Boyne River water supply undertaking, Ald. Tudman moved:—

"That we take up with the Minister for Railways (Mr. J. Larcombe) and Swift Australian Company (Pty.) Ltd., advising them that the Council was undertaking a new water supply scheme from the Boyne River, which would assure the town and industries established therein of an abundance of good water for all time at a cost of £120,000.

"The Council had in the past given every consideration to the requirements of these industries, and the now proposed scheme was necessary owing to their increasing requirements.

"The time had arrived when we must seek their co-operation and support, and looked forward to receiving an annual fee from them as a guarantee against their estimated yearly requirements, and thus assure themselves of an adequate supply of water whenever required, and at the same time bear an equitable proportion of the cost of such scheme, and not to be dependant on the generosity of the citizens of Gladstone."

The motion was seconded by Ald. Golding and carried unanimously.

COMFORTS FUND

STREET STALL £41

An Appeal by President

At the monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the A.C.F. there were present: The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), hon. treas. (Mrs. A. D. Hopper), and Mesdames W. Beale, C. Chapman, J. Worthington, W. Chapman, Gordon, Turner, Beutell, Jones, Stewart, and the hon. secretary (J. Garrett). Apologies were received from Mesdames H. C. Smith, W. Keller, and J. Henriksen.

The meeting opened with the National Anthem, followed by a prayer for the members of the fighting forces.

STREET STALL.

The convenors of the street stalls (Mesdames J. Henriksen and C. Chapman) reported the proceeds from the February stall was approxicately £41.

Accounts amounting to £27/16/- were passed for payment.

The convenor of the Sewing and Knitting Circle (Mrs. J. Worthington) reported that from February 12 to March 12 the following goods had been completed:—

18 prs. pyjamas, 27 prs. socks, 83 calico mess bags, 208 handkerchiefs, 43 hussifs, 1 muffler.

Two camouflage nets have also been completed.

Donations of books and magazines have been received from Mesdames C. Cooper, Roebuck, Bauer, McEwan, Ballantine, Whittle, Jones (Boyne Island), Trott, Edwards, W. E. Musprat, P. Vallis junr., Macfarlan, Dwyer, Unie, A. Young, Wood, Horne.

A set of bobs and playing cards was also received from Mrs. Horne (Rockfield).

DAY OF MEETING.

Owing to the street stalls now being conducted on the third Friday of each month, it was found necessary to alter the date of meetings to the second Friday of the month.

AN APPEAL.

The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan) welcomed two new members, and thanked all officers and members for the efficient manner in which the work was carried on during her absence; also Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen for the amount of time and energy devoted to the organising of the street stalls which were conducted monthly for the joint appeal fund.

If all members of the A.C.F. and Patriotic Fund would be thoughtful enough to forward donations of cash or kind to the stall each month without waiting to be asked it would save the organisers much worry and many miles of walking.

As these stalls were now an important source of revenue, Mrs. Macfarlan appealed to members of both organisations to please remember the third Friday of each month.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed.

Electric Light Authority

POWER FOR CRANE.

Harbour Board notified the Authority that it was prepared to meet representatives in conference to discuss the matter of payment for electric power used by the Board's crane. The Mayor (Ald. Dennis), and Aldermen Busteed and Anderson were appointed representatives.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

WORK FOR TWO MONTHS

Report by Mr. Coase

During the month of January the Brigade attended 70 accidents, 165 transports, 42 office cases, total 277 cases.

The cars visited the following places and travelled 1316 miles:—Meatworks (5), Burua, Ubobo, Calliope Rd. (3), Calliope (5), Marrawing, Yarwun (3), Beecher, Targinnie, Boyne Island, Calliope River Bridge, Many Peaks, 10-Chain Road.

The following donations have been received since last meeting:—

Xmas hamper £68/15/-, Mrs. S. Asher 5/-, T. Hogan 6/-, Dudley Baxter 2/-, M. Weir 2/-, Mrs. J. Mackay 2/-, S. C. Milford 10/-, anonymous £1, E. H. Ware £1, Mrs. A. Grant 5/-, telephone box £3/16/-, bearers' euchre £2/13/-, A. S. Watt 2/-, R. Ford 5/-, Mrs. C. Schache 2/-, Mrs. J. E. Herbert 4/-, Mrs. H. Byrne 2/-, H. Daly 2/-, I. Brown 2/-, Mrs. Russell 2/6, W. Picton 4/6, H. S. Owbridge 3/-, Geo. Vallis £1, Mrs. A. Marek £1. H. E. Johnson £1, collection Wall's camp, Calliope (per W. E. Moller) £2/13/6, ladies' committee £8/14/7.

O. Grant, S. Gimm, J. Hoy, V. Howard, A. Howard, F. Hammil, O. L. Hayes, D. S. Hutcheon, T. Hersant, J. Onions, J. Henderson, H. Hunt, A. Hunt jnr., Jim Hughes, Gus Holzheimer, C. Hardy, £1/1/1 each.

F. Cooper, J. Carruthers, M. Casey, R. V. Condon, J. Curan junr., C. Coleman, J. Chreese, R. Curtis, W. Coe, S. Crank, H. Casey, M. Clifford, T. Creamer, E. Cowan, E. Christenson, W. Christenson, W. Clarke, R. Carlisle, J. Cullen, D. Curan senr., H. Courtnadge, Thos. Dicker, J. Dwyer, J. Davidson, Les. Dennis, Roy Darling, F. Dennis, C. Dicker junr., C. Duncan, Joe Dicker, £1/0/1 each.

J. Deveney, Bert Dale, H. Dicker, Les Doble, J. Dolan, J. Dahtler, W. Dolan, K. Driver, R. Dennis, J. Bruce, E. Steed, James Smith, Frank Harte, £1 each.

C. H. Fleetwood, C. Flanagan, A. Ford, A. D. Fry, B. Flenady, N. Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzgerald, Frank Farmer, W. Guthrie, A. George, J. Gordon, Allen Graham, V. Graham, R. Graham, W. Griffin, F. C. Griffiths, £1/0/2 each.

FOR FEBRUARY.

During the month of February the Brigade attended 52 accidents, 160 transports, 48 office cases, total 260 cases.

The cars visited the following places for cases:—Meatworks (4), Calliope (2), Yarwun Road (2), Beecher, Calliope Road (2), Boynedale, Calliope, and travelled 909 miles.

The following donations have been received since last meeting:—Bank of New South Wales £1/1/-, Harry Page £1/1/-, Mrs. L. M. Hewit 6/-, Mrs. Wally Owbridge 4/-, Mrs. C. Schacke 2/-, S. C. Milford 5/-, E. Twaite 4/-, Miss E. M. Wills 5/-, Mrs. Bauer senr. 2/-, ladies' committee £32/2/7, Wall's Camp, Calliope (per W. E. Moller) £2/9/-, Dr. G. J. Byrne £2/2/-, Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney £1/1/-, Mrs. Harman 5/-, bearers' euchre £2/14/-.

James Herbert, A. Allison, F. O. Austin, J. Carruthers, N. Casey, H. Mason, J. Curran, C. Coleman, W. Deveney, J. Chreece, C. Gibbs, G. Hare L. Hanasky, A. Hughes junr., S. Hunter, S. Hill, J. Hay, R. W. Hunt, N. Henery, Alf Hughes, G. Horn, A. Hay, James Hughes, W. B. Hanson, Joseph Jefferis, H. E. Jones, N. Jones, B. Jones, R. Jackson, A. Jordan, Fred Jones, E. Jones, A. S. Kay, F. Kirkman, K. Knott, V. Linnane, K. Lindley, J. Laurie, R. Lindley, R. Linnane, H. Last, H. Lewis, M. Lomas, M. J. Lynch, R. Murray, T. Meader, M. Last, A. Jensen, R. V. Condon, £1/0/2 each.

SAVINGS BANK.

Australian savings bank deposits at the end of February totalled £327,491,000, more than three times the amount required for the third Liberty Loan. Deposits were £996,000 higher than at the end of January, and £64,396,000 more than at the end of February, 1942.

FRUIT PRICES.

State action in the fixation of fruit and vegetable prices is likely to be taken. The Premier (Mr. Cooper) indicated this when he said that the Government was seeking permission from the Federal Government to exercise a meausre of control over such prices.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

MORE SUBSCRIBERS NEEDED

Money Must Be Found

When the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) revealed to Australians in opening the £100,000,000 Third Liberty Loan campaign the part their hard cash had played in the great battle of the Bismarck Sea, many people got for the first time a realistic picture of how money subscribed to war loans really does fight.

It cost Australia £1,577,000 to strike the blow that wiped out the Japanese convoy of 22 ships and killed 15,000 soldiers, who, if they had landed in New Guinea, would have cost us infinitely more, especially in human lives, before they could have been eliminated.

To win this war the tempo of the Bismarck Sea battle must be intensified. To do that means more planes, more guns, more ammunition, more ships. These things in turn mean more money.

That money must be found.

Let all Australians think clearly in terms of how much of their money they are prepared to turn into weapons of war in order to back our fighting men and save their country, their homes, and their families, and the Third Liberty Loan should be over subscribed in record time.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Fadden), in pledging the Opposition's support at the opening of the loan, reminded the people that the Government must have every shilling it needs to give Australia an effective war effort. He added that the Third Liberty Loan appeal was not confined to any political party or creed. It involved the whole nation.

Similar words were used during the Austerity Loan by Mr. Menzies, who said: "Whatever Government was in power to-day, it would still be asking the people for £100,000,000."

MORE SUBSCRIBERS NEEDED.

The War Loans Campaign aims to obtain at least 500,000 subscribers to the Third Liberty Loan before the campaign closes on April 20. Among that number it hopes to include many thousands of good wage-earners who have so far put no portion of those wages back into the war effort that created them.

As in past loans, it is possible for subscribers, especially small subscribers, to obtain £10 bonds by paying a deposit of £1 and nine monthly instalments of £1.

In cases of emergency bonds can be readily sold for market price and the money obtained promptly.

Investments in the Third Liberty Loan have a double value. They produce money that goes immediately into our struggle for survival; and they provide a handy "nest-egg" for the days of peace, when the maturing of the loan and the return in full of invested money will prove a boon to people adjusting themselves to a happier and more prosperous future.

MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Although there was an increase of 541 motor vehicles on the register of the Main Roads Commission in February, there were 2940 fewer vehicles than what the register showed on February 28 last year.

Before you strike a light remember the needs of the armed forces. The demand for matches is enormous, but the output is adequate for all, provided matches are used sparingly. Some of the chemicals used to make matches have to be shared with the munitions industry. So adopt the slogan: Fewer matches, more munitions.

Stewarts & Lloyds have devised perhaps the best check of all plants on their employees. Everyone who joins the firm, having shown the national identity certificate, signs name and address at the Gate House. A pass is issued and it must be signed also. A head and shoulders photo incorporating the pass number and the height of the person, is fixed to the leather-bound folder of the pass. Without this no one is admitted inside the high fence which surrounds the factory.

FIREWOOD

"Come and Get It"

"Come and get it," is the motto of most wood merchants in Melbourne. One at Footscray goes so far as to provide horses and carts, leaving his customers to arrange for drivers.

He said that many men in his district on shift work who had an odd morning off frequently brought orders from friends and relatives. They would stack up a lorry and deliver it themselves.

On one occasion a woman called for wood, saying that she could wait no longer. A loaded lorry was waiting. She mounted it, took up the reins and set off for home.

A Toorak merchant says some of his customers even hired taxis, and by the time they got 5 cwt. of wood home it cost them 30/-.

LIBYA

Foretold Its Fate

Audrey Russell, speaking in a B.B.C. Radio Newsreel the other day, talked about "a Libyan prophecy and its fulfilment." She told how Rosita Forbes, the celebrated traveller, learned of it in Kufra twenty years ago.

The penalty for any Christian discovered in sacred Kufra, she said, was to have eyes and tongue cut out. But, in Arab disguise, with her face veiled, and accepted as "a pilgrim from Egypt," Rosita Forbes was allowed into the Qubba, the tomb of the Senussi saint.

There she learnt of the prophecy: "If an infidel footstep presses the stones of this holy place, within ten years it will be wiped out by the march of an enemy host. But their dominion will only endure for yet another ten years, then it will be swept away like salt on a desert lake."

Miss Forbes went there in 1921. In 1931 the Italians took Kufra. With planes, tanks, and guns the Senussi were driven out to die in the sea of sand. The flame of hate then lit has never died. Ten years later, in 1941, General Wavell's forces seized Kufra. To-day it is an outpost of the Fighting French.

MUSSOLINI

An Italian Story

This pointed Italian story was broadcast recently in the B.B.C.'s French transmission:—

A workman, arriving home tired and hungry after a hard day, finds that all his wife has to give him for his meal is some miserable-looking gruel.

He upbraids her, but she says she has been unable to do better, though not for want of trying.

"To get bread," she says, "one has to stand in a queue for hours; to get macaroni one has to stand in another queue; to get vegetables, in yet another queue, still longer. Everywhere one has to wait, wait——!"

With set jaw the husband gets up, goes to a drawer and takes out a revolver.

"What are you going to do?" his wife asks fearfully.

"I can't stand any more. I'm going to shoot Mussolini." He goes out.

An hour drags by. The door opens, and with a dejected air the husband comes in.

"My poor husband! You have killed him?"

"I was unable to," was the reply. "There, too, one must wait in a queue for hours."

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

What Happened in the Moonlight

"Let me tell you another story about Mr. Churchill—about something which happened only a few weeks ago. By the way, it's never been told before," said Mr. Macdonald Hastings in a B.B.C. broadcast.

After a very long meeting, which lasted well into the night, the Prime Minister announced that he was going for a walk in the moonlight. His colleagues were all exhausted, but one of them volunteered to accompany him, and the two set out.

During the walk Mr. Curchill was on top of his form. He discoursed on the beauties of the night, of the history of famous buildings, on memories of his own exciting career. Then suddenly he spotted the statue of a great parliamentarian of the last century. 'Ah,' said Mr. Churchill, raising his hat to 'John Bright.' 'Now, if John Bright were alive to-day, do you know what he'd say to me?' 'Look, I'll give you an impression.'

To his solitary companion, in the dark deserted street, Mr. Churchill there and then gave a burning display of oratory in the Victorian manner. Then, facing about to John Bright's statue, he said: 'And now, I'll show you what Churchill would say to John Bright.' And he gave another brilliant harangue. I wish I knew what he said.

The man who told me the story didn't know. But I'll wager it was grand stuff. And it's the measure of Churchill's greatness that the energy, which even now he's got to spare—the spilling over of his brain at any given moment—is more concentrated than the energy most people can manufacture in a full month."

ANZAC DAY, 1943.

A PUBLIC MEETING of Citizens will be held in the Town Hall, Gladstone, on Tuesday, March 30th, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Business: To make arrangements for the celebration of Anzac Day.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

G. G. DENNIS, Mayor.

"THE PUBLIC CURATOR ACTS, 1915 to 1942." (Section 40).

NOTICE OF ORDER TO ADMINISTER.

THE Public Curator hereby gives notice that on the nineteenth day of March, 1943, an Order to Administer in Intestacy the real and personal estate of RICHARD JOSEPH RYALLS late of Gladstone, meatworker, was granted to him by the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Dated this nineteenth day of March, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON,
Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE AND GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD.
TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS, 1943.

IN PURSUANCE of "The Local Government Acts 1936-1943" and "The Harbour Boards Acts 1892-1941" notice is hereby given that the undermentioned nominations have been received

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

(a) For the Office of Chairman:
BEAK, Walter.
For the Office of Member:
(b) Division 1.
CREED, Stephen James Allen
CUMMINGS, Joseph Henry
HANSEN, William
HUNT, Richard William
SCHAFER, James.
(c) Division 2.
CAMPBELL, John Morrison
JEFFERIS, Henry Eggar
NEILL-BALLANTINE Duncan Hugh Neill
POTTER, George Harding
WILSON, Richard Struth
(d) Division 3.
DICKINSON, William Clark
DRYNAN, John Francis
STEEL, Eric Harold Campbell
(e) Gladstone Harbour Board
DREWE, Arthur William
WILSON, Richard Struth

As the nominations received for the office of Chairman of the Council and Members for Division 3, and representatives of the Shire on the Gladstone Harbour Board did not exceed the number of candidates required to be elected, it is hereby notified that Walter Beak was duly elected Chairman, William Clark Dickinson, John Francis Drynan, and Eric Harold Campbell Steel were duly elected members for Division 3 in pursuance of the provisions of "The Local Government Acts 1936-1943," and that Arthur William Drewe and Richard Struth Wilson were duly elected as representatives of the Shire of Calliope on the Gladstone Harbour Board in pursuance of "The Harbour Boards Acts 1892-1941."

As the number of candidates nominated for the office of Member for Divisions 1 and 2 exceeded the number required to be elected, a POLL BY POSTAL BALLOT will be taken on SATURDAY, the 1st day of May, 1943, closing at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day at the Post Office, Gladstone.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY.
H. H. WHITTLE,
Returning Officer.
Gladstone 22/3/43.

A.C.F. SPORTS A.C.F.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, 1943
To start at 10 a.m.

Basket Picnic and Sports

TO be held at Coomoodjilly in aid of the Calliope Branch A.C.F., C.C.C. men and local residents combine.
Foot Races, Novelty Events, Water Sports, Tug-o-War, etc., etc.
DANCE to be held at Hazeldean Hall at night. Roll-up! Roll-up! Donation Silver Coin. Donations invited.
A. CASTLE, Hon. Sec.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc

ACCOUNT A. B. Copeman, Garage containing Timber and Iron. Can be inspected at Head Teacher's residence any afternoon between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. Apply first to Gladstone Agencies.

A—SPECIAL Quality Eating and Cooking Apples 25/- bushel case; Choice Tomatoes 10/- half bush. case. Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques.—FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

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BUSTEED'S (the Tyre People) will pay highest prices for Second-hand Tyres and Tubes, all makes, all sizes. If your car is laid-up, sell us your Tyres for essential users.

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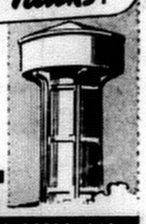
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7.18—State News.
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p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
5.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas Summary and Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.00—B.B.C. News.
10.15—Australian News.
10.25—State News.
11.15—Australian and Overseas News.

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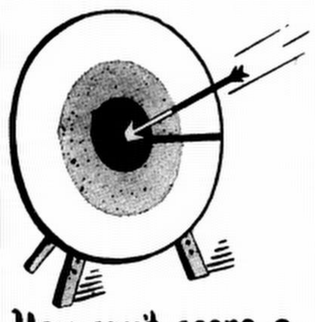

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

Industrial Stoppages

"My contention is that our strikes to-day are brought about by lack of good housing," said the Hon. J. H. Tonkin, M.L.C., M.I.E., in an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service in Sydney last week. Mr. Tonkin is a Council member of the Town and Country Planning Institute of N.S. Wales. "I work with and amongst the men I employ, and I know what their outlook is.

"In the last war," Mr. Tonkin went on, "we had more of a national spirit. But in 1930, when the depression was at its worst, men who had fought in the last war were put on the scrap heap, and no one cared whether they lived or starved. Now the men are saying: 'We worked and fought in the last war, and look what happened to us in the depression; they won't catch us a second time! This time we're working for what we can get out of it now.'

"We must overcome this attitude somehow, and build up a national spirit, and the only way we can build up a national spirit is by building it in the growing generation. Children whose only playground is a dirty back street won't grow up with a national pride. But give every man the right to his own home, and say, 'There is your own part of Australia; there is your own garden to dig,' and a new national spirit will be implanted in every family.

"The powers that be don't seem to realise what a state we are drifting into, and the Government in its wisdom is building sub-standard homes for factory workers which they have promised to pull down after the war. But will they be pulled down? I'm afraid they'll be allowed to remain, thus creating within a few years new slum areas out of the wartime housing settlements.

"Another thing is this. These N.S. Wales Government settlements are being built of Australian wood, so aggravating a position which is already very serious. Before the war, Mr. E. H. F. Swain, Commissioner for Forests, estimated that at the then rate of depletion, there would not be an Australian tree capable of being cut into building timber in 25 years time.

At that time about 80 per cent. of soft woods used for building were imported—most from Oregon. Now that importation has been stopped and the Government is making a serious drain on Australian timber and building with it only sub-standard homes which they admit (by their promise to demolish them after the war) have only a short span of usefulness.

"The answer to the problem is to build concrete homes which will last a lifetime. Stoppage of Council road making and other peacetime constructional schemes means that Australia has more cement, blue metal and sand than she can use, and the Victorian Housing Commission has proved by the settlements it has built at Fisherman's Bend, Preston, Richmond and Brunswick, that attractive homes (and each with its own garden) can be built and handed over to tenants for purchase at a low weekly rental, some of the rents being under £1 a week.

"Before the war the annual increase in homes was about 10,000 a year. The depression years depleted the number by about 38,000 in five years. In 1941 Mr. Dedman decided that there should be no more homes built privately, although even then N.S. Wales was about 36,000 short, and had about 25,000 sub-standard houses. Now, with depreciation of old houses beyond repair, and the rising marriage rate, New South Wales must be short of an additional 20,000 homes."

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AUSTRALIAN SCRAP IRON

"Getting Her Own Back"

Some of the scrap iron Australia sold to Japan has come back to Australia as "daisy cutters," but now Australia, as well as 20 other countries, is sending scrap iron to the States to help conserve America's iron ore resources.

Members of the Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel Incorporated at their war conference in New York a few weeks ago disclosed that some of the scrap imported from the South Pacific war zone was originally exported to Japan from the States. So Australia is not the only country to be getting her own back. She is getting her own back in another way too, for in Stewarts and Lloyds there is a Japanese Kohan 400 lathe which is helping Australia's war effort against Japan.

Australia got the lathe by the skin of her teeth, and the full story is still on the "hush-hush" list, but it's very satisfying that a Japanese machine is helping to turn out munitions for the destruction of its own lord and master.

Scrap is being collected from the global battlefields, and what is left of Japanese and German tanks, aeroplanes, guns, panzer divisions and marine wrecks has gone to swell the scrap metal supplies piling up at American ports on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The scrap is carried as ballast from the South Pacific and North African battlefields.

Supplies of scrap metals are also sent to the States from the sugar mills of Cuba; from the blacksmith shops of Greenland; from the oilfields of Venezuela; from the oil refineries of the Netherlands West Indies; from tin factories of New Zealand; from tool factories of Canada.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
24	10.58	11.25	4.59	5.16
25	11.34	——	5.41	5.49
26	12.03	12.11	6.29	6.28
27	12.46	12.56	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	——	12.09

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... March 21
Last Quarter ..... March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	——	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	——	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	——	12.42

THE MOON.

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Full Moon ..... April 20
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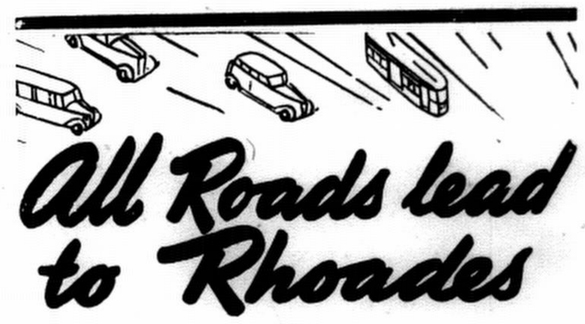

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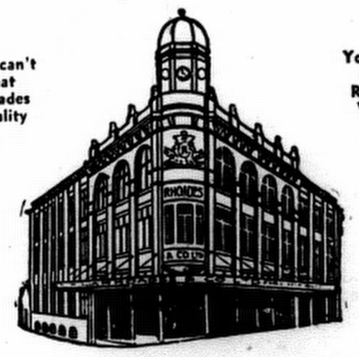

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JAPANESE MENACE

"REELING BACK TO TOKIO"

Work and Vigilance

The people of Australia are justified in looking forward to a progressive, though gradual, brightening of the war horizon as a result of recent successes in this theatre.

The apparent fighting superiority of our Air Force and its growing strength are indicated in successive communiques issued from General MacArthur's headquarters, while the destruction of the enemy convoy in the Bismarck Sea clearly shows that the days of spectacular Japanese advances have come to an end.

However, it is important that we do not let the signs of our growing strength distort our view of the enemy's formidable array of strength.

It is true that we have scored encouraging victories in recent localised engagements, and that the Japanese advance to the south has been effectively halted.

We may even cease to fear invasion of our mainland, or an attempted invasion, and we can undoubtedly be confident that any such invasion would prove expensive, if not disastrous, to the Japanese.

SOME SOBERING FACTS.

But these cheering facts must not be permitted to obscure the over-all position.

Our ability to prevent the Japanese from landing in Australia is not necessarily indicative of our ability to beat them back from their present positions; nor have our recent victories sapped much material strength from the powerful constitution of the Japanese fighting force.

During the past few weeks the war in the South-West Pacific has been mainly confined to aerial combat in which the enemy has sustained much greater losses than have we; nevertheless, there are indications that these losses are being made good by reinforcements at a rate which enables the enemy to keep substantially the same effective air force in operation.

This fact suggests, at least, that we must build up an irresistible strength of men and machines, both on land and in the air, before we can embark upon any major move to push the enemy back beyond the limits of our immediate geographic influence.

In the meantime we cannot expect the enemy to call a halt or rest on his laurels. Even if we feel confident that we can adequately cope with any threat of actual invasion, we must not feel equally confident that the Japanese will not do everything within their power to prevent us from accumulating the strength to launch an offensive.

JAPANESE POLICY.

It can, and must, be assumed that they will do all they can to retain what they now hold, and to this end they will doubtless follow two lines of policy.

First, they will attempt to make their chain of bases impregnable by building up fortifications and great air strength; and second, they will concentrate their fighting force against our preparations.

The final conclusion is clear: the Japanese are not to be defeated by the processes of time. Only work, work, and more work will give Australia the strength to send the Japanese reeling back to Tokio.

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CHILD WELFARE

WHY DOES BABY CRY

Children Nation's Wealth

Late one afternoon last week one of the nurses of the Maternal and Child Welfare Service was travelling in a crowded railway carriage in which sat a young mother with a new baby who was crying lustily. The mother was accompanied by another young woman, apparently a friend.

During the journey the nurse was distressed to note the way the mother handled the baby, and realised that she must have been discharged from hospital completely untrained in the management of her baby.

Instead of being cradled gently but firmly in the mother's arms, the infant was held upright against her shoulder, between her hands and across her knee, whilst a continuous and vigorous patting was administered in an attempt to still the baby's cries.

Then the friend, obviously as embarrassed as the mother at the unfriendly attention they were receiving from the other passengers, took the baby from the mother and skilfully composed him, so that in a few minutes he was asleep. The men resumed their papers with audible sighs of relief, and the little drama was ended for that time at least.

But how much oftener will it be repeated when the mother does not know why baby cries, nor the correct way of dealing with him when he thus expresses his dissatisfaction with his surroundings.

This little baby who was only about three weeks old, should not have been travelling in a railway carriage at six o'clock in the evening. His cot was the place for him at that hour, and he was crying for the very good reason that he was tired and sleepy.

Suppose we think of a few other reasons why baby cries, and see what can be done about it. Of course, the first thing a baby does when he is born is to cry—this is how he expands his lungs for breathing. A young healthy baby needs to have one cry each day; this does him good, and serves to strengthen his chest, and in moderation a good healthy cry will do him no harm.

A baby will cry because he is hungry, but if baby is properly and regularly fed this will only happen at or near his meal times. Mother soon learns to recognise the continuous lusty cry of hunger which ceases as soon as baby is fed.

If baby seems to be hungry other than at his meal time, visit your nearest welfare centre and arrange for a series of test feeds, and Sister will advise you what to do if your supply is short. Do not try to manage this without advice, or baby's cry may change to one due to indigestion—another common reason for crying in babyhood.

The colicky pains of "wind" and indigestion are spasmodic and accompanied by the quick drawing up of the knees and turning the thumbs inside the closed fingers.

Sit baby up half-way through his feed and put him gently up over your shoulder after a feed, so that he may get rid of the air he has swallowed. Overfeeding with either breast or bottle, or giving the wrong sort of food, are common causes of indigestion and colic. Always obtain professional advice on feeding if baby seems to cry from colic.

Baby may cry because he is irritable and cross. Too much excitement caused by visitors, or even the family talking to him or playing with him, noise and bright lights, may result in nervous irritation and cause crying. Baby's early life should be as quiet and peaceful as possible.

Discomfort is another cause of crying. This may be due to a wet napkin, a tight binder, too many clothes on a hot day, or too few on a cold one, or a badly made bed. Mother should investigate all these things when baby cries.

And lastly, you may have taught baby to cry for his own way. You may have allowed him to expect that if he cries he will be rocked to sleep or given a dummy, and he cries because he knows he can make you do what he wants. Do not develop bad habits in baby; they are neither good for him nor for you. And remember that the really good mother checks over all these causes and tries to find out why baby is crying, so that she may help him. It is only a careless and lazy mother who will try to stop him with a dummy or other pacifier just for her own peace and quietness.

Questions on this and any other subject concerning maternal and child welfare will be answered by communicating personally with the Maternal and Child Welfare Information Bureau, 184 St. Paul's Terrace, Brisbane, or by addressing letters "Baby Clinic, Brisbane." These letters need not be stamped.

PRIMARY PRODUCERS

STATISTICAL RETURNS

Must Be Filled In

Under National Security Regulations primary producers are obliged to fill in an agricultural and dairying and pastoral statistics form. They are requested to call at the nearest police station and collect the form, which must be returned within seven days. This form takes the place of the return under the Statistical Returns Act.

The need to organise food supplies for Australian and Allied troops and for the civilian population is more imperative now than ever. The rural industries are the source of this food supply, hence the urgency of the collection of information.

Fuller particulars are also desired in respect of commercial vegetable growing.

SHARE FARMERS AND STOCK OWNERS.

The return includes also a number of important particulars required for the Australian Food Council, the Meat Industry Commission, the Controller of Defence Foodstuffs, the Director General of Manpower, and other wartime authorities.

The occupier of a holding is responsible for the return of particulars of all operations on his holding, including those of share farmers, as well as his own.

The attention of all stock owners is also drawn to the necessity to furnish returns of stock for January, 1943, many of which are long overdue.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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Church Services

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES C.W.A. Hall. To-morrow (Sunday) 28th March: 11 a.m., preacher Rev. Basil H. Blake. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. Basil H. Blake. All are cordially invited to these services. A special invitation is extended to servicemen.

Death.

IBBOTSON.—On the 15th March, 1943, at her residence, Burua, Annie, relict of the late John Rodger Ibbotson. Aged 88 years.

At Rest.

In Memoriam

WONGUNG.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Elizabeth, and our darling mother, who departed this life on the 29th March, 1941.

The stars are brightly shining
On a grave not far away.
Sleeping without dreaming
Lies the one we could not save.
Upright and just in all her ways.
Faithful and true to the end of her days.
She left behind some aching hearts
That loved her most sincere.
That never have and never will
Forget you, dear wife, and mother dear.

(Inserted by her loving husband, daughters, and sons-in-law.)

WONGUNG.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Elizabeth Emma, who passed away 29th March, 1941.

No more we see her dear face,
Nor hear her loving words.
But in our hearts we treasure
Loving memories true and tender;
We who loved her still remember.

(Inserted by her loving daughters, sons-in-law, and grand-daughter.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

PRE-MARRIAGE DEBTS.

Under an amendment to the Married Women's Property Act a husband will not be liable for debts incurred by his wife before marriage.

ADDITIONAL POLLING PLACE.

In connection with the Town Council and Harbour Board elections, the Returning Officer (Mr. R. H. Grayson) has appointed the Trocadero as an additional polling place.

BANKS AND WAR SERVICE.

It is estimated that 2000 bank employees have been released for the fighting forces or essential industry, and that about two-thirds of the men so released have been replaced by women.

WAR DAMAGE CLAIM.

Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. has filed a preliminary claim for £538,425 for compensation for stores, supplies and fixed assets damaged or destroyed in New Guinea because of Japanese aerial attacks.

BASKET PICNIC AND SPORTS.

A basket picnic and sports will be held at Coomoodilly on Saturday, April 10, in aid of the Calliope branch A.C.F. Foot races, novelty events, water sports, tug-o-war, etc., will be held during the day, and a dance at Hazeldean Hall will take place at night. Donations are invited to assist a worthy cause.

COST PLUS TO GO.

Within the last month an advisory cost committee has been established to make a careful survey of the munitions department's costing methods. Use of the cost plus system is far less extensive now, and the Government is placing the most stringent conditions on its operation to safeguard against abuse and overcharge.

PRE-NATAL ALLOWANCE.

Some mothers may be allowed to collect the pre-natal maternity allowance before the birth of their children. Under a Bill to amend the maternity allowance Act, which passed all stages without amendment in the House of Representatives, provision is made for the payment of 25/- for four weeks immediately before and after the birth of a child.

WORKING DAY AND NIGHT.

Mr. W. R. Golding (Chairman of the Patriotic Fund), and Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan (president) and J. W. Garrett (secretary) of the Comforts Fund, have farewelled our soldier boys at the Railway Station each day and night this week on behalf of their respective organisations, besides arranging and attending other functions to raise funds for the boys when they return. The "nest egg" is growing in size, and it entails working day and night, but this important work will be continued until the boys finally return to Gladstone.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

GLADSTONE COMMITTEE

House-to-House Canvass

A meeting of the Gladstone Third Liberty Loan Committee was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Messrs. W. R. Golding, J. Burrows, R. H. Grayson, A. E. Taylor, H. Hall, H. Watt, J. Robinson, C. W. Macfarlan, and the secretary (Mr. H. Peters).

GROUPS.

Mr. Burrows reported having waited on certain business establishments with a view to furthering the loan, and he considered it was only a question of organising the groups and getting them to work.

AT MEAT WORKS.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) stated he had paid a visit to the Meat Works, where he discussed the matter of the loan with Mr. Drewe, and delegates had been appointed to attend the meeting that night, and he regretted they were not present. However, he felt sure that groups would be formed.

INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mr. Golding said he had taken the matter up with a number of his men in regard to subscribing to the loan. The men spoken to were not in favour of the group system, but he had not received a knock-back, the men favouring individual contributions, and he was prepared to make weekly deductions from their wages.

Individuals can join the group system by paying 5/- a week, or if preferred, can make application to a bank for a £10 bond, paying £1 down and the balance under the instalment plan.

TO BE EXPLAINED.

The matter of a personal canvass of the Meat Works was left in the hands of Messrs. Burrows and Robinson to explain the group system and the plan for individual subscriptions.

BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Mr. Grayson expressed regret at the small attendance, and mentioned that business interests were not represented.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS.

It was decided to zone the town with a view to making a house-to-house canvass.

FOR GLADSTONE

TWO SPECIAL PENNANTS

Austerity Loan Contribution

The Secretary of the Gladstone War Loan Committee (Mr. H. Peters) has received the pleasing information that the town has been awarded two special pennants for its contribution to the Austerity Loan. The letter from the State Organising Secretary (Mr. A. V. Porter) reads as follows:—

Under separate cover we have today forwarded to you two pennants to be awarded to Gladstone for the splendid response of the residents to our appeal in the recent £100,000,000 Austerity Loan, the green one in recognition of their financial efforts, and the dark blue one to commemorate the over subscription of subscribers' quota, the result being as follows:—

Financial quota allowed	£40,000
Amount obtained	£26,290
Subscribers' quota allowed	339
Number obtained	581

We have advised the Mayor of Gladstone that you have these pennants, and have intimated to him that you will arrange for a suitable presentation at a later date.

The suggestion was also made that the member for Capricornia (Mr. F. M. Forde) might be available to make the presentation to the Council. Failing the Federal member, Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., might make a visit to Gladstone for the occasion.

The thanks of the Commonwealth Government has been conveyed to the citizens of Gladstone for the splendid result.

MR. FORDE THANKED.

At a Trades and Labour Council meeting reference was made to the splendid work of the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) in connection with the Boyne River water supply scheme. It was mentioned that Mr. Forde had on three different occasions sent lengthy telegrams advising of the progress of negotiations. A resolution was carried extending the best thanks of all unions to Mr. Forde for his work in connection with the scheme.

STEALING CHARGE

SOLDIER PLEADS GUILTY

Convicted and Fined

Douglas Francis Deshon, otherwise Ronald Douglas Deshon (21), soldier, appeared in the Court of Petty Sessions before the acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan), on a charge of stealing one wallet, containing £5 in money, and a leave pass, the property of Ronold Kinnest.

After evidence of arrest had been given by Constable Gerber the defendant was remanded for a period of eight days, pending the arrival of a warrant from Bundaberg.

On Tuesday afternoon Deshon appeared before the court and pleaded guilty. He was convicted and fined £7/10/-, to include £5/10/- restitution, in default two months' imprisonment in Brisbane Gaol.

THE FACTS.

The facts of the case disclosed that defendant was a member of the A.I.F., and was in Bundaberg on March 17. He met the complainant about 7 p.m. on that day, and on account of being well known to him they both had a drink at the Palace Hotel, and then went to the W.A.T.S. rooms in Quay Street for a meal.

On completion of the meal the complainant became ill, and defendant accompanied him to a vacant allotment, and when Kinnest was in the act of sitting down Deshon struck him on the chin, partially dazing him, and he fell to the ground. The defendant then removed the wallet and contents from Kinnest's pocket.

The following morning, about 11.30 o'clock, the defendant was located in Targo Street, Bundaberg, and questioned by Second-class Sergt. Holzberger regarding his identity and leave pass.

Deshon then produced his leave pass, which was the property of Kinnest, stating his name was Kinnes', and that he was attached to the military on leave.

On the pass being examined Deshon suddenly turned and ran away.

On Sunday, March 21, Deshon was located asleep in a house in Gladstone by Constables Gerber and Gregg. He was questioned regarding his identity, and denied that his name was Deshon.

At the Police Station, however, he admitted committing the offence and to sharing the money with two other soldiers. He also admitted to giving the wallet away to a soldier, while he retained the leave pass.

COMFORTS FUND

Duty Day and Night

They were on duty day and night, members of the Australian Comforts Fund, who recently met men and nurses returning from service abroad, but try to find an A.C.F. member who minds a little thing like hard work when it's for the troops! A.C.F. vans loaded with "reception kits" were drawn up at a convenient point, and a gift parcel of useful comforts handed to each of the returning men and women.

The "returnees" looked tanned and fit, and were unanimous in their praise of the work of the A.C.F., many of them saying that boxes of very acceptable comforts arrived just when they were most needed.

One soldier smilingly handed a cake, still packed in its tin and addressed calico covering, to an A.C.F. helper, saying: "You ladies have this for your tea. I just got it before we left for home, and I'll be paying back just a bit of what I owe the A.C.F. They've done plenty for me."

Yes, that's the word that come back from all fronts at home and abroad, where our service men and women fight and labour for Australia.

That's why the Australian Comforts Fund must be enabled to carry on.

RETURNED 9th DIVISION.

The men of the returned 9th Division will march through Brisbane city streets on Monday afternoon. It will be one of the most spectacular marches so far arranged.

HOSE FOR FIRE BRIGADE.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., has been advised by the Minister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr. E. M. Hanlon) that additional supplies of canvas hose had now been received, and the issue of 3000 feet included for the Gladstone Fire Brigade Board. The hose would be despatched at an early date.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

P.O.W. STREET SCHEME

Total Collections £160/12/9

One of the most satisfactory features of Red Cross activities in Gladstone is the success of the prisoners of war street adoption scheme. The audited figures to cover collections for the period ending March 20th were as follows:—November £2. December £10/8/-. January £15/14/6. February £45/16/-. March (to 20th inst.) £86/14/3, total £160/12/9.

Mesdames R. Elliott, A. J. Watson, M. Tait, R. Ricketts, H. P. Hallam, and the co-organisers (Messrs. V. A. Summers and D. Connellan) attended a special meeting of the scheme committee on Monday night, when the secretary of the society (Mr. Summers) detailed various aspects of the scheme, and congratulated the canvassers and collectors on their splendid work. All books were handed in for audit, and it was decided to make a special drive next week to complete sections of the town not yet opened up.

There are now more than 500 regular contributors, and the total contributions mean that Gladstone is subscribing at least twenty parcels each week for our men who are prisoners of war in enemy hands.

Interesting features are that Mrs. Elliott is responsible for no less than eight books, Mrs. Watson 4, Mesdames Ricketts and Tait 3 each, Mesdames Hallam and Coppin 2 each, and Mesdames Lodder, Johnstone, and Miss M. Hill one each.

Practically every businessman in Gondoon Street is now a contributor, and requests for the attractive little gate tags have come from many residents in distant parts of the town.

Mrs. Clyde Smith has returned to resume her collections, and immediately took over two streets which were in arrears through shortage of collectors last week.

Mrs. E. J. Masterson, who volunteered to assist last month, has also returned, and has kindly taken over a section of Gondoon Street.

The Commandant (Mrs. J. W. Rigby) advises that the girl guides are subscribing 2/- per week to the scheme, and the girls employed at Swifts Ltd. cannery have inquired how they can join in the scheme.

The Secretary of the branch (Mr. Summers) is so impressed with the work of the ladies that he has made a request to Red Cross headquarters for coupons to enable the committee to purchase shoes for the P.O.W. canvass.

The secretary would be grateful if any ladies living in streets where the scheme operates, would volunteer to assist with collections each week. As the scheme grows there is a serious shortage of collectors, and Scouts from Nos. 2 and 3 Groups have been of great assistance in this connection.

OBITUARY

MRS. ANNIE IBBOTSON

A very old and respected citizen of the district in the person of Mrs. Annie Ibbotson passed away at her residence at Burua on Monday, March 15.

The deceased, who was 88 years of age, was born in Scotland, and arrived in Australia with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Cairncross, when a girl of twelve years. After spending some years at Mt. Larcom and Langmorn Stations, her father selected land at Clyde Creek, remaining there until his death. She married the late Mr. John Rodger Ibbotson, who for many years conducted a sawmill on Clyde Creek, until old age compelled him to retire.

The late Mrs. Ibbotson was one of the few remaining pioneers who in those early days of hardship and adversity helped their husbands to build their homes in the bush and rear their families, and Mrs. Ibbotson could recall many vivid memories of sixty and seventy years ago, when the blacks roamed the country and settlers were few and far between.

Deceased leaves a family of three sons and three daughters: Mesdames F. Marek (Calliope), W. Padget (Gladstone), F. Gilmour (Brisbane), and John (Burua), Harry (Calliope), Eldred (Burua), also thirty grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren.

The funeral took place at Calliope, the Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders officiating at the graveside.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Daylight saving ends officially at 2 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday), when all clocks will be put back one hour.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

FRIENDS THANKED.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I wish to thank all kind friends, including Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson, the Lyons and Winter families, Coronation Lodge No. 64, and the Trades and Labour Council, for the wonderful time that they have given me since my return from the Middle East with the 9th Division.

I am now returning from my leave and my respects go out to the wonderful work of the Red Cross. If everyone was to do the same job this "show" would soon end. Thanking you, yours, etc.,

L.-Cpl. G. T. ANDREW.

WIRELESS "PESTS."

Sir,—Some time ago I sent a letter to your paper regarding wireless pests, and someone who calls himself "Low-brow" rushed in to reply, and by the tone of his letter may be one of the pests.

If that is the case I fired at a crow and shot a duck in my letter.

I mentioned the word "cook" once, but this gentleman came back to it several times, so my advice to all cooks is to keep an eye on this chap.

At the finish of his letter he brings in his old pal and friend, Mr. Funk, and Mr. Funk looks up "Who Is Who" to find out who and what I am. He states I am an old age pensioner, 70 years of age, and that I made a bet in regard to the letter. However, Mr. Funk is wrong, and I hope his knowledge of things in general is better than it was in this case, but we will let that pass.

I wish to conclude with this statement, that the writer of this letter is James Campbell, of Calliope, and he is the only man of that name in this township. Some people think their address is Queensland, and if you mention a name the same as their own they jump to the conclusion that they are the only rose in the garden. Yours, etc.,

JAMES CAMPBELL.

Calliope, March 14, 1943.

CAMPBELL TO CAMPBELL.

Sir,—I have only just read Mr. Jack Campbell's letter, in which he states he has no connection with J. Campbell, of Calliope. I thank him for the compliment. He also states Calliope would be a better place if I was out of it, or words to that effect.

If Mr. Campbell did not like the tone of my letter he could say so, without using insulting words, which he did with no cause or reason, but perhaps it is a habit with him, and if so it is a bad one.

I hope I can command as much respect in Calliope as Mr. Campbell, but I do not want to waste words with this gentleman.

The letter I wrote had nothing to do with Mr. Campbell in any way, and as far as Mr. Jack Campbell is concerned he can fly to the land of nod and walk back as far as I am concerned.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES CAMPBELL.

Calliope, March 22, 1943.

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LABOUR PARTY

"MAIN ENEMY OF COMMUNISM"

A Gladstone "Worker"

"Worker" writes as follows:—

There are many articles on Communism published in "The Worker," but I have not seen comrade Funk reply to any of them. Perhaps he may not read "The Worker," so I am enclosing for his benefit an article taken from that paper dated March 15, 1943.

THE ARTICLE.

Communist propaganda prosposing a link-up of the Labour Party with the Communist Party in a "united front" does not delude Labourites, who remember the not very distant date when Labour was regarded by Communists as the main enemy of Communism in the working-class ranks.

There has always been a close affinity between Communists and Tories, as seen in the running of candidates against Labour and the exchange of preference votes—an affinity that Labour has no desire to disturb.

The Communist-Tory "united front" will continue to be active at election time in the fight to smash the Labour Party.

The resolution of the A.L.P. conference in 1924 still stood. It laid down that neither the Communist Party nor a branch of it might become affiliated with the A.L.P., and no member of the Communist Party might become a member of the A.L.P.

In addition, the Federal executive of the A.L.P. ruled on February 16, 1928, that individual members of the A.L.P. were prohibited from advocating the policy of the Communist party.

"STOOGES"

In the House of Representatives last week, Prime Minister John Curtin, speaking with emotion, said that there were interests in Australia which did not like the Government and were anxious to foment industrial turmoil.

"They have a number of stooges working for them," he said. "Some even have infiltrated in the trade union structure."

Another Labour statement said that the pretence of the Communist Party that it sought unity with Labour was worthy only of contempt, particularly when it suggested that the need for a greater war effort was the basis for the appeal. The Australian workers would not readily forget that when the British workers and their wives and children were being done to death by Nazi bombs, Australian Communists were referring to the war as "a filthy Imperialistic slaughter."

COMMUNISTS' 1934 DECLARATION.

Attention has been drawn to the following declaration in the Communist "Workers' Weekly" on June 27, 1934:—

"In Australia the Labour Party is very strong. If we are to be successful in the struggle against war, Fascism, and for Proletarian dictatorship, then we must strengthen in every way the struggle against the Labour Party, which is the main

FINANCIAL POLICY

BANK OF INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS

Views of Mr. Leo Funk

I have written previously explaining how banks control the destinies of nations, and I have made some attempt to show how they effect a stranglehold on industry by restricting credit or issuing same at will.

I think everyone recognises that their one and only desire is power linked up with profits, and that service to the community does not enter into their calculations, yet there is one bank about which we hear little, and of which probably quite a number of people have never heard. I refer to the "Bank of International Settlements."

This "mysterious" bank was formed in 1930, mainly to deal with reparation payments from the 1914-18 war, and its board of directors comprises three Germans, three French, two British, two Japanese, two Italians, and one each from Holland, Switzerland, Belgium and Sweden—a total of 16 directors.

AXIS POWERS CONTROL.

It is quite clear that of the 16 directors 12 are under the control of the Axis powers, and 72 per cent, or nearly three-quarters of the capital is likewise controlled.

Despite the Axis domination of this bank, three British officials are allowed to serve on the staff of this bank at Basle, and Sir Kingsley Wood, for the British Government, has flatly refused to withdraw these British subjects on the ground that the Bank of England would lose £60,000 per year—interest on its holding of £1,000,000 share capital.

You ask, "if Germany controls 12 of the 16 directorates and 72 per cent of the capital, why not take over the whole concern?" and the answer: From the very day of its establishment the bank has been a tool in the hands of those favouring appeasement.

POLICY OF APPEASEMENT.

From the very beginning the British directors were personal friends of the principal German director, Schacht, and are known to have supported him on many occasions against the French directors. For instance, in 1937, two years after Hitler's seizure of the Rhineland, the British directors supported the claims of the German Hechler for the position of general manager as against the claims of the French nominee, Auboin. At this time British foreign policy was pro-French, so that the activities of the directors representing the Bank of England were in opposition to their country's foreign policy, and when the British foreign policy became one of appeasement the Bank of England could and did give full support to it.

"A DEPLORABLE ACT."

A few days after the Germans seized Prague the B.I.S. handed over to the Germans the Czech national gold reserve of £6,000,000.

So intolerable was the position that even Lord Simon was obliged to com-

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The A.C.F. street stall was held on March 19, and again proved most successful, the total receipts amounting to £32/7/-.

The conveners (Mesdames J. Henriksen and C. Chapman) and committee wish to thank town and country supporters.

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Rooster: M. Tait.

Chutney: G. T. Clarke.

Fancy work and books: S. C. Wilson.

Pawpaws, Jones (Boyne Island).

Flowers: Geo. Phillips.

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Sugar: Sergeant Coxon.

Potatoes: A. D. Cameron.

String bag: A. Hopper.

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POSITION OF AUSTRALIA.

"But, how does Australia come into this?" you ask.

The full extent of the influence of the Bank of England on Australia was shown in 1928, when the British Economic Mission, headed by Sir Otto Niemeyer, of the Bank of England, visited Australia at the request of the Australian and British Governments, and reported on economic and financial

FOOD SHORTAGE

MR. CURTIN'S FORECAST

Cause Summarised

The matter had already been brought under the notice of the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams), who will confer with the Premier on the matter. However, it was primarily a matter for the Federal authorities.

The Prime Minister (Mr. J. Curtin), in the House of Representatives on Thursday, forecast a shortage of meat, milk, vegetables, fruit, canned fruit and rice, jam, dried fruits and fish was likely to occur in Australia, but that the Government did not consider any good purpose could be served at present by establishing a Ministry of Food.

Mr. Curtin summarised the cause of shortages as follows:—

Increased demand caused by greater national spending power.

Heavy demands by the services.

Production and transport difficulties arising from manpower shortages.

Mr. Curtin said the Rationing Commission would be available when necessary to apply plans to ensure equitable distribution of essential foods not now rationed.

The Government was planning an active campaign for the production of vegetables which would include guaranteed minimum prices. Domestic vegetable gardening was no less a national duty than subscribing to the war loan.

BOYNE VALLEY

Mr. N. Hellen's Property

The many friends of Mr. Nicholas Hellen, of Hellen's Siding, Ubobo, will regret to learn that he has had to leave his property to seek a holiday and medical advice on account of continued ill-health. Mr. Hellen has been 30 years on the Boyne Valley, and during that period built up a splendid property, working from morning till night right through the long period.

In an interview with the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), Mr. Hellen suggested that the Government should take over his property as a training centre for the Women's Land Army, and this has been put before the Premier (Mr. Cooper).

It was pointed out that it was one of the best farms on the Boyne Valley, and situated right in the centre of a valuable agricultural and cotton growing area. It had large modern buildings, and all the facilities necessary for such a training centre.

Mr. Hellen had offered the property to the Government at the low rate of 4 per cent interest on the capital value.

MUSIC ALBUMS

PUBLIC NOTICE

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(Sgd.) (Mrs.) ALICE BURLEY.

ANZAC DAY, 1943.

A PUBLIC MEETING of Citizens will be held in the Town Hall, Gladstone, on Tuesday, March 30th, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

Business: To make arrangements for the celebration of Anzac Day.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

G. G. DENNIS, Mayor.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL
—AND—
GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD
TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS, 1943.

I, ROBERT HUGH LACHLAN GRAYSON, hereby notify that I have appointed the building known as the Trocadero, in Yaroon Street, Gladstone, as an additional polling place in connection with the above elections.

Dated at Gladstone this 26th day of March, 1943.

R. H. GRAYSON,
Returning Officer.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Re RICHARD JOSEPH RYALLS, late of Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, Meatworker, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed Richard Joseph Ryalls, late of Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, deceased, who died on or about the eighteenth day of December, 1942, at Gladstone, in the said State, are hereby required to send their claims to the Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton, on or before the twenty-second day of May, 1943. And that after the expiration of the last-mentioned date the said Local Deputy Public Curator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated this twenty-third day of March, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON,
Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

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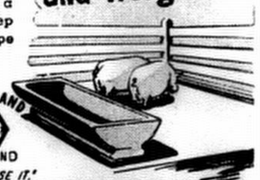

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Price Control

The recent statement by Professor Copland, Commonwealth Prices Commissioner, that price control must continue to operate in some form when the war is over, strengthens the growing tide of opinion in favour of such a course.

He has expressed the broad general opinion that "as part of an ordered plan of rural development, continuance of price control for primary industries was in some form an essential condition."

It is perhaps too early, at this stage, to discuss the subject in detail, for much will depend upon the interpretation of the Atlantic Charter, or that section of it pledging the Allied Nations to implement the principle of full availability of raw materials to all peoples.

It is certainly difficult to see how, without some form of price control and orderly marketing, the pressing needs of the war-stricken and impoverished countries of Europe, and of those, also, who are to succour them, can be met.

Until industrial rehabilitation in some form has been attained and credit re-established, trading between individuals on the old catch-as-catch-can basis would be fraught with peril to primary producers. Whatever the defects of the system, it has carried Australia through the most crucial period of its history, and until trade equilibrium is restored, no alternative is apparent.

INSIDE GERMANY

A Surprise Ending

One of those who took part, not long ago, in a B.B.C. studio party at which all the allies were represented, told a remarkable story which throws yet more light on conditions inside Germany.

The story concerned a refugee from Germany, now safely in Britain. So secret did the German keep all his preparations that even his family had no idea that he was planning to depart. Three hours before he was due to leave there came a startling summons. He must go and serve on a jury in one of the dreaded so-called "people's courts."

The cases seemed unending, while time went swiftly. He was tortured by suspense. If he missed this chance of escape it would never come again. At last the proceedings closed. He had a margin of twenty minutes. He rushed for his hat and coat, but as he opened the exit door he was touched on the shoulder. He turned to face an officer whom he knew to be a reputed Nazi bully. His worst fears were endorsed when he saw that the officer held his wallet, the wallet in which were all his papers.

"Yours, I think," the bully said.

The man hesitated about claiming it. There was just a chance, of course, that it had not been closely searched.

The officer didn't wait. "You might as well admit it's yours," he said. "I've seen what's inside."

Everything was up. The man was too overwhelmed to speak.

The officer gave the man a penetrating look. Then, handing him the precious wallet, he whispered: "Take it; you'll need it and good luck."

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PORT CURTIS TIDES

Note.—Predictions in this table are given in standard time, not Australian daylight saving time.

MARCH.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
27	12.46	12.56	.....	7.25	7.16
28	1.40	1.54	.....	8.32	8.21
29	2.46	3.08	.....	9.46	9.39
30	4.06	4.40	.....	11.00	10.55
31	5.29	6.03	.....	——	12.09

THE MOON.

Last Quarter ..... March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	.....	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	.....	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	.....	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	.....	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	.....	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	.....	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	.....	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	——	.....	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	.....	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	.....	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	.....	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	.....	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	.....	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	.....	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	.....	——	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	.....	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	.....	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	.....	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	.....	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	.....	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	.....	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	.....	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	.....	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	.....	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	.....	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	.....	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	.....	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	.....	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	.....	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	.....	——	12.42

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... April 5
First Quarter ..... April 13
Full Moon ..... April 20
Last Quarter ..... April 27

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals.

SUNDAYS

a.m.
6.15—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

(Relayed from No. 2 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals)

p.m. DAILY
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11.0 —B.B.C. News.
11.15—State News.

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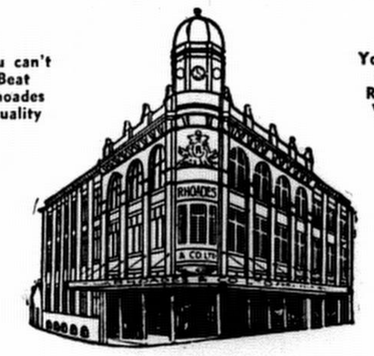

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AUSTRALIA

FOOD POSITION

"In a Serious Mess"

Under pressure of war, new ideas in many fields are developing rapidly in the "forcing box" conditions which rarely come about in peace time. One of the experiments is developing so rapidly that news about it is almost out-of-date from one week to the next. This is the dehydration of food.

Australia herself has made rapid strides in this new industry, and dehydrated peas, apples, carrots, and other vegetables and fruit now no longer attract any comment. Dehydrated honey and milk are both incorporated in the R.A.A.F. emergency ration tablets. Further developments may be expected to cops with the tremendous increased demand for the fighting services, shortage of manpower for farm work, difficulties in transport.

"The food position in Australia is in a serious mess, and will be much worse during the winter," said Sir Earle Page, M.P., last week, advocating one control to co-ordinate food production, processing, and distribution.

"The opening of a second front in Europe," he continued, "would sharply increase Australian food liabilities, especially if such action were combined with much greater military activity in the Pacific."

In America experiments are now being made with food which is both dehydrated and compressed. The additional space saved by compression ranges from 30 per cent for dried whole milk to 80 per cent for cream of cabbage soup. The food bricks are wrapped in cellophane, which is then heat-sealed against moisture and germs. A potato brick the size of a shoebox, when crumbled into hot water, will make mashed potatoes for 1000 soldiers. A one pound brick of dried eggs contains the equivalent of about 38 eggs. Beets, carrots, and onions can also be "bricked" in the same way.

Compression and dehydration of food will be of incalculable value after the war when starving millions will need food quickly and shipping space will be scarce and ships comparatively slow. One bomber can carry enough dehydrated soup to make a meal for 500,000 people, and 500,000 well and quickly fed people make powerful allies in an unsettled world.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

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REGULATIONS BUGBEAR

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Simplification Needed

The matter of regulations has become somewhat of a bugbear. War time conditions have made many of the regulations to which we are now subject necessary, but there are other regulations which many people find it difficult to interpret in this light, and which in many cases are extremely difficult to understand.

In some cases it has been suggested, even those who have promulgated them can scarcely know what they mean. Regulations supersede one another with amazing and often bewildering frequency. No small part of our time is now occupied by the filling in of forms, and our pocket-books are full of certifications of one kind or anther. A judge said the other day something to the effect that any man who gets out to make anything without an accountant and a legal adviser at his elbow is a brave man. The average citizen and the business man in particular is becoming gravely bewildered, and a definite and radical simplification of the regulations to which they are subjected is urgently needed.

We have no capable and authoritative survey of the situation in Australia, though such a survey is greatly needed, and an adequate writer who would undertake this task would render a great national service.

A DARING RAID

Ships in Exile

The daring raid on a Norwegian fiord last week, carried out by light coastal craft of the Royal Navy manned by Norwegians, has focussed attention again on exiled navies and sailors.

Norway, despite its losses, still has the largest exiled navy, claiming some 60 warships—destroyers, submarines, corvettes and minesweepers.

During the war Norwegian tankers have carried about 40 per cent of the petroleum required in the British Isles, and shipping authorities in England have credited the Norwegian mercantile marine with a major role in the defence of England.

Great Britain agreed to replace some of her ally's losses with new tonnage, and twenty ships have been placed under the Norwegian flag. Six of these were former United States ships sold to Britain, and the rest were from the 1941 British production programme.

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FOOD SUPPLY

HOUSEWIVES WARNED

"Few Spares on Shelves"

"Workers often need educating in the right type of food they should eat, and the free distribution of milk and between-meal snacks which is now being tried out in some American factories is an excellent idea from the education-in-food as well as the nourishment point of view," said Miss Joan Woodhill, the National Council of Women's representative on the Nutrition Committee (an advisory body to the Australian Food Council). Miss Woodhill is chief dietitian at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, and the only person training dietitians in N.S.W.

Fewer pies and more milk is Miss Woodhill's tip.

"The bread, milk and meat shortages which Sydney housewives have had to cope with during the past few weeks are not shortages which country people are so likely to meet," Miss Woodhill went on, "but every housewife should have a few spares on her shelves in case of emergency. Dried milk, for instance, should be on every emergency shelf, for it possesses all the more important nutriment values of fresh milk, and can be made at double strength for extra food value. Many country children who will not drink farm milk will drink dried milk. It would also be an excellent basis for a 'one dish meal' such as soup to serve in an emergency—easy to prepare, easy to cook, easy to digest, and with cornflour or flour or pre-cooked cereals used as a thickening (sago or tapioca would take too long to cook in an emergency) and with flavouring added, it would be highly nutritious.

"Unfortunately, the protective foods, such as milk, eggs and fresh fruit, will always be relatively expensive, because at any time the perishability of food is the factor which governs its cost. Refrigeration, pasteurising, cold storage, and the careful handling necessary, all send up the price whether in peace time or in war time.

"And for the busy housewife on the farm who wants to make a contribution to her own and therefore to Australia's food supply, I would recommend growing tomatoes. They are a good source of vitamin C, the vitamin for which oranges are so valuable, and can be served cooked or raw.

"American factories are calling their free distributions 'energy snacks.' That's a good catch phrase, but all food is energising, and factory fatigue is undoubtedly lessened by frequent food breaks."

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AUSTERITY MESSAGES

From the wives . . .

. . . of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

Olga O'Blamey

To win this war, the whole nation must swing over to an austere wartime way of life. This can't be done without the whole-hearted co-operation of every woman in the community. Use your influence with the family, friends, every one with whom you come in contact, to discourage extravagance and encourage saving. Above all, set a personal example—wear last year's frocks, and be proud to do it; live simply; cut out spending on pleasure, and invest every penny you can in War Bonds and War Saving Certificates.

—Says Lady Blamey

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In Memoriam

HART.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Kathleen, who passed away on 31st March, 1942.

She sleeps in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

(Inserted by her loving parents, brothers, and sister.)

HART.—In fondest memory of a good friend, Kathleen, who passed away on 31st March, 1942.

Time may change in many ways,
But one thing changes never.
'Tis the memory of those happy days
Which we often spent together.

(Inserted by her sincere friends, Gwen, Walter, and Williams family.)

HAMMOND.—In loving memory of my dear Husband and Father, Walter Hammond, who departed this life on April 3rd, 1939.

Gone but not Forgotten.
Rest in Peace.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

CORPORAL NOEL FERRIS.

Corporal Noel Ferris, writing from the Middle East to his father, Mr. Walter Ferris, often referred to the comforts and luxuries supplied the diggers overseas, the last occasion being the 1942 Xmas dinner served him in hospital. This was equal to anything he had at home. Noel is still in military hospital in Brisbane, and unfortunately far from well.

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE

APPEAL BY MAYOR DENNIS

Citizens Asked to Contribute

Fellow citizens,—

I know that you will all share with me the pride and pleasure that it has given me when I was advised that the Commonwealth Authorities had decided to name one of our new warships the H.M.A.S. Gladstone.

Lieut. J. W. Pennet, R.A.N., commander of the ship, has written me suggesting that the town of Gladstone might desire to present to the ship some momento in honour of the name she bears, which would be greatly appreciated.

The hon. sec. of the Comforts Fund (Mrs. J. W. Garrett) has received a similar letter suggesting that this Fund might be willing to service the vessel whilst in commission, the initial cost of which would be approximately £150, and £10 per quarter thereafter.

Articles suggested are wireless sets, electric urns, indoor and deck games, and the usual supply of comforts.

My Council has decided to co-operate with this body in raising the sum of money necessary to purchase these comforts.

That you will all be keen to do your share and follow with considerable pride and eager expectation the career of this vessel, which I have no doubt, will uphold the highest tradition of our Navy.

I make this appeal to you to contribute towards the cost of fitting out this ship, of which we will all be as proud of as we are of the town which bears this name.

As this appeal will close in a fortnight it will be necessary to act quickly, and I know that I can depend

RED CROSS SOCIETY

P.O.W. LETTERS

Street Adoption Scheme

For the information of residents of Gladstone and district the Red Cross Publicity Officer advises that the latest official information concerning prisoners in Japan is as follows:—

The International Red Cross delegate in Japan states that 230,000 letters for allied prisoners of war have been distributed recently to the various areas in which prisoners are held. Mail distribution in Malaya has been 180,000 letters, and in Java 10,000, these being the areas in which most of the A.I.F. are thought to be held. The delegate visited sorting offices and saw 150,000 letters being sorted by 40 full time workers. This may be a comforting assurance to people in this district who are writing every month and getting no replies to their letters.

TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS.

The Red Cross Society has received the following cable:—

"Write letters in English, one page very legibly, typewriting preferable in view Japanese censorship."

Prisoners friends who have no typewriter may find someone who could do the small service of typing a short letter once a month to a prisoner in Japanese hands. If this cannot be arranged the Red Cross Publicity Officer will be glad to assist. Only one side of a sheet of notepaper may be used. Any person wishing to avail themselves of this service is asked to 'phone 174, or send the matter to be typed to the Publicity Officer, Red Cross Society, Gladstone.

MAIL AND FOOD REACH PRISONERS.

The following telegram has been received from the Australian Red Cross Society headquarters (Mel-

PATRIOTIC FUND

£2000 IN WAR LOANS

Total Credits £3244

A general meeting of members of the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund was held in the Town Hall on Thursday night. Present: Mr. W. R. Golding (chairman), and Messrs. A. W. Drewe, A. H. Friend, R. Power, P. A. Friend, C. Tweed, C. N. Joseph, H. Neil Ballantine, H. Hersant, and the secretary (Mr. F. Peardon).

Messrs. C. N. Joseph, Ladner, and A. E. Taylor were appointed to the general committee.

Messrs. C. Joseph, J. W. Busteed and Ladner were appointed to the Appeal Committee.

Messrs. C. N. Joseph and J. W. Busteed were appointed Patriotic Fund representatives on the Trustee Combined Fund.

It was decided to fully support the Battle Stations Appeals Fund, the drive to comence on June 1.

ORCHESTRA.

Messrs. J. W. Busteed and C. N. Joseph were appointed a sub-committee to consider the question of an orchestra for future dances.

BOYS FAREWELLED.

The Chairman (Mr. W. R. Golding) reported they had had a busy time over the last few weeks farewelling boys. One hundred and seventy-five boys had been farewelled to date.

STATEMENT REFUTED.

Mr. Golding refuted the statement that he was neglecting his duty in this respect. He had never failed, he said, to go to the station to see the boys off, provided he knew they were going.

A BIG TASK.

Members expressed themselves freely in regard to this matter, and considered Mr. Golding was carrying out a tremendous task in this respect.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

Position Explained

When the war is won hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen will need all the help this nation can give to enable them to become reabsorbed in gainful employment, said Mr. Geo. McLeay (Leader of the Senate Opposition).

On demobilisation thousands of the fighting men of our forces will be in a position to look after themselves, and will need no assistance insofar as rehabilitation is concerned.

A great majority of the discharged members of the forces will, however, be dependent upon the promises made to them on enlistment. We must not fail them.

I have been asked to explain why preference in employment should be given to returned soldiers.

In the first place it must be realised that by "returned soldier" we mean all branches of the defence forces.

No one will deny, for instance, that repatriation benefits—such as advances to enable re-establishment in business; to furnish a new home on discharge from the Army; to purchase necessary tools and equipment; pensions to invalided returned men; allowances to wives, widows, children, etc., are the just due to our fighting men.

They have risked their very lives that we may live in comfort and safety. Preference in employment can be placed in the same category as these other benefits, and must therefore, be regarded as a form of repatriation.

It is true that many a non-soldier has had to abandon for a time his civil occupation, but engaged on similar work in war production establishments at wages far in excess of those of the servicemen, and certainly not with the constant risk of death, he is placed at a great natural advantage over the returned men.

If the ex-serviceman has the qualifications for a position and is a competitor with a civilian for the vacancy, then he should be given the preference.

I feel sure that at the present moment no one will dispute the rights of the men who are in daily danger of losing their lives, or of suffering some irreparable damage to their health.

It is, however, when the heat of the moment has gone and in the calmer days of peace, that we must remember them and honour them.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Father Campbell Transferred

Gladstone's popular parish priest, Rev. Father D. J. Campbell, has been transferred to the Marist Diocese of Ashgrove, Brisbane.

Father Campbell has seen his parish grow out of all recognition during his stay here of seven years.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Church has been enlarged to cope with the increased number of worshippers. He was also responsible for the decision to have a new Convent School erected in Gladstone. Plans and specifications had been drawn up, but were held over on account of war conditions.

A host of friends and well-wishers in town and district will regret to learn of Father Campbell's projected departure. He assisted many charitable and patriotic efforts, and the local Red Cross are particularly grateful to him for granting the free use of the Empire Theatre for their weekly Prisoner of War dances.

Father Campbell will leave Gladstone next week, and Father A. J. Cullen, of Ashgrove, Brisbane, will succeed him here.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. J. P. O'Sullivan, who was vice-president of the Gladstone branch of the Waterside Workers' Federation before he joined the R.A.A.F., spent a few days leave with his family and returned on Monday to his base. Mr. Sullivan was through the early bombing of Darwin, being one of the first waterside volunteers to go to that centre. He is now attached to stores branch of the R.A.A.F.

kinds. [illegible] was granted only for religious or funeral services or charity gatherings.

THE WORLD AT STAKE.

"The Axis was playing for the planet" (said Colonel Walter Elliot, speaking in the B.B.C. series, "Britain speaks." Whoever won would control the world. It is not a very big world on these terms. No one can use a radio anywhere without it being audible to modern science all over the world. No one can send up and train aeroplanes in any quantity or even concentrate steel and explosives required for a modern land force without it being known to modern science before that concentration has reached any strength that matters. Under those circumstances the loser has no means of escape, no refuge: winner takes all."

a kind and genial disposition, and was well liked by all who knew her. She was a member of the local branch of the C.W.A., a member of the Calliope branch of the Australian Comforts Fund, and for both those organisations she was a keen worker—always busy with the knitting needles.

The deceased was born in the County of Surrey, London area, and came to Queensland in 1913 along with her husband, Mr. G. H. Potter, who is at present a member of the Calliope Shire Council. They took up their present selection, "Sherewood," in 1922, and have one son, Private Len Potter, and his wife, who resides in Brisbane.

Len is in the transport service of the A.I.F. They are left to mourn the loss of a good wife and mother.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Ash, of the Anglican Church of England, Rockhampton, officiated at the graveside.

It is because Gladstone Red Cross P.O.W. canvassers have the above facts in their possession that they are able day after day to take up arduous street collections for the local scheme. To trudge up and down some of our hills and suburbs is no picnic, but Mesdames Elliott, Watson, Ricketts, Coppin, Lodder, Hallam, M. Tait, F. Johnstone, and Miss M. Hill are aware that the organisation has already been successful in raising at least twenty weekly parcels from Gladstone to our men held in enemy camps. The work goes on. New collectors appointed include Mrs. Linnane (Bundaberg Road) and Mrs. Funk (Glenlyon Street). Boy Scouts are still assisting several of the canvassers, and Mrs. Rigby has promised some Girl Guides to link up with week-end collections. Mrs. Clyde Smith has taken over Roseberry and part of Gondoon Street, and Mrs. E. Masterson the balance of Gondoon Street. The co organisers (Messrs. Summers and Connellan) are hopeful that March collection will reach the century (£100).

measures to control the abuse of lay-by systems. It will introduce them early in April. Chief causes of complaint against lay-by operations are false advertising and misrepresentation of contract terms and the goods themselves. In some cases there has been a refusal to refund payments when, for good reason, the buyers are unable to continue instalments. The proposed legislation will compel vendors to keep a register and set aside the goods when the contract is made to provide for the inspection of the goods by the customers at reasonable times.

DAMAGED OR MISBOUND TEXT

AUSTERITY MESSAGES

From the wives . . .

. . . of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

Olga O'Blamey

Engagement

McLACHLAN-COBON.—The engagement is announced of Phyllis Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cobon, Q.N. Bank, Crow's Nest, to Lieut. O. C. McLachlan, A.I.F., son of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. C. McLachlan, "Ashenhurst," Ubobo.

In Memoriam

HART.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Kathleen, who passed away on 31st March, 1942.

She sleeps in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

(Inserted by her loving parents, brothers, and sister.)

HART.—In fondest memory of a good friend, Kathleen, who passed away on 31st March, 1942.

Time may change in many ways,
But one thing changes never.
'Tis the memory of those happy days
Which we often spent together.

(Inserted by her sincere friends, Gwen, Walter, and Williams family.)

HAMMOND.—In loving memory of my dear Husband and Father, Walter Hammond, who departed this life on April 3rd, 1939.

Gone but not Forgotten,
Rest in Peace.

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE

APPEAL BY MAYOR DENNIS

Citizens Asked to Contribute

Fellow citizens,—

I know that you will all share with me the pride and pleasure that it has given me when I was advised that the Commonwealth Authorities had decided to name one of our new warships the H.M.A.S. Gladstone.

Lieut. J. W. Pennet, R.A.N., commander of the ship, has written me suggesting that the town of Gladstone might desire to present to the ship some momento in honour of the name she bears, which would be greatly appreciated.

The hon. sec. of the Comforts Fund (Mrs. J. W. Garrett) has received a similar letter suggesting that this Fund might be willing to service the vessel whilst in commission, the initial cost of which would be approximately £150, and £10 per quarter thereafter.

Articles suggested are wireless sets, electric iron, indoor and deck games

RED CROSS SOCIETY

P.O.W. LETTERS

Street Adoption Scheme

For the information of residents of Gladstone and district the Red Cross Publicity Officer advises that the latest official information concerning prisoners in Japan is as follows:—

The International Red Cross delegate in Japan states that 230,000 letters for allied prisoners of war have been distributed recently to the various areas in which prisoners are held. Mail distribution in Malaya has been 180,000 letters, and in Java 10,000, these being the areas in which most of the A.I.F. are thought to be held. The delegate visited sorting offices and saw 150,000 letters being sorted by 40 full time workers. This may be a comforting assurance to people in this district who are writing every month and getting no replies to their letters.

TYPEWRITTEN LETTERS.

The Red Cross Society has received the following cable:—

"Write letters in English, one page very legibly, typewriting preferable in

PATRIOTIC FUND

£2000 IN WAR LOANS

Total Credits £3244

A general meeting of members of the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund was held in the Town Hall on Thursday night. Present: Mr. W. R. Golding (chairman), and Messrs. A. W. Drewe, A. H. Friend, R. Power, P. A. Friend, C. Tweed, C. N. Joseph, H. Neil Ballantine, H. Hersant, and the secretary (Mr. F. Peardon).

Messrs. C. N. Joseph, Ladner, and A. E. Taylor were appointed to the general committee.

Messrs. C. Joseph, J. W. Busteed and Ladner were appointed to the Appeal Committee.

Messrs. C. N. Joseph and J. W. Busteed were appointed Patriotic Fund representatives on the Trustee Combined Fund.

It was decided to fully support the Battle Stations Appeals Fund, the drive to comence on June 1.

ORCHESTRA.

Messrs. J. W. Busteed and C. N. Joseph were appointed a sub-commit-

RETURNED SOLDIERS

PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

Position Explained

When the war is won hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen will need all the help this nation can give to enable them to become reabsorbed in gainful employment, said Mr. Geo. McLeay (Leader of the Senate Opposition).

On demobilisation thousands of the fighting men of our forces will be in a position to look after themselves, and will need no assistance insofar as rehabilitation is concerned.

A great majority of the discharged members of the forces will, however, be dependent upon the promises made to them on enlistment. We must not fail them.

I have been asked to explain why preference in employment should be given to returned soldiers.

In the first place it must be realised that by "returned soldier" we mean all branches of the defence forces.

BOWLING

DISTRICT SINGLES

Win for J. Hogan

J. Hogan and J. Comino will be the finalists for the district singles title to be decided this week-end. In the semi-final Hogan and L. B. Cameron staged one of the most interesting matches ever played on the local green. In a neck and neck struggle the pair were level 28 all at the 36th end. They were level again 29 all at the 38th, and level again at the 40th end. Then Hogan gained three points at the 41st end to win the game 33-30.

LADIES PLAY WELL.

In mixed bows matches the ladies did very well, and the play of some compared favourably with that of the men.

Details:—

Matthews, Masterson, Mrs. Jenkinson, Weiske v. Lodder, Buetell, Mrs. Tracey, Dr. Skinner 27-20.

Pring, Hando, Mrs. Garrett, Cameron v. Bycroft, Hunter, Mrs. Schmidt, Drewe 27-22.

Schmidt, Dennis, Mrs. Barker, P. Friend v. Garrett, Browne, Mrs. Joyner, C. Cooper 23-12.

Coxon, Mrs. Parsloe, Mrs. Busteed, Golding v. Ferris, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Golding, Wilson 27-26.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Schmidt, Hunter, Humphries and Bycroft v. Menzies, Pugh, Dennis and Brown 33-16.

A. Friend, A. Joyner, Mrs. Cameron and Johnston v. Comino, Seaton, Mrs. Sievers and Busteed 32-23.

Henery, Chapman, Drewe and Cooper v. Comino, Weiske, Wilson and Loveday 27-25.

Smith, Corones, Skinner and Golding v. Witty, Duff, Armstrong and Yum 30-24.

A. Friend, Archay, Jackson and Busteed v. Sly, Garrett, Johnston and P. Friend 32-16.

NEW RATION PLANS

Extra Leaves in Books

A Rationing Comission spokesman said that extra leaves would be included in the new ration books to be issued on June 15, to prepare for extended food rationing.

It was disclosed that the commission has been investigating food rationing for some time, and that complete schemes have been prepared. It will take about six weeks to get each scheme into operation.

Should any other comomdity be rationed before June 15 (butter is considered to be the most likely) consumers will have to register with their regular traders and draw limited supplies until the new ration books are issued.

PRICE OF ORANGES

Current Season Fixed

Orange prices for the current season have been fixed by the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner (Professor Copland).

Actual price, he said, would depend upon the number of oranges in a case, but the upper limit of retail price in capital cities would be 3d an orange until November 1 this year, and 3½d after that.

Retailers were warned that their actual selling prices must not exceed the cost into their shops plus 25 per cent.

This would mean that for a great part of the season the retail price of oranges of average size should not exceed 2d or 2½d each.

The open market price would be based upon a maximum wholesale level of 21/- a case in Sydney and Melbourne until October 31. From November 1 next to March 31 next year the ceiling wholesale price would be 26/- a case.

"OURS, I HOPE."

Some amusing anecdotes were included by Mr. Macdonald Hastings in one of his B.B.C. overseas broadcasts. The following story, he said, was told at a luncheon by Mr. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, at the expense of the War Office:—Two American boys walking along Whitehall (the street where the chief Government offices are situated) hailed a passing Tommy and said: "Say, which side is the War Office on " "Blimey," said the Tommy, "Ours, I hope."

COMPLACENCY OR INDIFFERENCE

BETTER THINGS EXPECTED

Of Political Representatives

"It is hard to reconcile our national peril with recent happenings at Canberra," said the President General of the Methodist Conference of Australia (Rev. H. M. Wheller), speaking in the Albert Street Methodist Church on Sunday night.

"We have a right to expect better things of our National Parliament," he said. "The general public should not be blamed for complacency or indifference. Either the situation is not as serious as reported, or our political representatives are unable to set before the nation a manner of life commensurate with our peril.

"Beyond question, there are men in Parliament who would be an asset to any legislative body. However, the men of Canberra, no less than the men of the forces, carry in their hands the honour and prestige of Australia.

"Our valiant men are writing another brilliant page in national history. Surely it should be possible for the political parties to suspend all party schemes and combine to write a page in political history.

"For the sake of the men of all classes who are giving everything for the future and honour of the country, that page should be written now.

"It might well be Canberra's greatest contribution to the day of peace."

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Price Control

Price control is to be extended to the more important fruit and vegetables now uncontrolled, said the Minister for Customs (Senator Keane).

The Prices Commissioner would determine the ceiling prices to be fixed, Senator Keane said. The Government was also extending its programme of guaranteed minimum prices.

Development of the plan to guarantee minimum prices of all meats had been suspended because of the Senate's disallowance of the Meat Industry Commission regulation, but the Government would proceed with it as rapidly as possible.

Senator Keane said that over a large field, if not over the whole field, of the meat trade while maximum price control was in operation the Government would protect meat producers against any severe decline in prices brought about by temporary surpluses. Plans were being worked out by the Meat Controller and the Prices Commissioner.

WORKING FOR GOVERNMENT

Opposition Voiced

"Grocers cannot afford to spend any more time than at present acting as clerks for the Government," said the secretary of the Queensland Grocers' and Retail Traders' Association (Mr. F. C. L. Derrick) when voicing the opposition of grocers to rationing by registration on a wide scale.

His association unanimously opposed the proposal, he said, and that opposition was shared by the Federation of Retail Grocers of Australia.

Grocers' experience of registration was an unenviable one, he said. It had been shown that it led to fraudulence, families registering more than once, as no statutory declaration was required. The system of reference was clumsy and far from economical.

Grocers would vigorously oppose any proposal that would impose further work on already understaffed and overtaxed members of the trade, he said.

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

Women at Work

Women in the Australian aircraft industry had proved that in certain classes of work they were in some instances superior to men from the aspects of finish and output, said Mr. A. McNolty (Federal secretary of the Sheet Metal Workers' Federation).

He added that in some cases women had exceeded a man's output by 50 per cent. He thought that this was due to a large extent to the fact that women concentrated more on repetition work, at which they became very adept.

AMBULANCE DANCES

At Calliope and Gladstone

The dance held at the Trocadero last Friday night was a great success, a large crowd attending. Music was supplied by Mr. Reg. Winter (piano), G. Fry (drums), while extras were played by Miss D. Fraser and Mrs. C. Stitt. Mr. W. Ross acted as M.C., assisted by Mr. Geo. Curran.

The spot waltz was won by Miss T. Joyner and Mr. Seymor, and the Monte Carlo by Miss L. Jacobsen and C. Parker.

On Saturday night the usual monthly dance and euchre was held at Calliope, and was largely attended. The country people were in full force, with a large crowd from town. Dancing was kept going in full swing to mu ic supplied by Miss M. Archay (piano), Mr. M. Moran (violin), while extras were played by Messrs. Ron. Michel and Don Cameron, and the Misses Gladys McFarlane and Beryl Rideout.

The spot onestep was won by Mrs. Moller and Mr. Gunston, and the Monte Carlo by Miss Stratigos and Mr. Houston.

The euchre was in the hands of Mr. Sam Dickenson and Mr. Aldous, and the ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Tom Wright, and the gent's by Mr. Tom Wright. The raffle ticket sellers were Mr. Geo. Curran and Mr. Frank Farmer. Hon. Bearer Barker acted as M.C., and Mr. Jim Ironmonger was doorkeeper.

Parcel of groceries (raffled) was won by Mr. H. J. Chapman (Calliope), with ticket No. 3691.

The next dance will be held at Calliope on Easter Saturday night, April 24.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

War Bonds Negotiable

There is a generally held and entirely wrong view on the part of small investors in Australia that putting money into Government bonds for a period of five or ten years means tying it up beyond recall for the whole of that period.

This point was made in a recent broadcast in support of the £100,000,000 Third Liberty Loan by the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. H. T. Armitage).

He added that it could not be too strongly stressed that in an emergency Government bonds can always be sold at market price and the money obtained promptly. The Commonwealth Bank, or any other bank, savings bank, or stockbroker will undertake the sale of Government bonds on behalf of an owner at any time.

It should also be remembered that money invested in the Third Liberty Loan pays a double dividend. It becomes immediately a fighting weapon —a means of backing up our fighting men, and an aid to the Government to push on unhampered with its victory plans.

At the same time, money put into the Third Liberty Loan to-day is an instalment on our security in the future. Tens of thousands of investors in Government loans have the comfort of knowing that they will have a nest-egg—a stand-by — when peace comes again.

FOOD RATIONING

Be Increased

Assistance was still needed by peoples of Allied countries, and it was likely that food rationing would be increased in the Commonwealth, said the Deputy Rationing Director (Mr. S. F. Cochran).

While Australia was producing more than sufficient food for the services and civilians, the reduced export surplus had compelled men and women of allied countries to tighten their belts. Australia could assist in this respect by making further sacrifices.

WORK IN THE TROPICS.

"Never before has there ben such a clear demonstration of what men can do in the tropics as we are having to-day. It is being amply demonstrated daily that men can successfully carry out the hardest physical labour under the hottest natural conditions with no abnormal consequences, provided they are well fed, well trained, and contented," said Professor D. H. K. Lee in his presidential address to the Royal Society of Queensland at the University on Monday night.

DISTRUSTED

GOVERNMENT REHABILITATION

A Soldier Speaks

"We front line soldiers feel that if what we had was good enough to enlist and fight for, it's good enough to come back to as a prelude to a general improvement in world conditions. We feel that as a basis for any 'new order,' the old order must be re-erected as a jumping off place," said Frank Browne, former lieutenant in an A.I.F. commando unit, recently discharged after a recurrent break-down in health.

"Most of the coves in my unit, and I believe it's a general feeling— just want to come back and pick up their civilian life where they left off," he went on. "They distrust most of the talk about a 'new order,' for they feel that any 'new order' being shaped in their absence will not distinguish itself by any great tenderness towards the returned soldier. Nine out of ten of the men," he continued, "feel that private enterprise offers them their only hope in taking up life from where they left off. They distrust rehabilitation by Government regulation because they feel that Government regulation will introduce many anomalies which, though not aimed at penalising the returned soldier, will have that effect just the same. They also feel that the Government has shown in many ways that it regards Trades Union support as much more valuable than that of the men and women in the services. The refusal of the Government to forego excise on tobacco is freely quoted in contrast to the attitude adopted towards strikers who are apparently conceded every demand they may see fit to make.

"During the past three or four days I have spoken to many returned soldiers who, like myself, are in the first stages of rehabilitation, and I've found them amazed that the Government is prepared to stand by and see disputes drag on to the detriment of the families of men who are away fighting. A concensus of opinion is expressed in the comment, 'if the Government is prepared to do this to fighting men during the war, it's a pretty black outlook for them after the war'."

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"Mademoiselle Annette" is a "nom de guerre." It screens the identity of a young Parisian in England who acts as connecting link in the chain of events that stretch between the Fighting French and their families in France.

On four days a week, for a few brief minutes (longer would be too dangerous for the listeners) she sits before the microphone in a B.B.C. studio and broadcasts intimate messages across the Channel.

Each message carries word to some French man or woman that Michel or Jacques or Andre is safe and well. Often that is the first word they have had, in months of anxious suspense, that a husband, a son, or a brother is alive instead of just one of the "missing."

Surnames, of course, cannot be mentioned, and christian names only rarely, for the Germans listen carefully. But even the relentlessness of Nazi detection is no match for either French wit or mother wit.

The Fighting French have a "system," so worked that the Germans can never tell who is sending the message, although it is easy for the relatives to recognise from whom it comes. Age is given, and the neighbourhood to which the message-sender belongs, but it is little personal details that bring the thrill of recognition to those who risk liberty, and even life, to listen. "Henri, who always broke his shoe laces: Jean, who still has the scar where he cut his knee on the bill-hook: Jules, who hated soup; Rene whose favourite wine was ———, are only pointers in the identity chart.

"Mademoiselle Annette" has a sympathetic personality. As she fingers the official forms on which officers and men, and women, of the three fighting French services write their short personal notes, she says: "I do not just read these. I say from my heart what they contain, as I would if I could stand face to face with their mothers and wives in France."

And does she know that the messages are received? She does. Messages come back in return. There have even been letters with Petain stamps on them. One was addressed: "Marcel, born July 14, 1915, c/o B.B.C., London." The Fighting French had to go through all their records, but they found the right Marcel in the end.

On two other days of the week another French "inconnu" gives similar messages to France from French civilians in Britain.

IN RUSSIA

Crossing On Ice

"There are three main methods of bridging a frozen river where the ice isn't entirely reliable. One is to thicken the ice. In a hard frost this can be done by pouring water over the crossing, though after a day or two this method results in a weakening of the ice underneath. Another way is to clear all the snow from the surface (said Mr. Paul Winterton in a despatch recorded from Moscow and broadcast in a B.B.C. news reel.

On the Volga it was found that ice kept free from snow reached a thickness of 115 cm. by the end of the winter, while an adjoining area uncleared of snow had never got thicker than 80 cm. Holes can be dealt with by cutting large blocks of ice from a different part of the river, and then freezing and wiring them to the sides of the holes.

If weather conditions aren't suitable for any of these methods, then it's always possible to lay wooden platforms across the ice, which distribute the strain, or else to drive piles into the ice and build proper bridges."

"BORDER HOPPING."

To check "border hopping" identity cards will have to be presented in future before tickets are issued for inter-state travel.

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MARCH.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
31	5.29	6.03	——	12.09

THE MOON.

Last Quarter ..... March 29

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	6.39	7.08	12.05	1.08
2	8.24	8.47	1.06	2.00
3	8.24	8.47	2.04	2.46
4	9.07	9.31	2.55	3.29
5	9.49	10.11	3.44	4.07
6	10.28	10.51	4.30	4.45
7	11.06	11.31	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	——	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	——	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	——	12.42

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... April 5
First Quarter ..... April 13
Full Moon ..... April 20
Last Quarter ..... April 27

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

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SUNDAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

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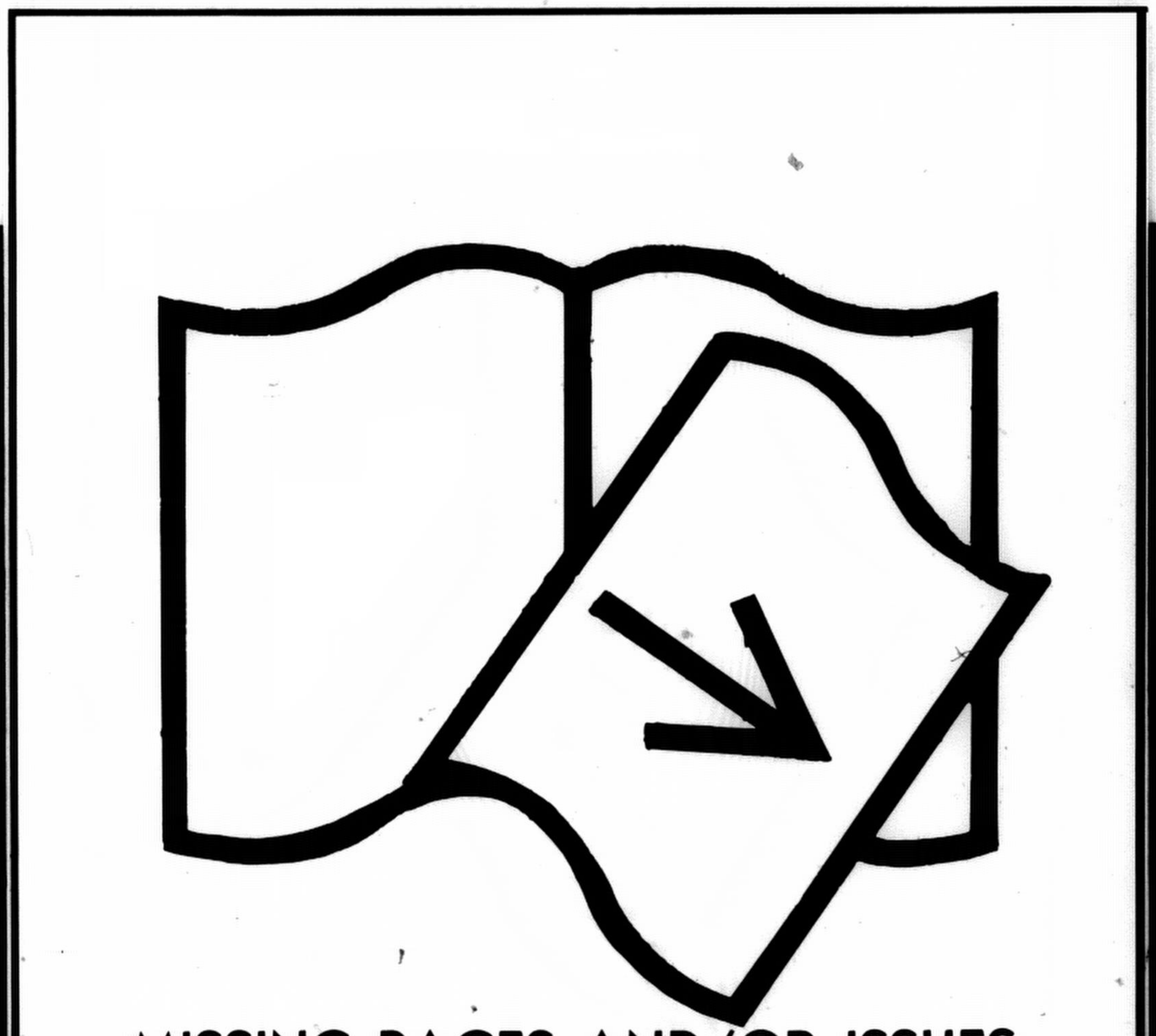

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LIQUOR REFORM SOCIETY

ABUSE OF DRINKING

Grave National Danger

Recognising the evils associated with the abuse of alcohol, and realising the adverse effects of excessive drinking upon morale, efficiency and leadership, a Liquor Reform Society has been formed in Brisbane.

The name of the society sufficiently indicates its ultimate object, and further indicates the recognition of a problem in connection with the use of alcohol in human communities.

As practical individuals we have to recognise that alcohol must, for the present at least, be given a place in our social system, and attempt to control its use in such a way that it ceases to be a social evil.

For this purpose, all that is suggested in a broad way is that drinkers should carefully avoid over indulgence and shun drinking conditions which in the least degree are perilous for human decency and dignity.

For each person there is an amount of liquor beyond which, if taken even in the best conditions, drunkenness will rsult, and it is important for each person to decide his capacity and to know when he has had enough, and then to stop. It is the object of the society to make the public fully acquainted with the theoretical aspects of drinking, to disseminate accurate knowledge about its effects, and to create a healthy public opinion about the dangers and ugliness associated with its abuse.

Opinions will differ about the practical way of securing this object, but it is felt that such a potentially dangerous commodity as alcohol can no longer be left in the control of persons who make more profit the more alcohol is consumed. The trade should be controlled by some statutory body which has no monetary interest in the sale of alcohol, but which, on the contrary, does its best to reduce consumption.

Nobody can deny that the conditions in which alcohol is consumed at present are no credit to any self-respecting community, and the society proposes to secure drastic alteration of these conditions.

No reform is of permanent value or effect unless based on an enlightened public demand expressed through the elected representatives of the people in Parliamnt. Reforms have no practical effect unless backed by specific legislation. Whatever laws are made, it will be the duty of the community to see they are rigidly enforced. In the past violation of the laquor laws has been a public scandal.

The legal and legislative side of the work of the society will be delicate, and perhaps the most difficult of its objects, and that is why the society needs and requests a large measure of public support for its objectives.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

TWO WARS

Link Indians and Diggers

Growing importance of India to us calls for a wider Australian interest in Indian problems, argues Douglas Wilkie, Melbourne war correspondent lately retuned from Malaya, Burma and India.

One Australian newspaper suggested we should bring Chinese guerillas to North Australia, says Mr. Wilkie. Indian troops, or at least a labou corps, might help us defend West Australia.

Obvious stress has been laid on just how useful a few tens of thousands of Gurkhas might be in the New Guinea jungle instead of being immobilised in Assam, or on police duty in Calcutta or Delhi.

Where Australians and Indians have shared the perils and hardships of campaigns, a strong bond has developed, he adds.

EXPLOITS IN NORTH AFRICA.

Back in 1915 partly trained Australians who stormed Gallipoli were quick to appreciate the skill of the brawny, smiling Gurkhas, who slid by night into the Turkish trenches, knives between their teeth. In this war it was an Indian division which reduced the great Italian stronghold of Keren, East Africa, in one of the most amazing and least publicised exploits of British arms. This same division served later in the desert.

Any digger back from the Middle East will tell how the Indians faced Rommel's panzers with the same courage and resource as they had shown in the Abyssinian mountains.

When some of the A.I.F. passing through Bombay staged a harmless but lively escapade which offended residents, Indian soldiers, also on their way back from the Middle East, sent a deputation to a Bombay newspaper, urging the Indian people to show better understanding of their Australian "cobbers." Had not the Australians shared their Christmas hampers with the Indians in the desert? And dealt with them as soldiers and men, not as inferiors?

Early in the Malayan campaign Gurkhas, and one or two veteran Indian battalions fought to the death in a nightmare hide-and-seek in the jungle, costing the Japs many of their best storm troops. If some of the other Indian units did not fight so well, it was because they were green recruits, quarter-trained, ill-equipped.

The Australians won the gratitude of many Indian formations in Malaya by sharing with them some of their own medical supplies, which the Indian Army had not provided for its hasty but overlate reinforcements.

FORTITUDE OF SEPOYS.

In the retreat out of Burma many Australian airmen trekked for weeks over mountains they could have crossed in an hour or two by plane—if there had been any planes.

Again, Australians learned to recognise the discipline and fortitude of Indian Sepoys, who reached the India border after much hardship, still shouldering rifles and tommyguns along trails littered with dead.

Revaluating our Asiatic allies, we are beginning to realise how Asiatic manpower, and the specialised fighting qualities of many Asiatic troops, are helping us to check the Japs—and could help us to push them back a lot more quickly if this manpower were fully mobilised.

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SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE

Building Brought a Few Headaches

The Sydney Harbour Bridge was 11 years old last week.

The last year has been an expensive one for the bridge, for since the introduction of petrol rationing, revenue has fallen off enormously, and it is expected that the deficit will amount to £250,000 by the end of this coming June.

When visitors to the Australian pavilion at the New Zealand Exhibition a few years ago were asked what Australia meant to them, the almost inevitable reply was, "Don Bradman, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Gladys Moncrieff, and man-eating sharks."

The bridge will always be one of Australia's best advertisements, not only because it is built of Australian steel, but also because it is a structure which has a very definite and pleasing personality.

The building of it brought a few headaches.

Asked whether it had been necessary to wait for a suitable temperature before the two arches of the bridge could be joined, the designer, Dr. J. J. C. Bradfield, said that the action of winds and atmospheric changes had been so important a factor that their possible influence had been fully investigated and taken into account during the designing of the bridge.

Calculations had been so accurate that the span of 1650 feet (a mass of steel, concrete, timber and asphalt weighing 43,000 tons) was completed by a point one inch square running accurately into its proper place 200 feet in the air above the harbour.

In calculating the possible extremes of wind and temperature which might have obstructed the linking of the two halves, Dr. Bradfield made exhaustive research into weather records.

The severest gale experienced in N.S.W. reached a velocity of 120 miles an hour, and the bridge had to be designed to withstand a similar gale either during or after construction.

Temperatures also had to be thoroughly investigated. Parts of the bridge exposed to the sun could be as much as 25 degrees hotter than parts away from the sun, and the cables supporting the structure relaxed or taughtened according to whether they were in the shade or in the sun.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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2 SUPPLIES and COMFORTS to our Hospital Ships and Transports.
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4 Five Mobile BLOOD BANKS, eight Mobile DRESSING STATIONS and OPERATING UNITS, and over £110,000 of MEDICAL EQUIPMENT supplied.
5 BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE organised to meet any local emergency.
6 CAMP HOSPITALS, DRESSING STATIONS, etc., throughout Australia serviced at a cost of £2000 per week.
7 CONVALESCENT HOMES established and maintained in all States (cost over £200,000).
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9 £236,000 sent to British and Allied Red Cross Societies who have done so much for our own men.
10 SUFFICIENT FOOD PARCELS provided every week for all Australian Prisoners of War in Europe. Clothing, Medical and Recreational Supplies also provided.
11 ENQUIRY BUREAUX for Wounded, Missing, and Prisoners of War established in all States and Overseas, giving postal, parcel, enquiry and Searcher Service.
12 A FIELD UNIT and Mobilisation Plans completed to meet any emergency within Australia.
13 SERVICE IS CONTINUED to Men of the 1914-18 War at a cost of £35,000 per annum.

PENNANTS! PENNANTS!

A NUMBER OF PENNANTS are being awarded Red Cross Branches gaining the largest quota, based on membership. Would all Red Cross subscribers therefore take a note of this and send their donation direct to the Gladstone Secretary. A fund will be opened later in the "Gladstone Observer." Gladstone has a big chance of winning a Pennant.

DONATIONS sent in now to the Secretary Gladstone Branch will be included in the SPECIAL RED CROSS WEEK DRIVE, May 16th to 22nd

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The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

NAME AND ADDRESS ESSENTIAL.

For an reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Local Authority elections (Town Council, Harbour Board, and Calliope Shire), C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions for publication must carry the name and address of writer.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

Up to the closing hour of the banks yesterday 141 applications had been received for the Third Liberty Loan, representing a total of £8700. The figures include advance subscriptions.

COMMUNIST CANDIDATES.

In our last issue it was stated that Messrs. A. R. Paterson, D. Lewis and M. Thompson were contesting the Harbour Board and Council elections as independents. However, this is not correct, as they are standing in the interests of the Communist Party.

MR. T. L. WILLIAMS.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) will be in Gladstone during the coming week-end, and will be staying at the Grand Hotel. Mr. Williams, who has been made Minister for Food and Emergency Supplies in Queensland, as well as Minister for Agriculture, will attend the monthly meeting of the A.L.P. during his visit, and expects also to be able to visit the local Convent and State and High Schools, Hospital, and Meatworks before returning to Brisbane on Monday's afternoon's train.

BARLEY PRODUCTION.

"Unless a very early decision is reached by the Comonwealth Government on its barley production programme, it will be far too late for this State to assist this year," said Mr. T. L. Williams, Minister for Agriculture. "The planting season is upon us, and much of the land which could have been used for barley is now being placed under oats. I am hopeful that early advice will be received of the price which may be expected. Last season's values will require to be considerably increased to make the proposition attractive to our growers."

MISS EDNA WILLIAMS.

Miss Edna Williams, A.A.M.W.S., formerly a V.A.D. serving in the Middle East, has returned to Australia with the 9th Division, after nearly 18 months' service in Palestine. Miss Williams is the youngest daughter of the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) and Mrs. Williams, of Northgate, Brisbane, and she will shortly resume duty at a northern battle station, where her eldest brother is also doing service. She speaks highly of the excellent work being performed by the Red Cross and A.C.F. overseas, without which help and assistance the Middle East with its thousands of Australian soldiers and nurses would be a much more difficult land in which to live and serve.

COMFORTS FOR HOSPITAL.

The dance held under the auspices of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society by members of an Australian survey unit attracted a record crowd to the Trocadero on Monday night, and even standing room was at a premium. The receipts, which totalled £43, will be devoted towards the purchase of a radio and other accessories for installation at the District Hospital for the comfort and convenience of wounded and convalescent servicemen in the military ward. The music for the function was supplied by Mr. T. Rees' orchestra, with Mrs. G. Fry (violin) and Mrs. Darling (piano). During the evening soft drinks were on sale by ladies of the Red Cross branch. The President (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) and other officers were present at the function.

PATRIOTIC COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, April 16.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) would much appeciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

P.O.W. STREET SCHEME

Excellent Progress Made

The Gladstone P.O.W. street scheme continues to make excellent progress. The goal of £100 set for the month of March was exceeded, and it is now estimated that the complete scheme will return approximately £1500 per year.

Mrs. Hallam completed Scenery, Bayne and Railway Streets, and arranged with Miss Myrtle Liddicoat to do Kent Street and the balance of West Gladstone. This area has now been completely canvassed, and Miss Liddicoat has her own book, and is an authorised collector.

Mrs. M. Tait has taken out a new book for Central Lane.

Mrs. Elliott continues to open up new streets for the scheme, and has appointed Mrs. D. Linnane for Bonar Street, and Mrs. Funk for Glenlyon Street.

Mrs. Watson has charge of Auckland Hill, Marine Parade, Lord and Rolla Streets, and does her own collecting.

Mrs. Ricketts has a large area, including Tank Street, Fisher Street, Fowler Estate, etc.

Miss Margaret Hill continues to do Auckland Street, and Mrs. Frank Johnstone Barney Point.

Mrs. S. Coppin has completed Parson's Point canvass, where she was successful in obtaining every resident there.

Mrs. Clyde Smith, who recently took over Roseberry and part of Gondoon Street, has made regular collections here, and Mrs. E. Masterson has done splendidly in Gondoon Street.

Mrs. Lodder continues to collect in Oaka Lane and Herbert Street.

A drive will be made shortly on the long stretch of Toolooa Street, and some small lanes not yet canvassed.

The joint hon. secretary, Mrs. H. Browne, has returned after a short absence from town, and her assistance to the scheme is again available.

Canvassers and collectors will meet again next Monday night, when books will be revised and the final drive to complete the town discussed.

The secretary and co-organiser, Mr. V. A. Summers, will be present to give any necessary information and direct the campaign.

The ladies working the scheme in Gladstone deserve every congratulation, and their efforts compare very favourably with that of larger towns in the State.

Other centres have had a great deal of outside assistance. For instance, at Rockhampton air raid wardens, girl guides, and members of other patriotic bodies had co-operated with the P.O.W. Committee. In Gladstone the only assistance to date has been given by members of the Boy Scout groups, but these lads have been very helpful.

2060 PRISONERS.

International Red Cross has given official information regarding 597 officers and 1463 other ranks held prisoner by the Japanese. It was also stated that 95 Australian soldier prisoners had died since internment. Next of kin of prisoners about whom the Japanese had supplied information were informed within 12 hours, and any further information would be sent to next of kin immediately it was received.

As stated in our last notes, letters to prisoners sent through the Red Cross are definitely being delivered in Japanese internment camps, and large distributions of parcels of food and medical supplies have already been made there under Red Cross supervision. All letters to prisoners should be typed and the local branch will assist with this service if necessary. The local secretary or publicity officer would also be pleased to receive any information or items from letters sent home by prisoners.

ITALIAN CAMPS.

Writing from Camp 57 PM in Italy to a Red Cross publicity officer, Corporal Jim McIntosh wrote early complaining that something should be done about Dominion Red Cross parcels, which were held up and very irregular in delivery.

Australian prisoners found it very hard to make ends meet, as there was a very severe ration in the camp. Later he advised receipt of a British Red Cross parcel, which was shared with a fellow Aussie not so fortunate. "It was like dining at the Savoy again."

Then came a Canadian Red Cross parcel, very nice, all food, but the A.I.F. man's thoughts turned to the severe winter ahead. He said there was two feet of snow there last winter, and if they did not get plenty of clothes and blankets they would die. However, once again the Red Cross saved the day with a large consignment of parcels of clothing for all the men.

The next letter was more cheerful, and the boys had received plenty of sporting material sent by the Red Cross, but unfortunately there was no where to play, and now the final letter: "We had a red letter day yesterday: received Red Cross parcels of food and English cigarettes. We sat up all night smoking and eating, and eating and smoking."

Gladstone contributors reading the above should feel proud that this town is now contributing some 25 weekly parcels of food, clothing, etc., to our prisoners, and the most sceptical must agree that the prisoners are getting the parcels regularly.

GLADSTONE SHOW SOCIETY

RODEO TO BE HELD

Aid of Patriotic Funds

At a well attended meeting of the Committee of the Gladstone Show Society, it was unanimously decided to hold a rodeo on the Gladstone Show Grounds on Saturday, June 5, and to divide the nett proceeds equally between the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund, Gladstone Comforts Fund, Calliope Comforts Fund, Red Cross and Red Shield.

A committee was appointed to draft the programme, which was afterwards prepared.

It provides for prize money of approximately £50, and comprises open and maiden camp drafts, bullock riding, buckjumping, and other events for the general public, and particularly the children.

Since the holding of a rodeo was first mooted some weeks ago there have been many inquiries, and indications are that it will be well supported, especially as Gladstone has had no sporting programmes of any nature for a considerable time.

The committee will meet again in a mon's time to finalise matters and appoint officials.

The secretary reported that exactly half of the members who had been written to had paid their subscriptions for the current year, and several more had informed him they would renew their membership.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Examination Asked For

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) has undertaken that, during the parliamentary recess he will have an examination made of the points raised by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Fadden) concerning the position of Australian primary industries, with a view to appropriate action being taken.

Mr. Fadden, in emphasising the need for complete consideration by the Government of the conditions existing in primary industries, asked the Prime Minister to have the examination made.

In the motion which he moved last week, Mr. Fadden asked the House to express the opinion that the stability of productiveness of the primary industries were essential to the nation's war effort.

That those engaged in those industries were entitled to just treatment, including a fair wage, based on Australian standards and comparable with that prevailing in secondary industry, to employees, and a fair price to employers.

That it was unjust to establish any wage fixation scheme for primary industries that did not provide for impartial and full investigation of the facts, and a due consideration of the economics of the industries concerned.

That the time was overdue for the complete consideration by the Government of the position of the primary industries from the viewpoint of man power requirements, prices, and costs, having in mind that ultimate soundness could be achieved only by fair prices, adequate wages, proper living conditions, and improvement generally in the amenities of country life.

RED CROSS DANCE.

Dancers and supporters of the Red Cross are reminded that a mid-week dance in aid of the general funds of the branch will be held in the Trocadero to-night (Wednesday). Good music will be provided, and dancers are promised a pleasant evening. Many servicemen have advised their intention of attending.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

REV. FATHER D. J. CAMPBELL FAREWELLED

VALUED SERVICES RECOGNISED BY PARISHIONERS

On Sunday night the people of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Gladstone, took farewell of the Rev. Father D. J. Campbell, who has been transferred to Ashgrove, Brisbane.

The Empire Hall was completely filled with parishioners and friends, and a pleasant evening was spent. Mr. W. G. Otty presided, and he was accompanied on the platform by the Rev. Fathers Campbell and McSherry, Dr. W. Yum, and Messrs. P. Ryalls, P. Tracey, V. Ryalls, S. Clapham, and W. Wallace.

Proceedings took the form of a musical evening and an interesting presentation ceremony. The artistes who contributed to an enjoyable programme were: Messrs. Len Mylne, Rev. Father McSherry, J. W. Busteed, and Mrs. J. W. Busteed, and the Misses Pat Jordan and Sheila Royston.

VALUED SERVICES.

It is pleasing to record that the parishioners fully recognised, with deep affection and gratitude, the valued services rendered by the Rev. Father Campbell in a practical way, the form of recognition being the presentation of a wallet of notes.

A WARM FRIEND.

Rev. Father Campbell was a great worker, and was always doing some work connected with the parish, and his congregation had a warm friend whose wise advice and sympathetic help could be relied upon on every occasion.

UNSELFISH IN HIS UNDERTAKINGS.

He was always willing to co-operate in any work for the good of the parish, and was very unselfish in all his undertakings, besides possessing a current of sympathy, a stream of kindness that admirably fitted him for his important work, and he carried out a great deal of good work that was unseen by the ordinary parishioner.

CITIZENS' GOOD WISHES.

Rev. Father Campbell, who left on Monday for Brisbane, carried with him the good wishes of the citizens, and wherever he goes in the future he will have their kindly thoughts circling round him.

REV. FATHER CULLEN.

Rev. Father Campbell will be succeeded by the Rev. Father Cullen, B.Sc., of Ashgrove, who for some years was rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, New Zealand.

SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP.

Mr. W. G. Otty, after explaining the object of the gathering, said that night their hearts beat as one—a spirit of friendship and gratitude to the Rev. Father Campbell, who had been transferred to Ashgrove, Brisbane. The little function had been arranged to give the parishioners and his friends the opportunity of wishing him God-speed and to acknowledge his work with a presentation.

GOOD WORK.

Rev. Father McSherry said it was indeed a sad function when they came to say good-by to the Rev. Father Campbell, who had performed a great deal of good work during his stay of seven years with them. During that time Rev. Father Campbell had made many friends in Gladstone, and it was with deep regret that he was leaving, but his work would live after him. He personally regretted his departure, and they had assembled to wish their good friend and spiritual adviser God-speed to Brisbane, and to express the wish that his labours in his new sphere would be as successful as they had been in Gladstone.

"GUIDE AND COUNSELLOR."

Dr. W. Yum said every parishioner was deeply regretful that the Rev. Father Campbell was leaving Gladstone, for he was loved and esteemed by everyone. He hoped the function was only to say au revoir and not good-by, and what was their loss was a decided gain to others. During the seven years the Rev. Father Campbell had been stationed at Gladstone the church had made considerable progress, and had it not been for the war their new school would have been erected, but when it was it would be another monument to the Rev. Father Campbell, who had worked hard for the advancement of the church. "He will be a guide and counsellor in Brisbane, and I wish him God-speed," concluded Dr. Yum.

A SINCERE FRIEND.

Mr. Tracey, in endorsing the remarks of the previous speakers, said during the time the Rev. Father Campbell had been in Gladstone he had endeared himself to every member of the parish. There was something in him that appealed to everyone, and they were losing a sincere friend. Rev. Father Campbell would leave behind him a record of service that would ever be remembered by the parishioners. During his stay with them he had carried heavy responsibilities, but had nobly and successfully carried out his work. In his departure, Rev. Father Campbell would carry away with him the best wishes of the people of Gladstone, and it would be a joyous day when they learned that he was coming back.

DEPARTURE REGRETTED.

Mr. V. Ryalls said they regretted the departure of the Rev. Father Campbell, and all the parishioners felt it deeply, as they fully recognised the magnificent work he had carried out. He wished him the best of luck, good health, and happiness in his priestly duties.

COURTEOUS AND GENIAL.

Mr. Pat Ryalls, after expressing his regret at the departure of the Rev. Father Campbell, said it was very easy to get on with him, as he possessed a most courteous and genial natue. Rev. Father Campbell had always been ready to assist and co-operate with the Hibernian Society, and the members would miss him. His work in the interests of the church at Gladstone had been outstanding, and he felt sure he would do the same at Ashgrove, and wished him every happiness in his new sphere.

"A CONSPIRACY."

Mr. Stan Clapham said about seven years ago he had been introduced to the Rev. Father Campbell by Mr. Breslin, and when he heard the name "Campbell," a Scot, he came to the conclusion there was a conspiracy with his friend Mr. Macfarlan at the "Observer" Office. (Laughter). Mr. Clapham went on to say he had received a real pain when he learned that the Rev. Father Campbell was leaving Gladstone. During his stay here the Rev. Father Campbell had made many friends, possessing, as he did, a most friendly disposition, and he felt sure he would continue to do so at Ashgrove. In conclusion, Mr. Clapham wished the Rev. Father Campbell the best of health and luck in his new sphere at Brisbane.

A PRESENTATION.

Mr. R. Wallace said the parishioners were deeply privileged and honoured to make a presentation to the Rev. Father Campbell as a small token of the esteem in which he was held, and in handing over a wallet of notes Mr. Wallace added: "I trust your future will be full of brightness and happiness, coupled with the best of health, and that you will long be spared to work in the vineyard of our Lord."

REV. FATHER CAMPBELL.

Rev. Father Campbell, on rising to reply, had the heartiest of receptions. He said he was indeed grateful for the nice things that had been said about him, and would ever remember his association with the church in Gladstone and the many friends he had made during his seven years of priestly duties. He had had a nice time at Gladstone, and regretted he was leaving so many good friends.

PEOPLE MOST FRIENDLY.

Seven years ago he came to Gladstone from New Zealand. At that time it was a bit of an adventure, but he decided to come to Australia and find out all about the Australian people, and he had found them most friendly and kindly, with big open hearts. However, when he did arrive in Gladstone he was a little blue, a little lonely, a little home sick; but when he got acquainted with his parishioners and the people he had enjoyed every minute of his stay.

"FEELINGS OF DEEP REGRET."

"I am leaving many dear friends, and am doing so with feelings of deep regret," continued the Rev. Father Campbell. He went on to thank the various speakers, especially Mr. Clapham, who was not a member of his church, but was a real good friend. He had not done much for Mr. Clapham, but on the other hand he had done a lot for him.

CO-OPERATION APPRECIATED.

He thanked the ladies for their assistance and co-operation with the functions associated with the church, which to a large extent were responsible for the successful work carried out in the parish. He also took the opportunity to thank Mr. J. Busteed and the other artistes for the enjoyable musical programme submitted, and concluded by saying, "I thank you one and all."

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE

APPEAL BY MAYOR DENNIS

Citizens Asked to Contribute

Fellow citizens,—

I know that you will all share with me the pride and pleasure that it has given me when I was advised that the Commonwealth Authorities had decided to name one of our new warships the H.M.A.S. Gladstone.

Lieut. J. W. Pennet, R.A.N., commander of the ship, has written me suggesting that the town of Gladstone might desire to present to the ship some momento in honour of the name she bears, which would be greatly appreciated.

The hon. sec. of the Comforts Fund (Mrs. J. W. Garrett) has received a similar letter suggesting that this Fund might be willing to service the vessel whilst in commission, the initial cost of which would be approximately £150, and £10 per quarter thereafter.

Articles suggested are wireless sets, electric urns, indoor and deck games, and the usual supply of comforts.

My Council has decided to co-operate with this body in raising the sum of money necessary to purchase these comforts.

That you will all be keen to do your share and follow with considerable pride and eager expectation the career of this vessel, which I have no doubt, will uphold the highest tradition of our Navy.

I make this appeal to you to contribute towards the cost of fitting out this ship, of which we will all be as proud of as we are of the town which bears this name.

As this appeal will close in a fortnight it will be necessary to act quickly, and I know that I can depend on all to do their share.

Donations may be sent to the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson), or to Mrs. J. W. Garrett.

DONATIONS RECEIVED.

Swift Aust. Co. Ltd. ...	£10	10	0
Town Council	10	0	0
Harbour Board	10	0	0
Friends (Pty.) Ltd. ...	10	0	0
Gladstone Sawmills	5	5	0
The Mayor (Ald. Dennis)	3	3	0
Mayoress (Mrs. Dennis)	2	2	0
Kellett & Joseph	2	2	0
A. W. F. G. Crow	2	2	0
S. Corones	2	2	0
C. Chapman	2	2	0
J. Comino	2	2	0
M. A. Busteed	1	1	0
Phil Browne	1	1	0
J. Seaton	1	1	0
Gladstone Hardware Co.	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Busteed	1	1	0
P. M. Jones	1	1	0
Liddicoat Bros.	1	1	0
J. A. V. Nash	1	1	0
2nd Gladstone Group Boy Scouts	1	1	0

Collections by 2nd Gladstone Group Boy Scouts:—

E. M. Buettel, W. Buettel, F. W. Robinson, Mrs. J. Lyons, Mrs. S. Keen, 5/- each.

G. Millard, Mrs. E. Linnane, S. K. Pring, J. V. Lyons, 4/- each.

Mrs. L. Russell, 3/-.

Mrs. J. Gosschalk, Mr. J. Gosschalk, T. Titmus, Mrs. Ramsay, 2/6 each.

J. F. Austin, M. Baxter, Eddie Ward, G. Marek, D. M. Carlisle, B. Norris, A. Hersant, A. George, W. Ross, C. Binnington, V. Stoneley, N. Paterson, M. Robinson, F. G. Salgado, N. Gerber, L. George, D. Goggins, J. Murphy, D. McKewin, W. Keller, I. Humphreys, Mrs. J. McKenzie, Mrs. J. Waterson, E. Tappenden, Mrs. P. Irwin, Mrs. W. Stoneley, M. B. Lewis, Mrs. D. J. Linnane, E. Daly, Mrs. R. C. Fortey, Miss C. Ward, Mrs. J. Stewart, V. T. Lyons, Mrs. Anderson, A. J. Flanagan, V. Willey, H. Heathwood, Mrs. Pullinger, H. Boys, J. Urry, Mrs. J. Hunter, L. V. Condon, A. R. McLachlan, Mrs. Griffin, J. J. Irwin, Mrs. Thos. Slater, G. Curran, L. Bennedick, J. Taylor, H. Irwin, Mrs. H. Dicker, W. H. Hansen, 2/- each.

A friend 1/9, K. Wood and Mrs. Summers 1/6 each.

V. Pershouse, C. Lennon, R. Hay, R. Roberts, A. Harms, R. O'Reilly, Mrs. A. Emery, P. O'Connor, Miss E. Forrest, Robert Millward, Mrs. F. J. Russell, Mrs. A. Hunt, E. Nueman, Mrs. E. Neuman, D. Gunders, Mrs. Cavanagh, Mrs. Murphy, M. Horne, T. Boldery, D. Ross, T. Pashley, S. Wicks, N. Whitman, D. Lacey, G. Dwyer, J. Crawford, A. Carr, L. M. Robinson, J. Smith, P. Quirk, A. Venardo, T. Herman, E. Sievers, T. Howard, A. Barker, J. Irwin, Brian Gosschalk, Colin Gosschalk, Joey Gosschalk, Mrs. E. Warner, Mrs. C. Dowse, Mrs. T. Doble, Mrs. E. Grant, Mrs. E. Buckley, Mrs. G. Doble, Mrs. C. Vock jr., J. Kelly, C. Vock, L. Picton, Mrs. K. Vock, Mrs. D. Stoneley, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. D. Brisbin, Mrs. Williams, M. Warner, T. Sweeney, D. G. McClure, Mrs. J. Kitto, J. Wood, C. Wood, N. McCasker, 1/- each.

Gat. Smith 8d, Mrs. A. Patterson 6d.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

THE 1943 SEASON

Many Difficulties Encountered

With so many of its members on active service, officials of the Gladstone Golf Club have found many difficulties in the way of opening the 1943 season. The main stumbling block was the fairways, where the grass had grown several feet. With labour unavailable the only solution was a working bee to get the links in order. Fortunately, one of the officials who has his annual holidays spent last week-end getting the machinery, gear, ets., in order, and he is now busily engaged mowing the links with the aid of "Bessie the 2nd" and mechanical appliances. However, there is a great deal of work to be done, and members and intending members are asked to put the day in next Sunday assisting in raking the grass, sanding the greens, etc. It has also ben suggested that associates might make a day of it by providing luncheon one week-end and assist in keeping members on the job.

The club is undoubtedly an asset to Gladstone, and a favourite spot for recreation by visitors and members of the services, and it is hoped that the working bee will be well attended and extremely successful. Mr. Harold O'Sing, who has been on holidays, has written to say that he will be home shortly to lend a hand with the club's affairs.

STALAG LUFT III.

Camp for Airforce Prisoners

Stalag Luft 111 is a new camp at Sagan, in East Germany, for Airforce prisoners of war. The officers and men are in separate compounds. Both officers and other ranks have a reading room.

The men were rather crowded when a Red Cross inspection was made in May, but new barracks were under construction. Bathing facilities were satisfactory, though wash-rooms were not sufficient.

Red Cross and next-of-kin parcels were arriving regularly.

Advice was also recently received to the effect that all prisoners from camps Stalag 111 E and Stalag Luft (Barth) have been moved to this camp.

The following cheerful letter from a prisoner of war describes a few of the conditions of this camp:—

"This camp is a new one, built for Airforce prisoners of war, and it is under the control of the Luftwaffe, not the Army. After my last it seems like a holiday camp, and I feel sure that life will be much more pleasant and bearable once we have settled down.

"The camp is surrounded on four sides by a forest of pines, spruce and larch. The huts are wooden and quite comfortable: there is good canitation and washing facilities, and each barrack hut has proper cooking facilities.

The supply of Red Cross food seems to be very reliable, and this factor alone goes a long way to cheering us up.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

CAMPBELL TO CAMPBELL.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I suppose Mr. James Campbell, of Calliope, expects me to make some reply to his literary effort in the "Observer" of 27th ult., but as he has such a vivid imagination I could not make the most harmless remark without running the risk of his finding an insult hidden in it somewhere. Therefore I must refrain from any comment.

I have a grievance though. Mr. Campbell has omitted to supply full directions to the land of nod, and I can't find the place in my atlas either.—Yours etc.,

JOHN M. CAMPBELL.

Barmundu, 3rd April, 1943.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

GREATLY INCREASED ACTIVITIES

Wide Range of Services

Mr. Charles K. Gamble, chairman and managing director of the Vacuum Oil Company (Pty.) Ltd., recently returned to Australia after about five months in America.

In October last, at the request of Mr. Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross Society, Mr. Gamble flew to Washington in order to discuss the many problems ahead of that organisation in this part of the world. Mr. Gamble was at that time delegate for the American Red Cross in Australia.

Subsequent to his visit to the national headquarters, Mr. Gamble was asked to assume responsibility for additional territory in the South-west Pacific. This includes New Zealand, Fiji, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, and the Solomons. He now carries the title of American Red Cross High Commissioner for the Southern Pacific.

Big work is ahead. The American Red Cross offers a wide range of services. Its functions embody those of such organisations as the Australian Comforts Fund and other welfare bodies, in addition to the normal work of a Red Cross Society. Thus the recreational and social needs of American troops in foreign lands are catered for, which in themselves involve a vast amount of organisation and work.

Great developments are anticipated. At present there are 225 specially trained A.R.C. workers from America over here; an additional 300 will be arriving within the next few months.

Some idea of the work ahead may be gained from the fact that the budget for the balance of this year only is estimated at more than a million pounds. Yet in all probability this will have to be greatly increased.

In this territory the American Red Cross is now operating between 30 and 40 clubs and convalescent homes. In all the larger hospitals which are servicing American troops there are trained representatives of the society.

In addition to the American personnel, there are large numbers of voluntary helpers from amongst local residents. Thousands of volunteers are helping the American Red Cross in the conduct of its clubs, rest areas, convalescent homes and the like. To these the society is extremely grateful.

The society also receives much appreciated assistance from the Australian Red Cross and the Australian Comforts Fund organisations.

Mr. Norman H. Davis, in Washington, specially asked Mr. Gamble to convey the grateful thanks of the American Red Cross to the many helpers in Australia.

Mr. Gamble, in addition to being chief of the American Red Cross in this part of the world, is also liaison officer in Australia for the Anzac Division of the British War Relief Society of New York. While he was in America he made a first-hand report to the headquarters of that body—a body which also does a vast amount of good work for fighting forces in this part of the world. Its tangible assistance to the Australian Red Cross and the Australian Comforts Fund (and similar organisations in New Zealand) runs into many thousands of pounds.

RED CROSS WORK.

It costs over £3500 per day to keep the Australian Red Cross Society functioning, and as the sick and wounded, the prisoners of war, and the men the women, the children who become bomb victims need the help of the Red Cross—the Red Cross needs you. Needs you as a member, as a blood donor, needs your sympathy, needs your support, whether it be in money or in work. You are a shareholder in this great company of good Samaritans, this legion of mercy, and the dividends depend on you. Now you can understand why the Queensland Division of the Red Cross is appealing for £300,000 for its 1943 quota. Every shilling donation counts, will you help? Your local Red Cross branch will gladly acknowledge donations or answer inquiries about Red Cross work.

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PREFERENCE FOR SOLDIERS

"Not a Question Being Generous"

"The Commonwealth Government ought to put it beyond doubt that when a job is offering returned soldiers of this war—provided they apply for the job and are capable of doing it—should get the job," said Hon. Lieut. Colonel M. F. Bruxner, Country Party member for Tenterfield, and leader of the Opposition in the N.S. Wales State Parliament, in an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service last week. The interview, which took place at Parliament House, was punctuated with handshakes as friends came in to wish the Colonel "many happy returns."

"New land should be made available for returned soldiers on the same conditions," the Colonel continued. "The community at large must be made to realise that war takes an enormous toll from a man, not only physically, but by uprooting him from his chosen walk of life during very valuable years, and possibly disorganising his whole existence for good. It's not a question of being generous," he went on emphatically, "It's a question of being fair.

"Trade Unions will accept preference to soldiers only, provided none of their privileges are endangered. Now," he continued, "the organisation of people in the same walk of life is excellent, provided it is used for the betterment of the individual without suppressing anyone else. The Guilds in the old days, for instance, were excellent institutions, but the unions are becoming altogether too powerful. In England, the unions are prepared to waive their privileges for the duration. They have only one idea—to get on with the job of winning the war. I feel that the trade union attitude in Australia is unBritish."

RED CROSS SOCIETY

Monthly Paddy's Market

The monthly Paddy's market, organised by the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and committee of ladies, will be held at the Red Cross hut on Friday next, when the usual donations of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes and home manufactures will be on sale. A large quantity of home made jam will be available at the stalls. Features of the function will be the raffle of a turkey gobbler donated by Mrs. Doelle, a very nice Easter gift for the lucky ticket holder, and a beautifully dressed doll made and donated by Mrs. A. E. Easterby.

Supporters of the Red Cross in town and country are asked to forward their donations as usual to Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in good time for the market.

The Society relies to a great extent on the Paddy's markets for funds to finance its knitting and sewing circle, hospital supplies, evacuee and wounded servicing and V.A.D. organisation, and it is hoped that the public generally will continue to support the function to the fullest extent.

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In the construction of the best British and American tanks, rolled plate armour was used for the hull. Here was a major barrier (we did not have the machinery to turn out plate armour heavy enough for tanks. Nor did we have the right kind of machinery to cope with the angled surface of a tank such as the American M3, the General Grant. There was only one way out—Australia would have a crack at a new technique.

Turrets of British, American and enemy tanks were made from cast armour. Why not construct the entire hull from it, if it would replace plate armour? Cast armour had high shell resistance; bitter battle experience of riveted tanks merited consideration for the new idea. But most metallurgists shook their heads: no country in the world had yet turned out cast armour hulls; such a project would be utterly beyond Australia.

But with our designers and our engineers it was a case of experiment or be damned. Our armour would have to be developed along new lines, revolutionary lines. Lacking certain vital alloying elements, substitutes had to be found.

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Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
7	11.06	11.31	.....	5.15	5.20
8	11.45	—	.....	5.59	5.56
9	12.10	12.25	.....	6.45	6.35
10	12.51	1.08	.....	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	.....	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	.....	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	.....	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	.....	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	.....	—	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	.....	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	.....	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	.....	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	.....	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	.....	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	.....	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	.....	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	.....	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	—	.....	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	.....	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	.....	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	.....	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	.....	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	.....	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	.....	—	12.42

THE MOON.

First Quarter	April 13
Full Moon	April 20
Last Quarter	April 27

MAY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	7.09	7.44	.....	12.50	1.31
2	7.57	8.28	.....	1.47	2.14
3	8.41	9.10	.....	2.39	2.53
4	9.21	9.49	.....	3.26	3.30
5	10.01	10.28	.....	4.12	4.06
6	10.40	11.07	.....	4.57	4.41
7	11.20	11.45	.....	5.41	5.17
8	12.00	—	.....	6.26	5.56
9	12.24	12.45	.....	7.12	6.37
10	1.04	1.33	.....	8.02	7.30
11	1.48	2.31	.....	8.55	8.28
12	2.40	3.40	.....	9.50	9.33
13	3.42	4.52	.....	10.43	10.37
14	4.48	5.55	.....	11.35	11.37
15	5.51	6.47	.....	—	12.21
16	6.44	7.32	.....	12.32	1.05
17	7.30	8.12	.....	1.25	1.45
18	8.14	8.51	.....	2.12	2.24
19	8.56	9.32	.....	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	.....	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	.....	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	.....	5.32	5.07
23	11.55	—	.....	6.28	5.57
24	12.28	12.50	.....	7.26	6.55
25	1.20	1.50	.....	8.26	7.58
26	2.17	3.00	.....	9.24	9.10
27	3.22	4.17	.....	10.22	10.20
28	4.33	5.31	.....	11.18	11.28
29	5.40	6.34	.....	—	12.09
30	6.40	7.25	.....	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	.....	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

New Moon	May 4
First Quarter	May 12
Full Moon	May 20
Last Quarter	May 26

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

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a.m. SUNDAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

a.m. WEEK DAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.13—Staff News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME
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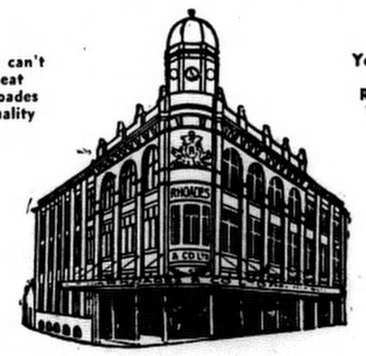

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Making War on Rumour

"This is on me," said a man in a Boston saloon. "I'm celebrating. Just got the first letter from my boy in Australia. He's a corporal now."

"Australia?" echoed a stranger beside him. "No cause to celebrate, my friend. Hundreds of soldiers who went out there are right back here in Boston now. Insane, bad food, terrible living conditions. Why, I'm told there's not even room for all of them in the hospitals."

Another vicious rumour had gone to work for the Axis. But this one did not do the damage its originators had hoped. As soon as the man left, the bartender wrote the conversation down and sent it to the Rumour Clinic headquarters of Boston's unique battle against enemy gossip propaganda.

A few days later both rumour and answer were printed in the Boston Herald's "Rumour Clinic" column, posted on bulletin boards in factories, slipped into department-store pay envelopes, sent by laundries to customers along with the clean wash. There wasn't a word of truth in it, according to army authorities. The fact was that 47 soldiers had been returned to Massachusetts for mental care. Not one of them had come from Australia.

The enemy is making a skilful effort to discourage, divide and defeat us here at home. We can stop him if we carefully guard our own lips and challenge every story that might push us even an inch along the dark way of defeat.

IN AMERICA

Payroll Deductions

One of the most remarkable developments in the U.S.A. since Pearl Harbour has been the spread of the payroll deduction method of buying war bonds, in which an employee authorises his employer to take a regular sum for the purpose from his pay.

At the start of 1942 700,000 workers were signed up, with average allotments of 4 per cent of their pay. By the end of 1942 the total had rocketed to 23,000,000 workers in 156,000 firms, laying aside an average of 8 per cent.

One of the cardinal points of Treasury Department procedure in setting up payroll savings plans is that the campaign in each plant be conducted by a joint committee of management and labour, with Government emissaries keeping in the background as advisers.

Some sceptics expected this practice to stir up trouble, requiring as it did that the lion and the lamb lie down together, and that labour unions not only permit but promote an outside invasion of that sacred precinct the payroll. These forebodings happily, have not been borne out.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

AFTER THE WAR

PROSPEROUS COUNTRY TOWNS

What 3rd Liberty Loan MEANS

When victory has been won by the United Nations, Australia will be a vastly changed continent from what it was before the war. Country districts and many country towns will never be what they were before—struggling little settlements isolated from the big cities of the seaboard. For in finding accommodation, munitions and communications for her fighting forces, Australia has found herself.

The Commonwealth Government's booklet, "The Job Australia is Doing," tells the story of our development: the story that points the moral to our future, and one of its most striking pages discloses that the Allied Works Council, now only a year old, has completed or has authorised works valued at £60,000,000. Expenditure on works of vital importance has exceeded £1,000,000 a week.

Those works include a vast network of highways—over 5000 miles of them—stretching out into and right through the "never-never." They include huge aerodromes and military establishments, and they also include big munition factories.

That last fact is of the utmost importance to the future of the rural areas of Australia.

At the outbreak of war Australia had four munition factories. To-day she has 25 in production and 24 under construction or authorised. Of those 49 munition factories, more than half are in rural areas. And to-day munition factories employ over 515,000 workers.

To the country dweller these figures carry a message for the future, for they mean that when post-war reconstruction comes the whole face of rural Australia must be changed.

Those great munitions factories must be turned over to peace-time production, for every one of them has been built to last. Those highways stretching out into the distances must carry new loads and new hope to the outback. Those new railways must be used for produce, and those aerodromes will be halting places for a new network of the skies.

What does all this mean to the country dweller?

It means that no longer will the workers be crowded around the principal cities.

It means that no longer will the country trader and the outback farmer be starved for the benefit of the city dweller.

It means that factory workers will support the country town.

It means that the village whose only industry before the war was the local butter factory, will be the home town of workers earning good wages.

It means all these and a dozen things more—the closer knitting of national life throughout the continent, the spreading of spending power, the extension of comforts and amenities.

Post-war reconstruction will mean new life for Australia, and no country dweller who looks at the question fairly and squarely to-day can fail to see the benefits.

Obviously, then, people who put money into the £100,000,000 Third Liberty Loan, who help to raise the funds to build all these things that are needed now and will be needed after the war, are the wise people who are putting their money into the safest and most profitable investment possible—a re-born post-war rural Australia.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

Prisoner Service

The Central Council of the Australian Red Cross Society has issued an illustrated booklet setting out the work it does on behalf of prisoners of war. The title is "What Red Cross Means to Our Prisoners," and the booklet is sold at 1/- a copy, the proceeds being used to further Red Cross work.

Through picture and display this publication fills a great need in that it brings forcibly and clearly before the reader just what people who have relatives or friends in prison camps may expect the Red Cross to do for them. Every service is explained and the steps taken to give that service are clearly set out.

Such a guide is necessay and should be studied by all people seeking to make use of the service.

Understanding by the public makes the work of the Red Cross much easier by eliminating many delays that should not occur in such vital work as this.

To use the Red Cross prisoner service intelligently is to make it efficient, whether that service may relate to parcels for prisoners, letters, clothing, medicines, education or recreation.

Study of the easily assimilated matter set out in the booklet reaps rewards in the shape of prompt Red Cross action.

Copies of the booklet are obtainable from Queensland Red Cross headquarters, 21 Adelaide Street, Brisbane.

MATERNITY ALLOWANCES

Bill Provides for Increases

The Maternity Allowance Bill, which passed through all stages of Parliament last week without amendment, provides for increases in the minimum maternity grant, and for an allowance of 25/- a week for eight weeks to provide nursing, domestic and other assistance.

Until the Bill went through Parliament there had been a means test conducted before allowances were granted.

Parents received £4/10/- for their first child if their total income did not exceed £247. For their second or third child they received £5 if their income did not exceed £273, and for other children they were granted £7/10/- if their income did not exceed £338.

With the removal of the means test allowances will be paid irrespective of parents' income after July 1.

The grant for a first child has been increased to £5, and for a second or third child from £5 to £6. The grant to families of four or more children is unaltered at £7/10/-.

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Engagement

STABB-KING.—The engagement is announced of A.C.W. Betty S. King (W.A.A.F.), only daughter of the late Mr. C. A. King and Mrs. E. Smith, of St. George, to Sergeant James D. Stabb, R.A.A.F., second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stabb, Oaka Lane, Gladstone.

Thanks

MR. G. H. POTTER and LEN wish to thank all kind friends for floral tributes, letters, and personal messages of sympathy in their recent sad and sudden bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

NAME AND ADDRESS ESSENTIAL.

For an reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Local Authority elections (Town Council, Harbour Board, and Calliope Shire). C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions for publication must carry the name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

Up to the closing hour of the banks yesterday 177 applications had been received in connection with the Third Liberty Loan, representing £10,590.

AUCTION SALE.

Attention is drawn to an advertisement in this issue of a property which will be submitted for sale by Gladstone Agencies. Splendid opportunity for small farmer, as property adjoins the North Coast railway at Benaraby.

LOAN PENNANTS.

At the picture shows to-night (Saturday) the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) will present the pennants to the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) one green and the other purple, which were won in connection with the Austerity Loan.

TAX DODGING CLAIM.

The Federal Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) said that he would have an investigation made into a Queensland banker's suggestion that the increase in the circulation of large denomination notes in the Commonwealth meant a spread of tax dodging. Federal taxation authorities, however, said that the suggestion was "merely a matter for supposition."

COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS.

At the Court of Petty Sessions on Tuesday, before the S.M., Mr. J. F. Donovan, Noel Johnson, of Gladstone, was convicted and fined 10/-, costs of court 6/-, in default 48 hours in the lock-up, for riding a bicycle without a light in Gondoon Street. Sergeant Coxon stated that complaints had been received regarding persons riding vehicles without a light, and action was being taken to stop this offence.

PRIVATE KEVIN CORR.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Corr, of Gladstone, will be pleased to learn that their son Kevin passed his signalling examination very meritoriously. At the regimental course of instruction at Warwick this lad gained a theoretical pass of 89.7 per cent. and a practical pass of 100 per cent. Prior to joining the A.I.F. Private Corr was on the staff of Messrs. . C. Moore & Co., and many friends will join in congratulating him on his success.

NOMINATION OUT OF ORDER.

In view of the forthcoming elections the following should prove of interest: Mr. J. F. McGill, who recently announced his intention to nominate as an independent candidate for the Hamilton ward at the municipal election, will not be able to nominate for that ward, as his name is not on the Hamilton roll. The qualifications for nominations include the provision that the nominee must be on the annual roll for the ward for which he nominates.

TEA COUPONS.

Tea coupons C15 and C18, inclusive, and sugar coupons B17 and B18 will become available next Monday. The Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) emphasised that the tea coupons would be valid only until May 2, the usual period of four weeks. Sugar coupons would be valid until the issue of the new ration books. The sugar ration of 2lbs. per coupon, and the tea ration of 2ozs. per coupon remain unchanged.

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held in the Court House next Thursday at 7.30 p.m., when Mr. E. Radford will deliver a lecture.

BREAD CARTERS CALL-UP.

Bread carters employed in the Brisbane area are receiving call-up notices for the Civil Construction Corps. Those being called up are carters under 35 who had been granted exemption on September 28 last year.

A.W.U. WARNING.

The Queensland branch of the A.W.U. has decided to advise members not to participate in the one-day stopwork meetings to be held throughout the State next Monday by C.C.C. members as a protest against the new award.

PAPER SITUATION DESPERATE.

Shortage of paper of all kinds was more acute, and the Queensland Master Printers' and Allied Traders' Association was making every effort to secure supplies, said the secretary of the association (Mr. L. Suggars). No paper had come into Queensland for months, he said, and some printers could not fulfil their orders.

FILM ON V.D.

The production of a short modern film on a scientific basis to combat venereal disease has been suggested by the Federal Health Minister (Mr. Holloway). "The problem has to be tackled immediately on a common sense and courageous basis," he said. Methods of controlling V.D. will be discussed at a conference of medical authorities from all States soon.

EX-DIGGERS ONLY.

The war veterans' march on Anzac Day (Sunday, April 25) in Sydney will be confined to ex-servicemen. This is because of strict ceremonial that would have to be observed if A.I.F. and other service units were included. Demobilised diggers of the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th divisions will be allotted positions in that order in the march immediately following divisions of the 1st A.I.F.

MEATWORKS PEAK SEASON.

"It is essential that all meatworks should operate to the highest capacity during the peak season for cattle supplies, which is now beginning," said the Deputy Controller of Meat Supplies (Mr. E. F. Sunners). The Brisbane Abattoir and other meatworks in Queensland were packing an enormous quantity of canned meat and boneless beef for service requirements, he added.

COURT ORDER DISOBEYED.

Because the Queensland branch of the Meat Industry Employees' Union has refused to obey the order of the Industrial Court to supply labour to work overtime at the Brisbane Abattoir, the Meat Industry Board will make another application to the Court. The Board Secretary (Mr. J. Simpson) said he could not disclose the nature of the application. One course open to the board would be to apply for the deregistration of the union.

SUGAR FOR JAM.

Forms obtained by consumers from the Rationing Commission for the additional sugar for jam issue cannot be presented to traders after the date of issue of next year's ration books. This has been pointed out by the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming). Traders must return used forms for the additional sugar for jam making issue at the close of the month in which the sugar has been supplied.

CANNED MEAT TRADE.

At the annual meeting of Swift & Co., Ltd., Chicago, the President (Mr. John Holmes) stated that during 1942 more than 250,000,000 lb. of fresh ham and pork, which normally would have gone to the civilian trade, had been canned for Government use. In 1941 the company was equipped to produce slightly less than 2,000,000 lb. of canned meat per week, but today the capacity was more than 8,000,000 lb. per week. Although sales to the armed services and for lend-lease ran into "very impressive totals," the civilian business still constituted the major part of the company's activities, he added.

WOMAN FINED FOR SPREADING RUMOUR.

Mrs. Hilda Ethel Warr, an elderly widow, was fined 10/- with 24/- costs, in Fremantle Police Court, for having spread a false rumour. Mrs. Warr met an acquaintance who told her that a certain steamer had been bombed. Mrs. Warr became upset because she had a relative on board the ship. She caught a bus, and during the journey saw a man who had served on the ship. She called out that the vessel had been hit. The rumour caused a sensation among passengers on the bus, and Mrs. Warr alighted hysterical and weeping.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

GLADSTONE COMMITTEE

"The Best Meeting"

A meeting of the Third Liberty Loan Committee was held on Tuesday night last, when the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) presided over an attendance of 15 members.

TELEGRAM FROM TREASURER.

The following telegram was read from the Treasurer (Mr. Chiefley):—

Generally the progress results of the Third Liberty Loan campaign is so disappointing that if your quota is not yet filled I am impelled to ask you to intensify your efforts to ensure a satisfactory response from your district. Filling your quotas, both subscribers and money, will be an important contribution to the loan success. Glad to have your help, and I am confident I can count on this further effort by your committee."

Mr. J. Burrows said the town was showing a decided lag in subscriptions to the loan, some contending that taxation was too high. He had visited the Meat Wors, where he had met Mr. Drewe, and the most he could promise was to collect the initial pound from employees, but no subsequent subscriptions.

The Mayor said Mr. Drewe was prepared to collect the first pound to start the group scheme, but was not prepared to make weekly deductions from the wages of employees.

Mr. Henderson said he was sorry when he heard that Swifts through Mr. Drewe was not prepared to co-operate to the fullest extent.

Mr. J. Vallis said he was disappointed when he learned that Swifts were not prepared to make weekly deductions from their employees wages. Without the payroll deductions the scheme would be no good, the contention of Mr. Drewe being it would envolve too much bookkeeping. If they could have arranged for a 5/- weekly deduction the scheme would have gone ahead, and the employees at the Meat Works would have made a good showing.

Mr. H. Hall suggested that the matter be again taken up with the management, and if they refused to co-operate to get in touch with the Loan Director in Brisbane by telegram, and moved a motion accordingly.

Mr. J. Vallis, in seconding the motion, said the little extra bookkeeping involved in the national interests should be undertaken, and he thought if the committee got in touch with Mr. Rolfe all matters could be arranged. If a big company like Swifts was not prepared to co-operate to the fullest extent what would be the feelings of the workers in subscribing to the loan.

Mr. Hall said no one wished to antagonise the company, but they expected their fullest co-operation, and if it was not forthcoming the matter could be reported to the Loan Director in Brisbane.

The motion was then put and carried.

It was decided that the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) and Mr. J. Burrows wait on the management of Swifts in regard to the matter.

Mr. H. Hall stated that Mr. Peters had lodged thirty-six applications, representing £460.

Mr. J. Burrows said he had been successful in obtaining twenty applications, the biggest one being £250.

Mr. Bentley stated he had made a canvass in the country, and the persons he had talked to all referred to the heavy taxation.

Mr. McCabe reported that he had canvassed the civil construction workers, and felt he would be successful in some instances, but it was a tough proposition.

Mr. H. Hall informed the committee that he had interviewed Mr. Stan Clapham, who had an attractive display at the Embassy, but the scheme as far as attracting subscriptions had proved a real washout.

Mr. W. R. Golding said his employees had taken advantage of subscribing to the loan, and he had pushed it forward.

Mr. H. Hall suggested that two speakers should address the audience at the respective picture shows during the interval for five minutes each, stressing the necessity of subscribing to the loan, also following up with the personal contact. The proprietors of both picture theatres had generously made this offer.

Mr. J. Vallis considered the suggestion a good one, and should be carried out.

A sub-committee, consisting of the Mayor and Messrs. Hall, Tudman and Vallis, was appointed to arrange for speakers at the respective picture shows.

In closing the meeting the Mayor stated it was the best meeting so far and the best attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

SOVIET POLICY.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—This newspaper controversy seems to be anybody's fight, so with your permission I will send over a few punches myself.

Right at the beginning I want to make it perfectly clear that I am not a member of the Communist Party, and as I have no intention of joining that or any other political party, my desire to remain anonymous is explained.

In dealing with any quotation, such as submitted to your valued journal by "Worker," one must be careful to always look for the source of inspiration. The article in question appeared in the "Worker" (a trade union journal controlled by Mr. C. G. Fallon, as chairman of directors). Yes, Mr. Fallon and his henchmen hate the communists because they have consistently exposed to the workers the reactionary leadership of the clique.

Some few years ago two militant members of the A.W.U. had to take to court this same type of leadership to force them to allow the members' (Lane and Broad) names to be submitted to a ballot for official position.

Yes, it is the same crowd, led by Mr. Fallon, who, when he failed in his efforts to crack the political whip over the militia proposals, declared, "I am finished with the Government." And this is the source of inspiration quoted by "Worker."

The communist party policy in regard to elections is, I have been informed: If the labour candidate is a progressive militant type of person they will not only oppose him, but actively support him. I had quoted to me the recent Mackay bye-election, when Mr. Fred Paterson, prominent communist and brilliant scholar and speaker, took the platform on behalf of the labour candidate.

A study of recent election results leads one to the conviction that it was only the communist party support of labour which turned obvious defeat into a comfortable victory.

Two weeks ago Prime Minister Curtin said, "there are interests in Australia which did not like the Government and were anxious to foment industrial trouble."

The communist press has been pointing this out ever since labour assumed office. Witness the activities of the coal mine owners, continually pinpricking the miners with the single purpose of causing upheaval and thereby smashing the Labour Government.

In every industrial trouble the communist party has given the lead in an endeavour to stave off strikes in their honest effort to build up the war effort in the fight against Fascism.

In the recent C.C.C. strike it was the effort of Mr. G. Dawson (building trades secretary) and Mr. E. J. Hanson (painters' secretary), both prominent communists, who, whilst others dallied, took immediate action to get the men back to work and prevent the strike from spreading. The communist party believes in a strike only as a last resort, i.e., when all other means of settling disputes have failed.

Most people to-day understand the change of communist policy towards this war, but for the benefit of "Worker" I will set out not only the change of Soviet policy, but also the change in international situations which caused this change in policy.

For a start, I not only admit that Soviet policy did change completely over, but I claim that for Soviet Union to adhere to a fixed policy in spite of the sharp turns and twists in international affairs, would have been a criminal betrayal of the faith reposed in Soviet leaders by their 180 millions of peoples.

Those responsible for Munich—Chamberlain, Daladier, etc.—built up the military power of Germany with the hope of turning it against the Soviet Union. This they achieved, but instead of Germany's attack being followed by a united front of counter revolutionary activity against the Soviet Union, it gave birth to the unity of America, China, Soviet Union and Britain.

In 1940 the British and French Governments were actively promoting interventionist war against the Soviet Union. They sent guns and planes to Finland, and it was only the collapse of the Mannerheim line which prevented their sending soldiers. At this time Germany was maintaining friendly relations with the Soviet Union, whilst the British Government has signed a pact of mutual aid and alliance with Russia.

Is this not a change in international relations?

Again, in 1940, in a paper, "The British Case," written by Lord Lloyd with a preface by Lord Halifax, Hitler is accused of the "supreme betrayal," because of his non-aggression pact with Soviet Union. To-day Hitler accuses the British Government of the same crime of "supreme betrayal," because she has signed a pact of mutual aid with the Union.

At the same time Mannerheim and Tanner were held up as "the darlings of western democracy, and Soviet strategic action for the defence of Leningrad was denounced as "blood-stained aggression."

At that time Stalin was denounced by the labour party in its pamphlet on Finland as "Red Czar," "Allen and unscrupulous despot," "gangster," "the depts of iniquity of M. Joseph Stalin are still unknown." These are but a few of the terms hurled at him by the labour party, but now the labour "Daily Herald," official organ of the same party, says: "Three great figures lead mankind in the struggle to defend human freedom—Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt."

Is it not obvious that any intelligent party must change its policy to meet these changing conditions if it is to be really consistent, but to my mind the question is not whether there has been a change in policy, but is the new policy put forward correct and adequate?

Had Germany attacked the Soviet Union in 1939, with Chamberlain and Daladier in power in Britain and France, it is quite clear now how quickly the united counter revolutionary front would have been formed against the Union. The two years gained by brilliant Soviet diplomacy has saved not only the Soviet Union, but may well give rise to heartfelt thanks from all peoples fighting in the allied cause.

The process of the war may be divided into three phases:—

First phase when the world passed almost imperceptibly from peace to war, through a series of extending localised conflicts. This developed from the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931 to the Anglo-French declaration of war on Germany in 1939.

The second phase of the war extended from September 1939 to June 1941, and bore the full character of imperialist war.

It was only with the invasion of Russia by Hitler's hordes that the war entered the third phase, or the war of the united nations against Fascism, or the war for the liberation of the people enslaved by Fascist Germany.

To enlarge upon these statements would take up a deal of space, but if anyone challenges my statements then I will reply at length.

The statement that "Australian workers will not readily forget that when bombs were falling on British women and children, etc."

I reply: "The Australian workers will not readily forget that the British Government knew of and gave its approval for the Italian campaign against Abyssinia two years before it was launched."

They will not forget that after the Italians had landed sufficient war material (purchased from Britain) in Italian Somaliland, the same Government prohibited the export of arms to both belligerents (well armed Italy and completely disarmed Abyssinia).

Again, Australian workers will not forget that at a most critical time in Japan's Fascist aggression on China, the same British Government, at the request of Japan, closed for three months the only available highway along which China could get supplies—the Burma Road.

The Australian workers will not readily forget that the Chinese Government offered to protect Honk Kong with 100,000 troops, but the offer was turned down.

The Australian workers will not forget that Soviet Union offered to share in the protection of Poland, that Poland would accept Soviet protection only from the air, and refused to allow any Soviet soldier to set foot on Polish soil.

Finally, they will not forget that right up to the invasion by Germany, the Soviet Union did everything possible to prevent war, and even after war had started in 1939 strove for immediate peace amongst all nations.

So out of this discussion we arrive at the conclusion that it was only Soviet policy which could be successfully adapted to meet the changing international situation.—Yours, etc.,

"MARLEN."

"Anything less than unconditional surrender would be temporising with murder and negotiating with treachery since the overweening Japanese ambition is to eventually invade and conquer the United States."—Mr. Joseph Grew, former American Ambassador to Tokio, in a speech at Harrisburg, U.S.A.

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE

APPEAL BY MAYOR DENNIS

Citizens Asked to Contribute

Fellow citizens,—

I know that you will all share with me the pride and pleasure that it has given me when I was advised that the Commonwealth Authorities had decided to name one of our new warships the H.M.A.S. Gladstone.

Lieut. J. W. Pennet, R.A.N., commander of the ship, has written me suggesting that the town of Gladstone might desire to present to the ship some momento in honour of the name she bears, which would be greatly appreciated.

The hon. sec. of the Comforts Fund (Mrs. J. W. Garrett) has received a similar letter suggesting that this Fund might be willing to service the vessel whilst in commission, the initial cost of which would be approximately £150, and £10 per quarter thereafter.

Articles suggested are wireless sets, electric urns, indoor and deck games, and the usual supply of comforts.

My Council has decided to co-operate with this body in raising the sum of money necessary to purchase these comforts.

That you will all be keen to do your share and follow with considerable pride and eager expectation the career of this vessel, which I have no doubt, will uphold the highest tradition of our Navy.

I make this appeal to you to contribute towards the cost of fitting out this ship, of which we will all be as proud of as we are of the town which bears this name.

As this appeal will close in a fortnight it will be necessary to act quickly, and I know that I can depend on all to do their share.

Donations may be sent to the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson), or to Mrs. J. W. Garrett.

DONATIONS RECEIVED.

Swift Aust. Co. Ltd. ...	£10	10	0
Town Council	10	0	0
Harbour Board	10	0	0
Friends (Pty.) Ltd. ...	10	0	0
Gladstone Sawmills	5	5	0
The Mayor (Ald. Dennis)	3	3	0
Mayoress (Mrs. Dennis)	2	2	0
Kellett & Joseph	2	2	0
A. W. F. G. Crow	2	2	0
S. Corones	2	2	0
C. Chapman	2	2	0
J. Comino	2	2	0
H. C. Moore	2	2	0
T. Upton	2	2	0
M. A. Busteed	1	1	0
Phil Browne	1	1	0
J. Seaton	1	1	0
Gladstone Hardware Co.	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Busteed	1	1	0
P. M. Jones	1	1	0
Liddicoat Bros.	1	1	0
J. A. V. Nash	1	1	0
2nd Gladstone Group Boy Scouts	1	1	0
R. J. Mackay	1	1	0
W. R. Golding senr. ..	1	1	0
Three Little Sweeney Boys	1	1	0
Duncan and Alan Grayson	1	1	0
Mrs. D. J. Connellan ...	1	1	0
J. W. Kirkwood, Beecher	10	6	
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dodge	10	6	
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh	10	6	
Mrs. W. R. Golding senr.	10	0	
Miss T. Keen	5	0	
Collections by 2nd Gladstone Group Boy Scouts:—			
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Young	1	1	0
Mr. H. J. Dow	10	0	

E. M. Buettel, W. Buettel, F. W. Robinson, Mrs. J. Lyons, Mrs. S. Keen, 5/- each.

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Mrs. L. Russell, 3/-.

F. T. Hughes, M. Pitt, W. J. Collins, 3/- each.

Mrs. J. Gosschalk, Mr. J. Gosschalk, T. Titmus, Mrs. Ramsay, 2/6 each.

F. McCabe, Maisie Short, 2/6 each.

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N. Ruddell, Barbara Hay, J. Geyer, R. Stewart, 1/- each.

Gat. Smith 8d, Mrs. A. Patterson 6d.

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HARBOUR BOARD

MONTHLY MEETING

£2000 for Government

The monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. A. W. Drewe), and Messrs. W. R. Golding, J. F. Donovan, E. W. Crow, C. W. Macfarlan, C. S. Schache, R. S. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

POWER CHARGES.

The Board wrote the Town Council agreeing to meet the Electric Light Committee in conference to discuss charges for electric power supplied to the crane.

The Chairman reported that the conference had been held the previous evening. It was decided that the Board pay at schedule rates for A.C. power consumed, and be given a six-months trial.

ACTION CONFIRMED.

The Town Council wrote soliciting a donation towards the fitting out of the H.M.A.S. "Gladstone."—The action of the Chairman in donating £10 was confirmed.

FINANCE.

Payments amounting to £174/4/4 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £208/12/7 were passed for payment.

It was decided to remit £2000 to the Treasury Department on account of interest and redemption.

GENERAL.

The Chairman stated that as this was the last meeting of the Board as at present constituted, he appreciated the kindly feelings and assistance that had been extended to him by all members, and he hoped all would be returned.

ANZAC DAY

Ban on Picture Shows

Picture shows will not be open for servicemen in Brisbane, or elsewhere in Queensland, on Anzac Day—a Sunday.

Announcing this, the Premier (Mr. Cooper) said it was fitting that the observance should be complete on the coming Anzac Day because the landing at Anzac was made on a Sunday.

Commenting on the request made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) to State Governments to co-operate this year in the celebration of the day, Mr. Cooper said that its commemoration originated in Queensland, and the Queensland Government had always jealously guarded its observance.

Other arrangements that were ordinarily applied to Anzac Day would apply on April 25.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. W. R. Golding has been elected unopposed to represent the Miriam Vale Shire on the Gladstone Harbour Board. Mr. Golding is undoubtedly an acquisition to the Board.

PATRIOTIC COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, April 16.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) would much appreciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

NEW BEEF RATES

PERTURB GROWERS

Statement by Mr. J. L. Wilson

New beef prices which Queensland producers would receive as a result of the decision of the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner (Professor Copland), warranted a strong protest from the President of the Central Coastal Graziers' Association (Mr. J. L. Wilson, of Calliope Station).

Fixing of first quality ox beef at 36/6 per 100 lb., Brisbane, came as a shock to producers, he said. It was generally recognised in the industry that a fair price would have been 40/-. That figure would have returned pre-war prices plus increased costs of production. Anything below that price must result in an unfair hardship on growers.

On the basis of reatil prices ruling on February 26, the date selected to peg ruling rates, growers were entitled to even more than 40/- per 100 lb. for first quality ox beef.

Graziers who had purchased store cattle in competition with New South Wales' fatteners would now show a loss on their investments, for as far as was known fat stock prices in New South Wales were still considerably in excess of those to operate in Queensland.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

A WORKING BEE.

All members, associates and intending members are asked to meet at the golf house to-morrow (Sunday) to operate a working bee. A start was made last week to mow some of the fairways, and good progress has been made on Nos. 1 and 2 holes. To-morrow members will be asked to assist in raking grass from the fairways, clearing the greens, placing sand on them, and generally assisting to put the course in order. The associates will provide luncheon at the club house, and the nineteenth will be officially opened for the 1943 season.

Committeeman R. Elliott has already done excellent work on the links. He found the Golf Club's horse "Bally" is in such good nick that it took the best part of two days to yard him up and get him in harness, but he has now settled down to work in great style. Works committeeman Mr. H. Moore, has been out supervising operations, and Mr. Leo Collins has assisted both members. A good roll up is expected to-morrow.

DAIRYMEN'S ORGANISATION

Ballot on Registration

Cabinet has approved of a request by the Agriculture Minister (Mr. Williams) that the Queensland Dairymen's Organisation be permitted to conduct a ballot under the Primary Producers' Organisation and Marketing Act on the Q.D.O. being declared a compulsory farmers' organisation.

Mr. Williams said that he had been assured by leaders of the organisation that a substantial majority of dairymen were in favour of a compulsory levy being made on the industry to enable the Q.D.O. to register under the Act.

Some time ago a similar ballot was taken, but because of a paucity of voters, and the small percentage of farmers voting in the affirmative the organisation's request for registration had to be refused.

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TIMBER SALE.

BY Auction, at Forests Office, Kalpowar, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 16th April, 1943, about 70,000 sq. ft. Hardwood Milling Timber standing on Crown areas in the parishes of Coominglah, Selene, and Cynthia. Further particulars available on application to the Forests Office, Kalpowar.

C. J. TRIST,
Secretary Sub-Department of Forestry,
Brisbane 1/4/43.

AUCTION SALE

ESTATE CHARLES OLIVER GRIEVE

GLADSTONE AGENCIES have been instructed by the Public Curator, Brisbane, to submit for sale by Public Auction, HOUSE PROPERTY situated adjacent to Benaaby Railway Station, sixteen miles from Gladstone, described as resubdivision 1 of subdivision 1 of portion 127, county of Clinton, parish of Boyne, 12 acres 3 roods 4 perches, C.T. C22014, volume 174 folio 17.

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WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, April 16th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organisers, Mesdames C. Chapman and G. Henriksen.

AUCTION Sale of Furniture This Afternoon at 2.30 p.m., at residence of Mr. J. Cavanagh, at Ferris Street. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A—SPECIAL Quality Choice Granny Smith Apples, suitable for dessert and cooking, 20/- bushel case; Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques.—FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

AUCTION Sale account Cavanagh.—3-piece Lounge Suite, Dining Suite, Bedroom Suite, and Axminster Carpet. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A BOOK of Verses by Tip Kelaher of the A.I.F., recently killed in action. Contains "The Digger's Hat," "Ginger Mick," "Stockman's September," and others. Price 3/6. P. M. Jones.

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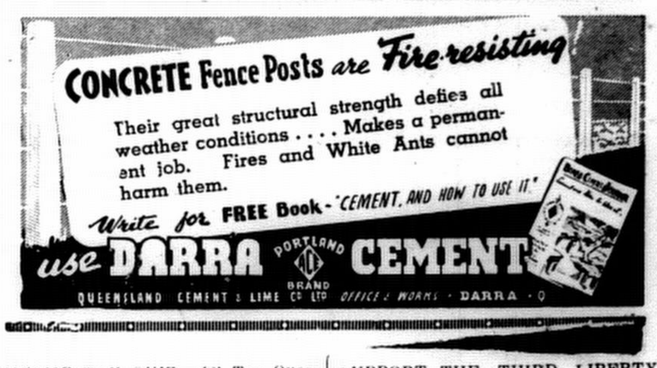

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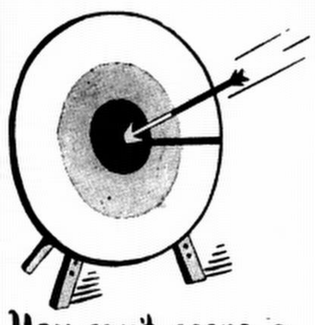

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GERMANY'S FOOD PROBLEM

PRESENT DAY TROUBLES

Position Outlined

It is simple to plan for production, but its attainment can be reached only if adequate labour is available and if the seasons are favourable. So far these conditions have not been fulfilled in the case of Germany.

Between the inauguration of the Nazi scheme and the outbreak of war, Darre, then Minister for Food Supplies, estimated the shortage of farm labour at 800,000. Accordingly the plan was amended to enforce amalgamation of holdings to permit of the intensification of mechanisation, particularly in the production of grain.

Since the war, the flight from the land has continued, and manpower difficulties have been intensified by the additional demands made upon agriculture.

Skilled agricultural workers have been called up for military duties and replaced by foreign workers from occupied territories and by prisoners of war. Women and school children are doing full-time work on the farms.

Although it was estimated that two million addition hands had been impressed into the Nazi service by the middle of last year, the technical journal "Farben Und Lacke" admitted that foreign workers when producing for Germany achieved only 40 per cent. of the German workers' output.

RESERVES EXHAUSTED.

As the result of hoarding and of favourable harvests, Germany entered the war with full granaries. Stored grain represented more than a year's supply. War-time harvests, however, have been uniformly bad, and in October of last year Staatsrat Meinberg, speaking on Germany economy in war time, stated that "the considerable grain reserves with which Germany entered the war have been used up."

There is a great deal of evidence to show that, in spite of persuasion and coercion, peasants apparently have not been too eager to deliver their produce to the State.

The Danish newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet" divulged that numerous farmers had received very severe sentences for supplying wrong information. Similarly the German press has referred from time to time to numerous acts of sabotage by foreign workers.

So far there has been little indication that yields are suffering because of an insufficiency of phosphates. However, it is still early for this crack in the structure to be revealed. Besides, relying on heavy dressings of superphosphate to maintain production, German farmers use large quantities of nitrogenous and potassic fertilisers.

Pre-war average application of manure per acre of the area under cultivation amounted to nitrogen 19lb., phosphoric acid 20lb., potash 35lb.

If nitrogen suplies have to be reduced considerably the drop in production would be swift and serious.

It is not unreasonable to expect that the chemical industry, facing the enormous demand for military purposes, may be forced to place agricultural industry on short commons.

PHOSPHATE SUPPLIES.

Reduction of supplies of phosphates in the last war resulted after two years in a serious decline in the yield of potatoes, one of Germany's mainstays, and in the third year affected grain production.

The fertiliser position, with cessation of supplies from French North Africa (before the war they represented 70 per cent of Europe's total imports), must be substantially deteriorating.

The admission is made in a survey published in the "Berliner Beorsen Zeitung" that "not all the expectations with regard to the areas under sugar beet cultivation have been fulfilled. Labour difficulties and shortage of fertiliser, too, have made farmers hesitate to cultivate the amount of beet planned for."

Other references in the German press in the last 12 months indicate a shortage of seed. In the spring of 1942 it became necessary to re-sow large areas because of seasonal troubles. The fact was bewailed in the "Woelkisher Boerbachter" that, "regarding the re-sowing, it is calculated that 100,000 tons of seed will be required, and it is very doubtful whether all the seed needed for the spring sowing will be really obtainable everywhere."

Extracts from the German press also reveal serious difficulties connected with transport, the supply of agricultural machinery, fuel, and the insufficiency of agricultural building.

One such typical allusion in "Der Deutsche Volkswirt," entitled "The Hard Tasks of Agricultural Production," says: "Most apparent were the difficulties in the provision of potatoes. Here it was impressively demonstrated that it is not only a question of the extent of food production, but that transport and provision of storage facilities play a most important part."

The food position of occupied countries from which Germany has drawn heavily to supplement her supplies is all too well known.

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APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
10	12.51	1.08	.....	7.35	7.17
11	1.36	1.58	.....	8.29	8.09
12	2.28	3.04	.....	9.28	9.10
13	3.31	4.20	.....	10.29	10.16
14	4.42	5.36	.....	11.29	11.19
15	5.50	6.37	.....	—	12.21
16	6.45	7.25	.....	12.16	1.08
17	7.31	8.05	.....	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	.....	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	.....	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	.....	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	.....	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	.....	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	.....	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	—	.....	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	.....	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	.....	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	.....	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	.....	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	.....	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	.....	—	12.42

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... April 13
Full Moon ..... April 20
Last Quarter ..... April 27

MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	7.09	7.44	.....	12.50	1.31
2	7.57	8.28	.....	1.47	2.14
3	8.41	9.10	.....	2.39	2.53
4	9.21	9.49	.....	3.26	3.30
5	10.01	10.28	.....	4.12	4.06
6	10.40	11.07	.....	4.57	4.41
7	11.20	11.45	.....	5.41	5.17
8	12.00	—	.....	6.26	5.56
9	12.24	12.45	.....	7.12	6.37
10	1.04	1.33	.....	8.02	7.30
11	1.48	2.31	.....	8.55	8.28
12	2.40	3.40	.....	9.50	9.33
13	3.42	4.52	.....	10.43	10.37
14	4.48	5.55	.....	11.35	11.37
15	5.51	6.47	.....	—	12.21
16	6.44	7.32	.....	12.32	1.05
17	7.30	8.12	.....	1.25	1.45
18	8.14	8.51	.....	2.12	2.24
19	8.56	9.32	.....	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	.....	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	.....	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	.....	5.32	5.07
23	11.55	—	.....	6.28	5.57
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30	6.40	7.25	.....	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	.....	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... May 4
First Quarter ..... May 12
Full Moon ..... May 20
Last Quarter ..... May 26

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SUNDAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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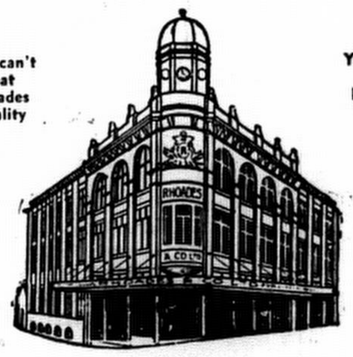

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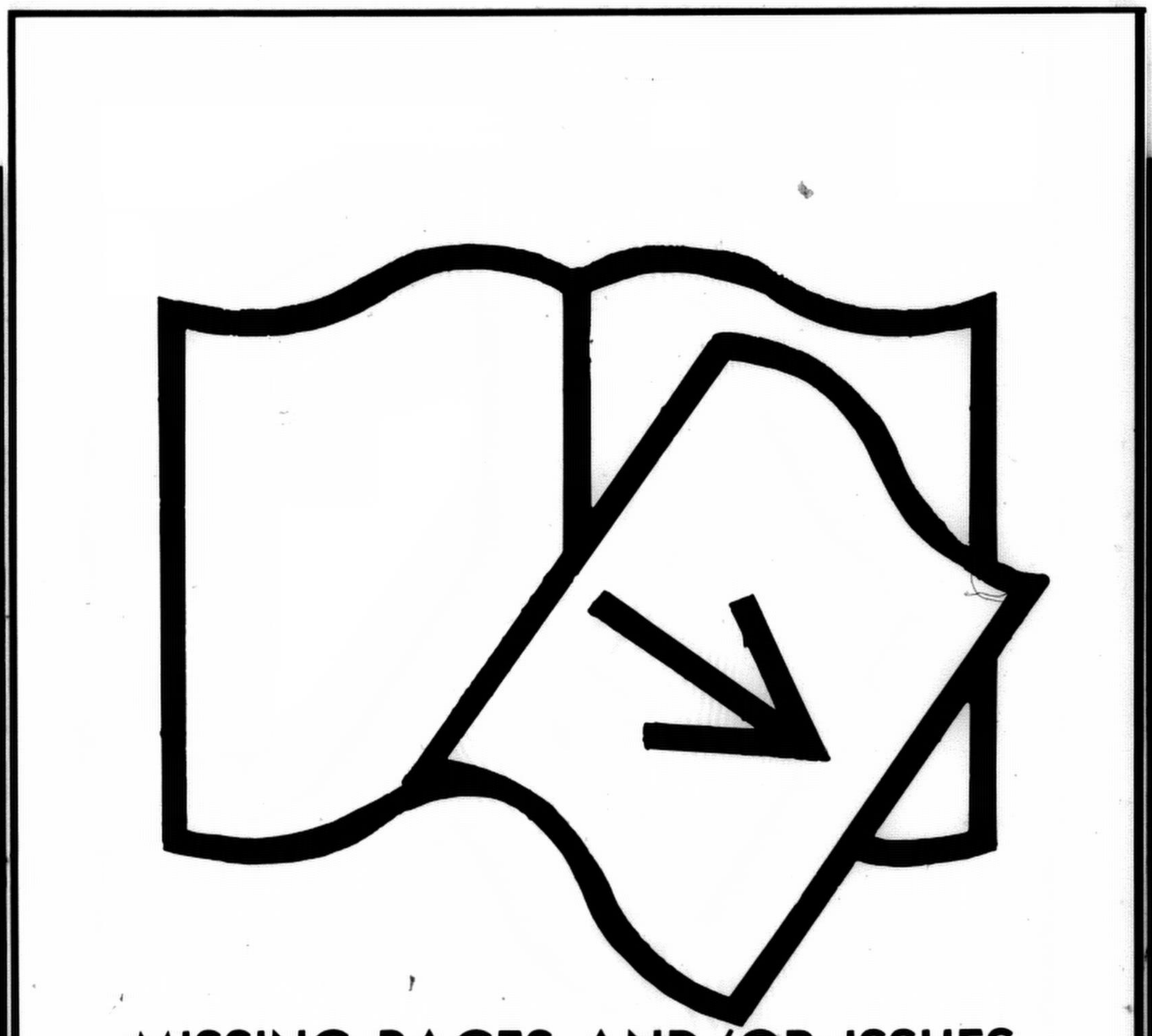

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RAILWAY APPEAL BOARD

A GLADSTONE CASE

Appeal Successful

In a case which attracted considerable interest locally, Duncan McDonnell, stationmaster's clerk, Gladstone, was successful in an appeal against the appointment of Peter Joseph Hunt, 5th class chief ticket clerk, Rockhampton, to the position of 4th class chief ticket clerk, Rockhampton.

The Railway Appeal Board, sitting at Rockhampton, consisted of Messrs. W. Simpson, S. M. (chairman), T. S. Allen (departmental representative), and J. L. Macarthur (employees' representative).

Another appellant in the same case was Isaac Edgar Lambert Major, chief parcels clerk, Rockhampton.

Mr. W. J. Merrill appeared for the department. Mr. J. Lloyd (Railway Salaried Officers' Union) for Major and McDonnell appeared on his own behalf.

McDonnell's grounds of appeal were greater, or at least equal, suitability, seniority, and that he had been wrongly passed over.

Major's grounds were that he was the most suitable employee next in rank, position or grade.

McDonnell stated in evidence that he had previously held the position of chief ticket clerk, Rockhampton, from 1918 to 1930, and was quite capable of again taking charge of the ticket office.

Major deposed that he had quite a lot of ticket experience, and had worked in the Rockhampton ticket office. With his experience as chief parcels clerk andhis knowledge of ticket work he would have no difficulty in doing the job.

Ernest Gardner, first assistant to pay clerk, Rockhampton, stated he had been in charge of the ticket office at Rockhampton for 15 years, and left the position in 1920. The appellant, Major, had a good experience of ticket work and his knowledge of parcels

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

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Scientific intruments of war which once were never made in Australia are now being turned out in huge quantities throughout the country.

Before the war Australia relied on imports for the many highly intricate products of everyday use which it had never attempted to manufacture.

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War necessities demanded that Australia must evolve production of scientific goods it had not previously attempted to make. It just had to be done, no matter what the cost.

Most of the 150 main chemicals needed for explosives are now being made in Australia. Less than half of them were made here four years ago.

Many of the more complex metals needed for munitions, which were never made here, are now in production after wide research.

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LOAN SUCCESS

Keep Prices Down

It is the clear duty of the Australian people to subscribe to the Third Liberty Loan, and thus assist in returning to the Government extra spending money which has been distributed among the people, said Mr. W. C. Taylor senior vice-president of the Australian Labour Party (N.S.W.) recently.

"It is in this way only that we can control prices and ration goods fairly," said Mr. Taylor. "The success of the loan will mean that prices of commodities are less likely to rise. The failure of the loan might well mean more increased taxation.

"Since the outbreak of war our national income has increased from about £750,000,000 a year to approximately £1,150,000,000.

Everybody is in work, or ought to be, and as a result of Government expenditure there is much more money in the community. But, allied with this expenditure, we have restrictions on production and we have rationing, and these controls mean less goods for civilian needs.

The result is that we have more money to-day but less goods on which to spend that money.

Many of us still want these goods and are unwilling to practise self-denial. This unwillingness is exhibited in panic spending and black markets. The continued purchase of unnecessary civilian goods exhausts manpower which the Government dearly needs for war purposes."

Mr. Taylor said the main object of the Third Liberty Loan was to drain back to the Government the central bank credits which had been issued. Unless this money was diverted back to the Government, prices would be difficult to control, and wages would never catch up to increasing prices.

LOAN QUIZ

The Purchase of Bonds

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RAILWAY APPEAL BOARD

A GLADSTONE CASE

Appeal Successful

In a case which attracted considerable interest locally, Duncan McDonnell, stationmaster's clerk, Gladstone, was successful in an appeal against the appointment of Peter Joseph Hunt, 5th class chief ticket clerk, Rockhampton, to the position of 4th class chief ticket clerk, Rockhampton.

The Railway Appeal Board, sitting at Rockhampton, consisted of Messrs. W. Simpson, S. M. (chairman), T. S. Allen (departmental representative), and J. L. Macarthur (employees' representative).

Another appellant in the same case was Isaac Edgar Lambert Major, chief parcels clerk, Rockhampton.

Mr. W. J. Merrill appeared for the department, Mr. J. Lloyd (Railway Salaried Officers' Union) for Major and McDonnell appeared on his own behalf.

McDonnell's grounds of appeal were greater, or at least equal, suitability, seniority, and that he had been wrongly passed over.

Major's grounds were that he was the most suitable employee next in rank, position or grade.

McDonnell stated in evidence that he had previously held the position of chief ticket clerk, Rockhampton, from 1918 to 1930, and was quite capable of again taking charge of the ticket office.

Major deposed that he had quite a lot of ticket experience, and had worked in the Rockhampton ticket office. With his experience as chief parcels clerk andhis knowledge of ticket work he would have no difficulty in doing the job.

Ernest Gardner, first assistant to pay clerk, Rockhampton, stated he had been in charge of the ticket office at Rockhampton for 15 years, and left the position in 1920. The appellant, Major, had a good experience of ticket work, and his knowledge of parcels work would help him in balancing the accounts in the ticket office.

The appointee stated in evidence that he had occupied the position of chief ticket clerk, Rockhampton, since September, 1930, and had had no complaint from the chief stationmasters or auditors. He considered he was more suitable than either applicant.

William Michael Hayes, chief stationmaster, Rockhampton, testified that the appointee had performed the work in a very satisfactory manner, and he had recommended him for the position. The work in the ticket office had increased in latter years.

In reply to Mr. McDonnell, witness stated he did not know McDonnell was an applicant, and considered he would be a suitable man for the position of chief ticket clerk. When McDonnell had previously occupied the position he had performed the work in an efficient manner.

The Board upheld McDonnell's appeal, Mr. Allen dissenting, and unanimously dismissed Major's appeal.

McDonnell was allowed £1 costs.

"G" AND "H" COUPONS.

The deposit of "G" and "H" coupons cannot be made as part surrender of the appropriate number of coupons for garments to be delivered at any time during the next ration year, said the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming). As in the cases of lay-by transactions, the full number of coupons must be surrendered at the time the goods are selected, he added. "G" and "H" coupons other than those special coupons marked "S" cease to have effect after the issue of the new ration books for purchases by retail customers.

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THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT

Meeting the Cost

Scientific intruments of war which once were never made in Australia are now being turned out in huge quantities throughout the country.

Before the war Australia relied on imports for the many highly intricate products of everyday use which it had never attempted to manufacture.

We did this because we did not know how to or did not need to produce them, or because it was more economical to get them from other countries.

War necessities demanded that Australia must evolve production of scientific goods it had not previously attempted to make. It just had to be done, no matter what the cost.

Most of the 150 main chemicals needed for explosives are now being made in Australia. Less than half of them were made here four years ago.

Many of the more complex metals needed for munitions, which were never made here, are now in production after wide research.

Australian scientists have been called on to do a vital war job. Materials such as optical munitions—predictors for anti-aircraft guns, range finders, and sets of infinitely precise sighting gauges requiring lenses—were urgently needed.

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We have many other achievements to our credit. The Owen Gun, mass production of tanks, manufacture of costly materials for making armour plate, are only a few jobs the Commonwealth is tackling to-day which were never before attempted here.

To establish these new industries Australia had to spend millions of pounds.

To keep going at the present rate of production is going to cost millions more.

Wartime scientific development is just one more reason why we must lend our money to the Third £100 Million Liberty Loan. Because these new Australian sciences take us so many more steps forward along the road to victory and liberty.

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A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

LOAN SUCCESS

Keep Prices Down

It is the clear duty of the Australian people to subscribe to the Third Liberty Loan, and thus assist in returning to the Government extra spending money which has been distributed among the people, said Mr. W. C. Taylor senior vice-president of the Australian Labour Party (N.S.W.) recently.

"It is in this way only that we can control prices and ration goods fairly," said Mr. Taylor. "The success of the loan will mean that prices of commodities are less likely to rise. The failure of the loan might well mean more increased taxation.

"Since the outbreak of war our national income has increased from about £750,000,000 a year to approximately £1,150,000,000.

Everybody is in work, or ought to be, and as a result of Government expenditure there is much more money in the community. But, allied with this expenditure, we have restrictions on production and we have rationing, and these controls mean less goods for civilian needs.

The result is that we have more money to-day but less goods on which to spend that money.

Many of us still want these goods and are unwilling to practise self-denial. This unwillingness is exhibited in panic spending and black markets. The continued purchase of unnecessary civilian goods exhausts manpower which the Government dearly needs for war purposes."

Mr. Taylor said the main object of the Third Liberty Loan was to drain back to the Government the central bank credits which had been issued. Unless this money was diverted back to the Government, prices would be difficult to control, and wages would never catch up to increasing prices.

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AUSTERITY MESSAGES

From the wives . . .

. . . of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

Olga O'Blamey

To win this war, the whole nation must swing over to an austere wartime way of life. This can't be done without the whole-hearted co-operation of every woman in the community. Use your influence with the family, friends, every one with whom you come in contact, to discourage extravagance and encourage saving. Above all, set a personal example—wear last year's frocks, and be proud to do it; live simply; cut out spending on pleasure, and invest every penny you can in War Bonds and War Saving Certificates.

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Tuesday, 8 p.m., C.W.A. Hall, welcome social to Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Friday, 1.30 p.m., C.W.A. Hall Easter Service, conducted by Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson.

Death.

EDWARDS.—At the Gladstone Hospital on April 12th, 1943, Elizabeth Violet, beloved wife of J. Sidney Edwards, of Proserpine, and only child of Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Connor, State School, Calliope.

Deeply Regretted.

NAME AND ADDRESS ESSENTIAL.

For an reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Local Authority elections (Town Council, Harbour Board, and Calliope Shire), C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions for publication must carry the name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

At the street stall held on April 6, conducted by members of the Women's Auxiliary R.S.S.A.I.L.A., the fruit cake was won by Mrs. R. Grayson, and the pair of ducks by Mrs. M. Soppa. Mrs. Percy Friend kindly donated the cake, and Mrs. King, of Beecher, the pair of ducks.

1d TOLL CHARGE.

At a special meeting of the Calliope Shire Council, held for the purpose of passing draft by-law No. 32, providing for a toll charge of 1d per head on stock, the proceeds of the toll to be expended on improvements to the Stowe-Gladstone stock route, Councillor Ballantine moved that the draft by-law imposing a toll charge on travelling stock be passed and advertised, as required by "The Government Acts 1936-1943." Seconded by Cr. Campbell and carried.

MR. FRANK CRABB.

Mr. Frank Crobb, of Swifts, who was well known in Gladstone and district when connected with the reorganisation of the local plant, has written to a friend from his home in Omaha, Nebraska. Frank is now in charge of one of the largest canneries in the States, with things running smoothly, but labour becoming a problem. The temperature was well below zero most of the time, and he often thought of Gladstone with its splendid climate. The meat season was one of the best on record, with factories working day and night. He wished to be remembered to all town and district friends.

SURF EXAMINATION RESULTS.

On Sunday last members of the Gladstone Surf Life Saving Club were examined by the Queensland State Centre S.L.S.A.A. Superintendent (Mr. A. Kennedy) at South End beach. Medallions were gained by E. Craven, E. Coxon, A. George, qualifying certificate by R. Smith, and instructor's certificate by J. Starmer. R. Smith completed the medallion test, but being under 16 years of age, was only eligible for the qualifying certificate. 95 per cent of this club's members have enlisted in the fighting servjes, one (R. Patrick, who was killed on active service) having been decorated with the Military Medal.

SPORTSWEAR COUPONS.

No more coupon permits for sportswear will be granted to sporting clubs unless the club collects the necessary coupons from the players and returns them to the Deputy Director of Rationing. The Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) said that the decision would eliminate the unfairness that existed when the coupon-free concession was not extended to non-sporting bodies, whose application had equal merit.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) advises that further substantial lists of the names of Australian prisoners of war in Japanese hands have been received by cable through the International Red Cross. A total of 27 cables received to date gave official information regarding 597 officers and 1463 other ranks. It had been officially disclosed that 95 Australian soldiers prisoners had died. The names had been checked and communicated to the next of kin

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

GLADSTONE CHALLENGE

Businessmen v. Workers

At the weekly meeting of the Third Liberty Loan Committee, held in the Council Chambers last Tuesday, one of its members, whose name cannot be divulged for reasons of security (his, not national), intimated that he had accepted on behalf of the committee a challenge handed out by one of Gladstone's most prominent and popular business men, to wit, A.W.F.G. (Goddy) Crow.

It would appear that in the course of one of his many arguments—or shall we say discussions—with Goddy (and it might be mentioned here that Goddy is just as likely to argue on the merits or demerits of the teachings of Aristotle as he is to enter into a heated discussion as to the winter quarters of the common house fly, on which latter subject, by the way, he is particularly well versed, having obtained considerable data from those of his customers who drink with them during summer), the question as to which section of the civil population of Australia as a whole, and of Gladstone in particular, was more fully shouldering its share of the burden of the war's cost, was the subject of an argument.

The anonymous one took up the cudgels on behalf of the workers, and Goddy stubbornly defended the business section. The discussion culminated in a challenge being thrown out by Goddy to the effect that he would obtain twenty subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan of £100 each, or the equivalent in money (£2000), from the business section before the Loan Committee could obtain 100 subscriptions of £10 each, or the equivalent in money (£1000) from the workers. A stipulation was made that only applications lodged with the various banks on and after Wednesday, the 14th, marked "B" (for business), or "W" (for worker), were to be included in the count.

The Loan Committee readily endorsed the acceptance of Goddy's challenge, and the fight is on.

We understand that during recent mornings frequenters of Gladstone's main business thoroughfares have beheld the spectacle of a tall man, well past middle age, but athletic withal and still retaining a semblance of an erstwhile martial bearing, parading up and down with a sheath of papers beneath his arm.

The more observant ones have also noticed that every now and then furtive forms cautiously protrude themselves beyond the entrances to various business houses and shops, only to quickly withdraw as the upright figure approaches. The furtive forms, some corpulent, some very much otherwise, are, we understand, business men anxious to avoid the oncoming figure, which is that of Goddy Crow, for they well know that the papers he carries are not the writings of the wise old raven, but application forms for the Third Liberty Loan.

But this game of hide and seek will avail them nought. Easier by far to escape Nemesis or dodge Fate than to turn this bloodhound from the scent. And so Goddy gets his man, and from him an application for a bond in the Third Liberty Loan.

But Goddy knows well that, to make good his challenge, he has a stern task ahead, and the betting at the moment favours the acceptors of the challenge.

May we ask at this juncture if you have yet lodged your application for a bond in the Third Liberty Loan? If not, do so to-day, and mark your application "W" or "B" according to which side you desire to give your support.

The closing day of the loan is next Tuesday, the 20th. Invest now!

ELECTIONS.

In connection with the triennial elections of the Brisbane City Council and the by-election of the State electoral district of Barcoo, both held on May 1, facilities are available at the State Electoral Registrar's office, Court House, Gladstone, to enable electors serving in the forces or engaged on defence works who may be in the State electoral district of Gladstone between now and 6 p.m. on April 30 to record absent votes, for either of the elections. Should electors be unable to attend within the usual office hours the Registrar will arrange with the administration to attend at the camp or works at a suitable time to take the votes of all electors entitled to vote.

BOYNE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

CONSIDERED TO BE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

"COUNCIL HAS PUT UP A GOOD CASE" FOR RATEPAYERS

With the intention of placing the facts before the public representatives and the various unions in regard to the progress of the Boyne River water scheme, a largely attended meeting of delegates was held in the board room at the Council Chambers on Thursday night. The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) presided.

DEADLOCK REACHED.

The Mayor, in opening the meeting, stated the Council had some time ago made application to the Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown), Deputy Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp), and the Commonwealth Government, through their parliamentary representatives, in regard to advancing various aspects of the scheme, but up to the present had received no information. It now appeared as if a deadlock had been reached, and the Council could go no further in regard to the scheme at present. Although they had an "A2" priority, nothing further could be done until the financial arrangements had been completed.

ALD. W. R. GOLDING.

Ald. W. R. Golding said the Council was pleased to see such a large gathering, and to receive the co-operation of the various bodies. Unfortunately, the meeting had clashed with the opening of the Labour campaign, but when he had moved the motion at the Council inviting the delegates to attend he was not aware of the opening of the campaign, and the labour representatives on the Council did not inform him nor the Council, and Thursday was the only night on which the board room was available.

NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

The first thing to do, continued Ald. Golding, was to prove to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth Government that the Boyne River water scheme was of national importance, and the Council in its application to the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Chiffley), through the Minister for the (Mr. Forde), had submitted its case on the basis of national importance, both for a grant of £20,000 and a loan of £80,000, which the State Premier (Mr. Cooper) had informed the Council had been referred to the Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown). He hoped the meeting would endorse the action of the Council that the scheme was of national importance.

ONLY A FEW MEN AVAILABLE.

Although the first portion of the scheme had been started, the Council had only been successful in securing a few men for the job, the most at one time being six, and it had now dwindled down to two with the foreman. Unfortunately, the cost to date had exceeded the estimate by a considerable sum owing to the rising cost of materials. It was almost impossible to secure labour, and the point to be considered was whether the scheme should be handed over to the Allied Works Council, but if this were done, in his opinion, it would cost considerably more. The Council started off by borrowing £15,000, the engineer's estimate for the first portion, but it would cost somewhere in the vicinity of £25,000. If it was decided to hand the scheme over to the Allied Works Council they would have to get an assurance that the balance of the money would be forthcoming to complete this portion.

NO WORD RECEIVED.

The Council had not received any word from the Commonwealth Government in regard to the application for a grant of £20,000, nor from Sir Harry Brown in reference to the loan of £80,000, nor from Mr. Kemp in respect to the important matter of manpower and plant, and he considered someone should be sent to Brisbane to wait on Mr. Kemp, and, as a result of this, he felt sure many of the difficulties would be overcome.

"FIRST LEG."

Mr. Bert Heathwood said the first leg of the scheme was most important, and to his mind they should start from the scource and put in a booster pump for the old mains. If they started from the other end he felt sure they would have more success.

STEEL AND CAST IRON PIPES.

Mr. J. Burrows stated he had been informed that if the water pipes were laid above the ground, as in Rockhampton, it would considerably reduce the cost.

A COMPARISON MADE.

Ald. Golding stated he had raised the point mentioned by Mr. Burrows with the Council's consulting engineer, but it must not be overlooked that the Rockhampton pipes were steel, and it was better, according to engineering authorities, to have cast iron pipes under the ground, as they would last over one hundred years, compared with steel pipes for twenty years.

Mr. H. Daley asked if there was much difference in the price.

Ald. Golding stated that steel pipes were cheaper, but as he had pointed out, they would only last a few years as compared with cast iron pipes that were placed underground.

FINANCING THE SCHEME.

Mr. J. Burrows said the Premier (Mr. Cooper) had informed him recently when passing through Gladstone that their only hope in financing the scheme was through the Federal Government, as they had lost their taxation field.

Mr. Burrows then asked the aldermen what was their attitude in regard to the scheme.

PLEDGED TO THE SCHEME.

Ald. Golding: We have already pledged ourselves to go on with the scheme. The original cost was £90,000, but he considered it would cost about £120,000 on account of rising costs. The Government would have to assist the Council in financing the scheme, as a national undertaking, as it would not be right to ask the ratepayers to pay an extra rate of 8d or 9d in the pound, while the capitalising of interest would help the scheme.

£40,000 SUBSIDY.

Mr. Bert Heathwood considered they should go for a subsidy of £40,000 and work on that as a basis, and get the Commonwealth Government to move on these lines.

SCHEME MUST GO ON.

Mr. J. Burrows said time was the essence of the contract, and they should go on with the £90,000. In discussing the original scheme, he said, it was only the allowance of the one-third on wages, which was not a sufficient subsidy, and this was responsible for stopping the job. The Council, at the time, would have gone on with the scheme if a definite subsidy had been forthcoming. However, the scheme must go on, and no ratepayer would begrudge paying £1/13/8 for a bath in clean water. It would definitely pay the Hospitals Board to pay double the price for a first-class water supply, and he estimated the saving in linen alone would be £100 a year.

SHOULD GO TO BRISBANE.

Mr. C. Joseph agreed that the scheme was of national importance, and with a view to furthering it delegates should go to Brisbane to contact the authorities.

SERIOUS POSITION.

Mr. T. Caterson said there was no question the scheme was of national importance, and he referred to the serious position of their industries a few years ago on account of the dry spell—Swifts, Butter Factory, also the railways.

Ald. Golding: I am definitely in favour of the scheme, even the bigger one.

NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Mr. Burrows moved that this representative meeting considered the scheme was of national importance. Seconded by Mr. H. Daley and carried.

"ELECTORS IMPATIENT."

After further statements had been made by various speakers, Mr. Bert Heathwood moved that the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) be written to, asking him to expedite matters in regard to the scheme, as the electors were impatient, and more improvement was looked forward to in the future than in the past. Seconded by Mr. T. Caterson.

Mr. H. Daley said he felt sure Mr. Forde would do his best in regard to the scheme.

The Mayor: It was over three months ago that application had been made to Mr. Forde with a view to obtaining a Commonwealth grant of £20,000.

An amendment to the foregoing motion, moved by Mr. Drewe and seconded by Mr. Joseph, asked that a representative be sent south to contact the authorities in regard to the scheme.

Mr. Burrows stated that Mr. Forde would be visiting Gladstone in the near future, but the date had not been fixed.

MANPOWER DIFFICULTY.

Mr. H. Davey: Have you got all the material for the first section?

The Mayor: All the pipes are on the ground, but the difficulty was to secure manpower.

Mr. T. Caterson said if the views of this meeting were forwarded to Mr. Forde he felt sure action would be taken.

"A GOOD CASE."

Mr. Bert Heathwood said Mr. Forde was a very busy man, he was a politician, and no fool, but the people of Gladstone wanted better results, and they had to keep pushing these things under his nose. They had to give Mr. Forde a chance, and he would like to see included in the motion "that we wire Mr. Forde." In conclusion, he added, "the Council has put up a good case."

The motion was carried and the amendment defeated.

MR. WILLIAMS INCLUDED.

Ald. H. Anderson said Mr. Williams should not be overlooked, as he had done a lot of good work in connection with the scheme.

Mr. Bert Heathwood: With the permission of my seconder I will include Mr. Williams. This was agreed to.

CO-OPERATION.

Mr. J. Burrows moved that a committee be formed from the various bodies and unions to push forward the Boyne River scheme, and that it meets regularly.

Mr. Bert Heathwood, in seconding the motion, said with the co-operation of the unions they would be able to overcome some of the difficulties.

Mr. C. Joseph, in supporting the motion, stated the committee must be properly constituted.

The motion was then put and carried.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Burrows moved that the number be two representatives, with the exception of the Meatworks, who should have four delegates. Seconded by Mr. T. Caterson and carried.

In answer to Ald. Anderson, the Mayor stated that all members of the Council should be on the committee.

"LIST OF MATTERS."

Mr. Burrows moved that the Council be asked to submit a list of all matters in regard to the scheme where no replies had been received, and which the Council was waiting on, and added, "no section can get the scheme; we must all co-operate."

The motion was carried.

Mr. Burrows moved that Mr. Forde and Mr. Williams be written to, notifying them that no replies had been received to the Council's letters.

One is in regard to the grant of £20,000, and the other in reference to manpower and plant.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Peters and carried.

It was decided that the name of the committee be "Boyne Water Scheme Committee."

The meeting then concluded.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

HOSPITAL AND WATER CHARGES.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—According to your report of the last Council meeting the charges for water to the Gladstone Hospital, under the proposed by-laws, were discussed. Mr. Dennis stated the charges had never been discussed by the Board, and Mr. Golding stated that something had been done which was "not gracious."

As you no doubt know, the A.L.P. has protested against the proposed charges to the Hospital on the grounds that they are unfair.

I saw the water by-laws last Sunday for the first time, and I think they are very unfair, in spite of Mr. Dennis' remarks. For instance, we will take a few places at present on a meter—the Hospital, Meatworks, and Fisheries. Under these proposed charges the Hospital can be made pay 3/- per thousand gallons, and with a minimum of £25; the Meatworks and Fisheries cannot be charged more than 2/6 per thousand, with no minimum.

One alderman stated that the 3/- would never be enforced in regard to the Hospital, but that argument is almost as ridiculous as the one that we shouldn't squeal, as we are not paying it personally.

If the Council did not intend to charge it why was it put in? It is just as ridiculous to say the same could apply to the other concerns.

Mr. Dennis' statement that the charges had never been discussed by the Board must be right, as he said so, yet the minutes of the Board confirmed on 11th September last, when Mr. Dennis was present, contains a motion as follows:—

"Mr. Dennis, in moving a motion that provision be made for a further £70 for the cost of water, stated the new by-laws would shortly be gazetted."

As this £70 plus £20, the provision already made, was for only a portion of the year, it is fairly obvious that whatever the intentions of the other aldermen, there was no risk of what Mr. Dennis would charge the Hospital, which he has been fortunate enough not to require during my time.

Yours, etc.,

JAS. BURROWS.

CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL

TENDER FOR CLEANSING SERVICE RECOMMENDED

STOCK TRAVELLING THROUGH CATFISH SCRUB

At the monthly meeting of the Council there were present: The Chairman (Cr. Beak), and Councillors S. J. A. Creed, J. H. Cummings, R. W. Hunt, H. Neill-Ballantine, J. M. Campbell, G. H. Potter, W. C. Dickinson, J. F. Drynan, and E. H. C. Steel, the Shire Clerk (Mr. H. H. Whittle), and the Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne).

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED.

The Chairman moved that a letter of sympathy be written Cr. G. H. Potter, conveying the sincere sympathy of the Chairman, fellow councillors and staff to him and his son in their recent sad bereavement.

The motion was carried by all standing in silence.

VISIBILITY DISCS.

The District Engineer, Rockhampton, advised having forwarded visibility discs for erection on the "Gentle Annie" section of Hut Creek-Raglan section of the Northern Highway.—Received.

GLADSTONE-CALLIOPE ROAD.

The District Engineer, Rockhampton, advised approval had been received to apply a seal coat of bitumen on the Gladstone-Calliope Road.—Received.

STOCK ROUTE.

The District Engineer, Rockhampton, advised in reply to the Council's request to have fresh access provided for stock travelling along the highway through Catfish Scrub owing to the construction of the highway having encroached upon the old track, was receiving consideration.

It was resolved that the Clerk make further representation to the District Engineer with the object of having the work expedited.

LICENSED GATE AND MOTOR GRID.

Messrs. A. H. and T. C. Mann applied for permission to erect a licensed gate and motor grid on the Highway-Tannum Road at the eastern end of the section of the road recently resumed through portion 129, parish of Iveragh.

The application was approved for the erection of the licensed gate and motor grid to conform to the requirements of the standard plan adopted by the Council.

CUTTING TIMBER.

Messrs. Ferguson and Brown applied for permission to cut timber on the Calliope-Tableland Road to fulfil orders for defence requirements.

It was decided to forward a copy of the letter to the District Engineer, Rockhampton, offering no objection to the cutting of timber on the Calliope-Glassford Creek main road only, provided the tops of the fallen trees were properly lopped and stacked so as not to impede or injure the passing of travelling stock.

The Council declined to recommend the application to the Forestry Department for permission to fell timber on the section of the road under the control of the Council.

NO OBJECTION.

Land Agent inquired whether any objection would be offered to a special lease being granted to T. W. Watt over about five acres of the Camping Reserve No. 5, parish of Milton, abutting on A.F. 1823A, portion 145, parish of Milton.—It was agreed to offer no objection.

Mr. C. W. Fraser confirmed his verbal application to the Chairman for an allowance of £1 per week for servicing Division 3 truck while driving it.

The action of the Chairman was confirmed, and the rate of payment to continue until the truck was withdrawn for use on urgent shire work.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE BOARD.

Department of Labour and Employment advised the result of the election of representatives on the Gladstone Employment Exchange Board.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members, congratulated Cr. Ballantine on his election as a member of the Board.

Cr. Ballantine thanked those who had voted for him.

HORRIGAN CREEK ROAD.

The Dairymen's Organisation, Raglan, asked for repairs to the Horrigan Creek Road.

It was decided to advise that the Council was making representation to the Allied Works Council for the temporary release of the shire's patrol grader to effect urgent repairs. Should the machine be released the repairs asked for would be effected.

CEDAR VALE ROAD.

The Dairymen's Association, Wilmott, asked that repairs be effected to Weston's cream route on the East-End-Cedar Vale Road.

It was decided to advise that the Council is making representation to the Allied Works Council for the temporary release of the shire's petrol grader to effect urgent repairs. Should the machine be released the repairs asked for would be effected.

BOYNEDALE-NETHERLEIGH ROAD.

Mr. J. M. Macdonald asked that repairs be effected to the Boynedale-Netherleigh Road.

It was decided to reply stating repairs would be effected as soon as the tractor and pull-grader was available.

REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT.

Mr. S. Strano again asked for repairs to the road leading to his place.

It was decided to reply thanking Mr. Strano for his assistance in extricating the Chairman's car when inspecting the road in company with Cr. Cummings, and to advise that repairs would be effected when the grader was available.

£5 BE OFFERED.

Mr. A. T. Sitcheff asked that repairs be effected to the road to enable the crop of paw paws to be marketed.

It was decided to offer the writer £5 to repair the road to the satisfaction of a representative of the Council.

ROAD REPAIRS.

Mr. R. H. Coulter asked that repairs be effected to the road from the highway to his property. It was decided that repairs would be effected when the grader was working in or passing the locality.

DART'S CREEK ROAD.

Mr. F. D. Johnson asked that the lantana in the scrub section of Dart's Creek Road be brushed.—The action of the Chairman in arranging with the writer to carry out the work for two days' wages was endorsed.

GRADING ASKED FOR.

The estate of G. H. Horne asked the Council to grade about a mile of the private road.

The Chairman stated Mr. Horne had been written to asking that he get in touch with Mr. Pitter to have the work carried out by one of the Allied Works Council's graders, as there was no prospect of the shire grader being in the vicinity in the near future.

BOYNE ISLAND ROAD.

Mr. E. P. Colyer asked that repairs be effected to the Boyne Island Road.

The Chairman stated Mr. Colyer had been written to stating the grader and gangs were fully occupied in reconditioning the main roads, highways and more important shire roads.

RECEIVE ATTENTION.

Mr. K. McCray asked that a scour near the Riverston turn-off be repaired.—It was decided that the request would receive attention when the grader was operating in the vicinity at an early date.

CONSIDERATION DEFERRED.

Mr. A. K. Walker advised having paid his brother (Mr. G. J. Walker) £1 to effect urgent repairs to the Diglum-Tableland Road, and asking for a refund of the amount.—Consideration of the request was deferred pending a report from Mr. R. E. Brown.

DANGEROUS SCOUR.

Mrs. R. J. Davis advised having paid a man a day's wages to fill up a dangerous scour as arranged with Cr. Steel.—It was agreed to reimburse Mrs. Davis the amount paid.

GRANT OF £100.

Mr. Horsley Clarke advised the Mines Department had expended a grant of £100 on his road, and the writer had effected repairs with his own labour estimated at £350.—Received.

TENDERS.

The only fresh tender received for the cleansing service at Calliope was that of Mr. Ralph Ray at the undermentioned prices for a period from March 22, 1943, to June 30, 1945.

Nightsoil removal 1/6 per pan, refuse removal 2d per bin, removal and disposal of sheep, pigs, goats 5/- each, horses and cattle £1 each, and dogs, cats, etc., 2/6 each.

The Chairman stated having with Cr. Potter agreed to recommend the tender for acceptance, and arranged for the service to be commenced from March 22, 1943.

On the motion of Crs. Campbell and Cummings the recommendation of the Chairman and Cr. Potter was endorsed.

GENERAL.

Cr. Campbell stated having paid J. Cain £1/10/- for effecting repairs to the Barmundu-Diglum Road.

It was resolved that the amount be refunded to him.

Cr. Hunt stated he had arranged with Mr. E. Jaekne to destroy burr at £1, and effect repairs to the Boat Creek Road at £2.—Payment of £3 was approved.

It was decided to thank the Forester, Kalpowar, for having repairs effected to the Many Peaks-Golembil Road.

Cr. Steel, on behalf of the members for Division 3, thanked the Chairman and Division 1 members for making the patrol grader available for fourteen days to recondition the loan works in the Calliope-Many Peaks and other roads.

It was decided (1) To make representation to Mr. Engineer Pitter for the release of Division 1 patrol grader for at least one month at intervals of not less than fourteen days to enable urgent road repairs to be effected.

(2) The operator of the grader (Mr. Alex. Williamson) be informed that in the event of the grader being temporarily released to carry out shire work, and while he remains enrolled in the Civil Construction Corps this Council would pay him the equivalent he would have received if he had not been temporarily withdrawn from the Civil Construction Corps.

Payment of £1/10/- was approved to Mr. R. Hamm for road repairs as arranged with Cr. Creed.

The Shire Clerk stated that Mr. Chas. O'Connor had called at the office and asked that repairs be effected to the approach on the Benaraby side of the bridge over Machine Creek.

It was resolved that the Clerk convey a request to Mr. R. E. Brown, asking that repairs be effected, the burr in the creek on the upstream side of the bridge, and in a creek on the Benaraby-Calliope 10-Chain Road be destroyed.

Payment of £19/19/7 to Mr. V. A. Davis for erecting a new fence round the sanitary depot at Builyan was approved.

The Chairman thanked members for their co-operation, and the staff for their courtesy and efficiency during his term of office, and hoped members would be returned at the triennial election.

The Shire Clerk's report on the amount required to redeem the balance of the loan for the purchase of the patrol grader was, on the motion of Crs. Ballantine and Creed, held over pending the decision of the new Council as to whether part of the anticipated surplus at June 30 next be applied to redeem the loan.

Accounts amounting to £510/4/1 were passed for payment.

C.C.C. WORKERS

STOPWORK MEETING

Protests Entered

At a well attended stop work meeting of C.C.C. workers, held in the Oddfellows' Hall, resolutions were passed protesting against the manner in which the A.W.C. management was forcing on the C.C.C. workers of Australia an unacceptable set of monetary rules and conditions, contrary to the promise on compulsory enrolment that all trade union conditions would be observed.

Further, that the meeting was astonished at the way A.W.C., as a labour agency, was using conscripted labour for private contractors and semi-government bodies, and that a strong protest be sent the Prime Minister on this matter.

Another protest to be sent to Mr. Curtin was the present set-up of the Arbitration Courts, both State and Federal. The meeting was of opinion that in future judges should be appointed by the people; also a protest against the O'Mara award.

The A.C.T.U. is to be asked to draw up a new award in conference with the unions concerned.

The meeting was attended by members of all unions affiliated with the Trades and Labour Council.

BLACK MARKET HABIT

Old Italian Custom

Despite the activities of Mussolini's Blackshirts, the Italian people find it extremely difficult to give up one old national custom—the black market.

Broadcasting over Rome radio on March 11, Valori, a Government spokesman, explained why measures taken to suppress black markets had proved effective.

"There will always be" he said "a certain number of cases which will escape control. For many it will perhaps involve a heavy sacrifice, because it will be difficult to give up certain habits, especially bad ones."

"This black market habit is due in part to an old Italian habit regarding law breaking as legitimate.

This alone can explain why serious brave, disciplined people like the Italians who give a magnificent demonstration on the battlefields have yet been unable to eliminate completely the bad habit of going to the black market."

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE.

PROGRAMME for Anzac Day, Sunday 25th April, 1943:—

4.28 a.m., Dawn Service, Returned Soldiers' Hall, Gondoon Street.
7 a.m., Mass, Roman Catholic Church.
7.30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Church of England.
10.45 a.m., Laying on of Wreaths, etc., at Town Hall.
11.30 a.m., Methodist Church Service.
8 p.m., Presbyterian Church Service.

V. P. BRESLIN, Hon. Sec.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE.

THE Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders will officiate at the Service to be held at Calliope at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday, 25th April, 1943.

Owing to the Rev. MacNeil Saunders having arranged for other services during the morning, the punctual attendance of the public is earnestly requested.

H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk.
Gladstone, 13/4/43.

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CLAYTON, John Francis
FRY, Albert Stroud
O'REILLY, William
POWER, Arthur Thomas
ROSS, William
WYATT, George Alexander

As only the required number has been nominated I declare all the above persons duly elected.

W. V. COASE, Returning Officer.

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SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

PURSUANT to Part XI, Section 31 (27) of "The Local Government Acts 1936-1943," notice is hereby given that the Council of the Shire of Calliope has resolved to make By-law No. 32 entitled "The Calliope Shire Toll Gate By-Law," imposing a toll charge of one penny (1d) per head on cattle travelling the Stowe-Calliope Stock Route. The moneys received from the toll are to be expended on improvements to the Stock Route as set out in the by-law.

A copy of the By-law is open to inspection at the Shire Office during office hours.

H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk.
Gladstone, 13/4/43.

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Let us pray that we may be worthy of the fighting men of the Empire and our Allies who, by their toil and sacrifice, preserve these freedoms to us.

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Post-War Reconstruction

Post-war reconstruction is a problem which Australia cannot shelve or side-step, and like England, America and Canada, she is awakening to a post-war consciousness and to the necessity for constructive planning now for the future.

"The strength and extension of secondary industries forms the surest basis of continual prosperity in primary industries," said Mr. D. H. Drummond, Country Party member for Armidale, leaving the House for a few minutes last week for an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service.

"A vigorous policy which has as its object co-operative action between these two, with encouragement of private initiative and individual enterprise, will do more to help Australia in post-war reconstruction than any other one scheme.

"Australia should use the present abnormal demand created by the war as a period to place primary production and industries on a payable footing, and at the same time ensure an increasingly important home market," he went on.

"Land settlement may absorb an increased number of men in the post-war period, but the stability and progress of primary industries must be dependent on some material factor which makes for the growth of the home market. One of the directions this policy can take is to establish a power link-up throughout N.S. Wales, and plans which have already been drawn up by previous non-Labour Governments should be put into effect as soon as possible.

"Results would snowball from such a scheme," he continued. "It would give a tremendous impetus to secondary production by the manufacture of essential plant for the generation of power and its reticulation. Large numbers of unskilled men would be required on the development of such works as the Snowy and Clarence River hydro-electric schemes. Thousands of others would be needed to supply the necessary cement and steel reinforcing. And the linking up of hydro-electric and other power schemes would in itself provide an excellent opportunity for the opening up of irrigation channels for farm land. The two schemes could be combined."

HEALTH INVIGORATION

Food Value of Tomatoes

In the course of recent history many food crops have become of great importance. One of the comparatively recent crops to be added to our ordinary diet is the tomato, and to-day tomatoes rank among our best crops from the standpoint of food value and health invigoration.

For a crop to become of such great importance it must grow on a large variety of soils and under varied climatic conditions, yield well, and lose little of its healthful quality through processing and other uses.

The tomatoe fits all these requirements, and so a crop of such value makes its economical production a matter of outstanding importance, especially at the present time.

Fortunately for the tomato grower, high yields and high quality go together, leaving out of consideration for the moment the incidence of pest and disease.

For tomato growing, as with other crops, the fact that the soil on every man's farm differs from that of every other man's in one or several ways should be kept in mind. These differences have to be acknowledged, understood, and studied; and the soil worked accordingly.

In the old countries of the world secrets of the soil were handed down from father to son, but in Australia they have to be studied scientifically. In the course of this study a lot of important information has been accumulated and made available to the producer by research workers in association with our field workers.

Perhaps in no other branch of farming is the art of knowing how and when to do the right thing is more important than in growing tomatoes. Of course, it has to be acknowledged that there is a certain amount of luck in growing any crop. Sometimes everything is just right, and at other times, for one reason or another, everything seems to go all wrong. However, many of the findings of research men have come from trained observation of mistakes made as much as actually doing the right thing in practice. Progress, however is like that

MILKING MACHINES

Preservation of Rubber Parts

The keeping of milking machines in good working order depends to a large extent on the continued resilience of the rubber tubing and teat cup liners, and here are a few practical hints from an official source on the preservation of the rubber parts of a milking machine:—

Never allow milk to dry on the inside of the tubes or liners.

Dried-on milk can't be removed without damaging the rubber. Water should be run through the machine just as soon as each milking is finished.

When the rubber parts are being sterilised they should not be put directly into a metal steam chest. The contact of metal and rubber at this high temperature takes the springiness out of the rubber and makes it sticky. The rubber parts should be placed in a muslin bag and the bag suspended in the sterilizer.

Attention to these details, as most dairy farmers know, will considerably prolong the life of the milking machine—an important point in present circumstances.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
17	7.31	8.05	1.08	1.50
18	8.11	8.42	1.54	2.27
19	8.48	9.18	2.37	3.02
20	9.25	9.52	3.20	3.37
21	10.00	10.30	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	—	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	—	12.42

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... April 20
Last Quarter ..... April 27

MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	7.09	7.44	12.50	1.31
2	7.57	8.28	1.47	2.14
3	8.41	9.10	2.39	2.53
4	9.21	9.49	3.26	3.30
5	10.01	10.28	4.12	4.06
6	10.40	11.07	4.57	4.41
7	11.20	11.45	5.41	5.17
8	12.00	—	6.26	5.56
9	12.24	12.45	7.12	6.37
10	1.04	1.33	8.02	7.30
11	1.48	2.31	8.55	8.28
12	2.40	3.40	9.50	9.33
13	3.42	4.52	10.43	10.37
14	4.48	5.55	11.35	11.37
15	5.51	6.47	—	12.21
16	6.44	7.32	12.32	1.05
17	7.30	8.12	1.25	1.45
18	8.14	8.51	2.12	2.24
19	8.56	9.32	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	5.32	5.07
23	11.55	—	6.28	5.57
24	12.28	12.50	7.26	6.55
25	1.20	1.50	8.26	7.58
26	2.17	3.00	9.24	9.10
27	3.22	4.17	10.22	10.20
28	4.33	5.31	11.18	11.28
29	5.40	6.34	—	12.09
30	6.40	7.25	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... May 4
First Quarter ..... May 12
Full Moon ..... May 20
Last Quarter ..... May 26

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals.

SUNDAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.55—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

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6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.15—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

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p.m. DAILY
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Australia had no faith in her own ability to compete with master craftsmen with centuries of tradition behind them. But, as Mr. R. G. Menzies said recently, "Under the growing urgency of war, Australia is developing a newly realised skill in the production of many goods, including machine tools, precision engineering, and aircraft construction."

Before the war Germany, Great Britain, France, United States, Russia, Japan and Canada were the only countries in the world manufacturing optical glass—and altogether there were a very limited number of factories. It was an industry entirely new to Australia, but months ago she was in the proud position of being entirely independent of overseas sources of supply. Nor is the manufacture of optical glass of war-time importance only.

In war time the glass is used for the lenses and prisms of telescopic gun sights, range finders, anti-aircraft gun predictors, prismatic compasses, and tank periscopes. In peace time optical glass is needed for the manufacture of cameras, telescopes, binoculars, compasses and microscopes.

Plate glass and electric light bulbs are two other newly developed Australian manufactures.

COMMONSENSE INGENUITY.

In the early days of the war, before Australia had trained experts of her own, she had to rely in some industries on commonsense and on the faithful copying of jigs and patterns sent out from Britain and the States. Every one of the 10,000 parts in the first "Wirraways," for instance, had to be copied with pin-point accuracy from 10,000 parts imported from the States—a triumph for the then un

MATERNAL WELFARE

CARE OF MOTHER AND CHILD

Sleep and Food

The poets, from Shakespeare downwards, have sung of the virtues of sleep, and some of the world's most beautiful songs are lullabies. Who has not felt the appeal of a picture of a young mother hushing her baby to rest with a window open to the setting sun as a background, or even, in spite of our modern upbringing, the mother knitting as she sings a lullaby and rocks the old wooden cradle with her foot.

Many mothers nowadays realise the importance of feeding babies correctly, but not so many realise the importance to the baby of sufficient sleep and rest.

While awake, a baby is very active, and it is during sleep that growth takes place and Nature has time to repair the worn-out parts. When one considers that a baby doubles an average birth weight in five to six months, it will be realised that the maximum amount of sleep is needed for this important work.

The most important war work for mothers these days is the care and nurture of the next generation—the babies who must take the place of the young men whose lives are being lost in this world upheaval.

It is wise, then, to concentrate on giving a baby his rights in the matter of rest and sleep and food. That will be the mother's best contribution to the war effort. Many babies are cross and difficult to feed, and will not settle down because they are over tired. During the early weeks of life a baby should sleep nearly all the time between his feeds. After the first month or so he remains awake longer, because he is beginning to be aware of his power of movement and to use his arms and legs. As time goes on a baby can enjoy himself for quite a while crowing and kicking and

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FOOD CENSUS FORMS

How To Fill Them In

Primary producers who were being called upon to fill in questionnaire forms being used in the present Australia-wide survey of farm production must give each question careful consideration before answering the Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. S. R. Carver) said last week.

Although he was pleased with the prompt response by those who had received their forms, mistakes were being made in some cases, especially in the vegetable section.

More than 258,000 questionnaire forms have been distributed to farmers throughout the country in this survey, which is being conducted as a basis for the planning of future food policy.

Mr. Carver said some people were filling in forms and leaving them deficient in one particular.

Where vegetable crops had been grown, full details had not been shown on page 3 of the form as well as page 1, as was required.

He also urged farmers to pay particular attention to questions concerning areas harvested in the year 1941-42, and areas and yields in the year 1942-43. Where no definite records of figures were available, persons filling in the forms should make estimates as near to correct as possible.

He asked farmers to note the following points:—

(1) Read all instructions carefully before filling in the form.

(2) Figures given for vegetables on page 1 must agree with those on page 3. If crops have not been harvested, best estimate available will do.

(3) Give full particulars of vegetable crops planted so far during 1943, and those proposed to be planted during April, May and June.

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Before the war Germany, Great Britain, France, United States, Russia, Japan and Canada were the only countries in the world manufacturing optical glass—and altogether there were a very limited number of factories. It was an industry entirely new to Australia, but months ago she was in the proud position of being entirely independent of overseas sources of supply. Nor is the manufacture of optical glass of war-time importance only.

In war time the glass is used for the lenses and prisms of telescopic gun sights, range finders, anti-aircraft gun predictors, prismatic compasses, and tank periscopes. In peace time optical glass is needed for the manufacture of cameras, telescopes, binoculars, compasses and microscopes.

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COMMONSENSE INGENUITY.

In the early days of the war, before Australia had trained experts of her own, she had to rely in some industries on commonsense and on the faithful copying of jigs and patterns sent out from Britain and the States. Every one of the 10,000 parts in the first "Wirraways," for instance, had to be copied with pin-point accuracy from 10,000 parts imported from the States—a triumph for the then unskilled aircraft production workers in the Victorian factory at Fisherman's Bend.

In many instances machines for the initial production of war goods were not available. Some Australia had thought never to need. Others, ordered by foresight, were still on the high seas. But engineers in private firms throughout the Commonwealth rose to the occasion fi transforming, reconditioning, re-assembling existing (or even discarded) plant to do a new job.

The story of the switchover by Stewarts and Lloyds' engineers of a machine which had been turning out steampipes and boiler tubes to the manufacture of shell forgings is now common knowledge. They did it within three weeks. Other unsubsidised firms did similar jobs. They switched over to war production without waiting for the delivery of special machines from overseas.

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MATERNAL WELFARE

CARE OF MOTHER AND CHILD

Sleep and Food

The poets, from Shakespeare downwards, have sung of the virtues of sleep, and some of the world's most beautiful songs are lullabies. Who has not felt the appeal of a picture of a young mother hushing her baby to rest with a window open to the setting sun as a background, or even, in spite of our modern upbringing, the mother knitting as she sings a lullaby and rocks the old wooden cradle with her foot.

Many mothers nowadays realise the importance of feeding babies correctly, but not so many realise the importance to the baby of sufficient sleep and rest.

While awake a baby is very active, and it is during sleep that growth takes place and Nature has time to repair the worn-out parts. When one considers that a baby doubles an average birth weight in five to six months, it will be realised that the maximum amount of sleep is needed for this important work.

The most important war work for mothers these days is the care and nurture of the next generation—the babies who must take the place of the young men whose lives are being lost in this world upheaval.

It is wise, then, to concentrate on giving a baby his rights in the matter of rest and sleep and food. That will be the mother's best contribution to the war effort. Many babies are cross and difficult to feed, and will not settle down because they are over tired. During the early weeks of life a baby should sleep nearly all the time between his feeds. After the first month or so he remains awake longer, because he is beginning to be aware of his power of movement and to use his arms and legs. As time goes on a baby can enjoy himself for quite a while crowing and kicking and exercising his various faculties, but even when he reaches the age of a year he should have as much as three hours' sleep each day as well as his twelve hours at night.

Any kind of over stimulation or excitement is injurious to a baby, but particularly to the restless, highly-strung type. A baby may be made very sleepless and irritable, and the seeds of a neurosis may be sown by his being kept up late. The condition is further aggravated by taking him amongst noise and bright lights, or by playing with him just at bedtime.

Think again of the picture of a mother hushing her baby to rest with a lullaby, and remember that whatever views there may be about the wisdom of rocking a baby to sleep, our mothers and grandmothers had the knowledge which in these unsettled days we are liable to lose sight of, that to be fit and well a baby must have all the sleep he needs, and to obtain this he should go to bed surrounded by an atmosphere of peace, love, and security, whether in his mother's arms or in his cot.

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FOOD CENSUS FORMS

How To Fill Them In

Primary producers who were being called upon to fill in questionnaire forms being used in the present Australia-wide survey of farm production must give each question careful consideration before answering the Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. S. R. Carver) said last week.

Although he was pleased with the prompt response by those who had received their forms, mistakes were being made in some cases, especially in the vegetable section.

More than 258,000 questionnaire forms have been distributed to farmers throughout the country in this survey, which is being conducted as a basis for the planning of future food policy.

Mr. Carver said some people were filling in forms and leaving them deficient in one particular.

Where vegetable crops had been grown, full details had not been shown on page 3 of the form as well as page 1, as was required.

He also urged farmers to pay particular attention to questions concerning areas harvested in the year 1941-42, and areas and yields in the year 1942-43. Where no definite records of figures were available, persons filling in the forms should make estimates as near to correct as possible.

He asked farmers to note the following points:—

(1) Read all instructions carefully before filling in the form.

(2) Figures given for vegetables on page 1 must agree with those on page 3. If crops have not been harvested, best estimate available will do.

(3) Give full particulars of vegetable crops planted so far during 1943, and those proposed to be planted during April, May and June.

(4) Fill in your return correctly. Do it at once, and return it to your nearest police collector.

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6 CAMP HOSPITALS, DRESSING STATIONS, etc., throughout Australia serviced at a cost of £2000 per week.
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PENNANTS! PENNANTS!

A NUMBER OF PENNANTS are being awarded Red Cross Branches gaining the largest quota, based on membership. Would all Red Cross subscribers therefore take a note of this and send their donation direct to the Gladstone Secretary. A fund will be opened later in the "Gladstone Observer." Gladstone has a big chance of winning a Pennant.

DONATIONS sent in now to the Secretary Gladstone Branch will be included in the SPECIAL RED CROSS WEEK DRIVE, May 16th to 22nd

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GOOD Friday and Easter Day Services:—

Good Friday, 10 a.m., Ante Communion. 12-3 Three Hours' Devotions. All collections for the day will be given to Missions.

Easter day: Holy Communion 6 a.m. and 7.30 a.m., Children's Service 10 a.m. Mission Boxes will be presented at the Altar at this Service.

FORTESCUE.
Bishop of Rockhampton.

METHODIST CHURCH Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall as follows:—

Good Friday, 7.30 p.m., preacher Rev. G. T. A. Philipson.

Sunday, 25th April, 11.30 a.m. preacher Mr. A. Blake, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m., preacher Mr. A. Blake. All are cordially invited to these services.

Thanks

THE Family of the late Annie Ibbotson wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for their floral tributes and messages of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

In Memoriam

STAPLETON.—In loving memory of John Stapleton, who passed away on 23rd April, 1941.

At Rest.

(Inserted by his loving wife, daughters (Kin and Hazel), and grandchildren.)

JOYNER.—In loving memory of Roland George Joyner, who departed this life on April 24th, 1942.

Loving and true in all his ways.
Upright and just to the end of his days;
Sincere and kind in heart and mind.
What a beautiful memory to leave behind.

(Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

WARNER.—In loving memory of my dear Husband and our Father, Frank William Warner, who passed away on the 25th April, 1942.

What would I give his hand to clasp,
His dear face to see
To hear again his loving voice
That meant so much to me.

(Inserted by his loving wife, sons, daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.)

NAME AND ADDRESS ESSENTIAL.

For an reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Local Authority elections (Town Council, Harbour Board, and Calliope Shire), C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions for publication must carry the name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

EASTER SATURDAY.

No issue of the "Observer" will be published on Easter Saturday, April 24. Subscribers and advertisers please note.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES.

The Anzac Day service to be held in the Presbyterian Church will commence at 7.30 p.m., and not 8 p.m. as previously advertised.

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. W. H. Hall) advises that the sum of £16 and £500 has been received as interest free loans to the Commonwealth Government from persons who desire to remain anonymous.

WAR LOAN COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the War Loan Committee held on April 13 it was decided that the "Observer" be asked to publish the following:—Since our meeting, held on April 6, Swifts Ltd. immediately consented to deduct moneys for the group system, which action the committee very much appreciate.

MR. J. F. McCOY.

Mr. J. F. McCoy, who has been acting C.P.S. at Gladstone in place of Mr. T. Mee (who has been on sick leave) for the last eleven weeks, left for Brisbane on Monday. Mr. McCoy proved himself to be an officer of outstanding ability, combined with courtesy and tact, and besides renewing many old friendships, made many new ones. During his stay here Mr. McCoy addressed audiences at the picture shows, stressing the necessity for every citizen to subscribe to the third liberty loan, and he is a speaker of no mean ability. Mr. McCoy left Gladstone with the best wishes of his many friends, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Mee's health had greatly benefited during his holiday.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY MEETING

More Sewers Wanted

At the monthly meeting of the A.C.F. there were present: The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), the Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. A. D. Hopper), and Mesdames C. Chapman, W. Chapman, Jones, Turner, Gordon, Henriksen, Clarice, H. C. Smith, Coxon, Cross, and the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. J. Garrett).

Apologies were received from Mesdames R. Barker, Beutell, Picton, Stewart, and D. Smith.

The meeting opened with the National Anthem.

WELCOME EXTENDED.

The President extended a welcome to two new members, Mesdames Coxon and Clarice.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Accounts amounting to £26/15/3 were presented and passed for payment.

SEWING AND KNITTING CIRCLE.

The convenor of the Sewing and Knitting Circle (Mrs. J. Worthington) submitted the following report from March 12 to April 9:—

5 prs. pyjamas, 37 prs. socks, 18 hussifs, 110 mess bags, 243 khaki handkerchiefs.

A case of comforts was despatched to headquarters on April 4, containing 20 prs. pyjamas, 243 khaki handkerchiefs, 48 prs. socks, 1 muffler, 61 hussifs, also a case of books and magazines.

DONATIONS.

Donations of books and magazines were received from Mesdames M. Murphy (Mt. Larcom), Cross, S. Melford, Ballantine, Roebuck, Forrest, Muspratt (Littlemore).

Set of bobs, Doris West.

A further supply of books are needed for battle stations, and for troops travelling by train.

Table Tennis: F. Robinson.

STREET STALL.

The convenors of the street stall (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) reported a net profit of £32/0/7 from the March stall.

GENERAL.

The President reported that the H.M.A.S. Gladstone appeal had been launched, and had met with a good response. Mrs. Macfarlan asked all those who intend to subscribe to do so immediately, as the appeal would close in the very near future.

The fund was in need of many more sewers and knitters, and she would be pleased to welcome new members to their sewing meetings in the Diggers' Hall on Tuesday and Friday afternoons of each week.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mrs. Ellen Stapleton returned to Gladstone last w... and is staying with Mr. and Mr... liam Street.

Miss Thelma ... pointed as a cad... District Hospital left on Saturday ... duties. Her si... previous day t... at St. Faith's Se...

FIREWOO...

An official ha... the Prime Mi... investigate Qu... shortage. He ... efforts of all con... bability will est... vide supplies fo...

DAIRY ...

At a recent m... and Upper Clar... Committee, it w... congratulations ... Minister for ... liams) on the e... in insisting on ... ing created in ... also to acquain... for Agriculture ... Mr. Williams w... him to take a ... to arrest the s... ing place in the...

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FAREWELLED

MR. AND MRS. E. G. OGG

Popular Gladstone Citizens

Two of Gladstone's best known citizens in Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ogg have left for the Stanthorpe district, where Mr. Ogg has purchased a sheep property adjoining the well-known Pikedale Station.

Residents here for over 20 years, both were noted for their fine public spirit, enterprise as citizens, and splendid war records.

Mr. Ogg came to Gladstone and opened the S.S.S. Stores, a business which prospered and became a household word throughout the district.

He gained his commission in the 5th Light Horse in the Great War, and won the Military Cross for heroism in the campaign. From the moment he returned wounded he commenced assisting the returned soldiers, and was a prominent officer of the local branch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

Long before Japan entered the war he warned his fellow returned soldiers and citizens of the Asiatic danger, so much so, that he was on occasions called an alarmist.

When war did come against the Japs he communicated (in the interests of Gladstone) direct with the Minister for the Army and other Federal Ministers.

Mr. Ogg formed the Gladston V.D.C., and was their leader, instructing and drilling the unit until recently. It is now regarded as one of the best country units in the State.

In early years he took a great interest in the Barrier Reef, making many trips with notable visitors in his launch the Madeline. A keen naturalist, he knew every inch of the southern extremity of the reef, and contributed many articles on Mast Head, Heron, Nor-West, and other coral islets for southern inquiries.

Mr. Ogg could always be found with the diggers, and he assisted in keeping the returned soldiers together as an active body in Gladstone. His departure will be a severe loss to these and allied organisations.

Mrs. Ogg was one of the founders of the Gladstone branch of the Country Women's Association, and she was for many years its secretary. She attended all meetings and took an active interest in it until her departure. She was also supervisor of the Younger Set, and helped with all their functions.

Mrs. Ogg will probably be best remembered for her musical association with patriotic, charitable, and social functions during and since the last war.

She appeared on the concert platform of practically every local presentation, and assisted in organising the functions.

TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

QUESTION OF POSTAL BALLOT

Law Set Out

The Clerk of the Calliope Shire Council (Mr. H. H. Whittle) has received the following letter from the Department of Local Authority Affairs:—

Several returning officers for the purposes of the ensuing triennial election of chairman and members of local authorities have approached this department requesting advice as to whether in the case of an elector serving with the armed forces an application for postal ballot may be witnessed by a commissioned officer of the armed forces.

"In each case the department has advised these local authorities that the application must be witnessed by those persons set out in the form contained in Rule 50 of the third schedule to the law, i.e., a justice of the peace, an elector of the same area or the returning officer.

"It has now come to the notice of the department that Regulation 63 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations made under 'The National Security Act, 1939-1940,' enables certain commissioned officers of the armed forces to witness affidavits, and for the purpose of this regulation the term 'affidavit' includes any statutory or other declaration. The Solicitor-General advises the department that pursuant to this regulation the commissioned officers named therein would be competent to witness an application for a postal ballot.

"The officers authorised by the regulation to so witness signatures are officers holding rank not below the following:—

(1) In the case of a naval officer, lieutenant.

(2) In the case of a military officer, captain.

(3) In the case of an airforce officer, flight-lieutenant.

"The department regrets that it was not aware that this regulation was made and requests that the provisions of the regulation be given every publicity."

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

326 CASES ATTENDED TO

Cars Travelled 1235 Miles

At the monthly meeting of the Brigade there were present: Mr. A. T. (Power (chairman), and Messrs. W. O'Reilly, W. Ross, J. F. Clayton, A. S. Fry, and Mr. W. V. Coase (secretary). Apologies from Messrs. H. N.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Various Matters Dealt With

The usual monthly meeting of the C.W.A., Gladstone branch, was held in the Rest Room on Tuesday, April 13. Mrs. V. Phillips (president) presided.

The meeting opened with the reciting of "My Creed," followed by a two minutes silent prayer for the fighting forces and those bereaved.

There was a fair number of members present, and several apologies were received.

EUCHRE EVENINGS.

It was reported that euchre evenings were well attended each Saturday night.

SMALL WEDDING GIFTS.

The Supervisor (Mrs. W. Chapman) reported that the Younger Set held a nice meeting on Monday night, April 5, and as two of their members were being married, they decided to present each of them with a small wedding gift.

DISTRESS CASE.

The Secretary reported one case of distress, and 25 garments were given out. There were no calls for travellers' aid during the month.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Hospital visiting had been carried out by Mesdames W. Chapman, Ricketts, Hughes and Burnham. These ladies visited the hospital alternately each Thursday, and reported the distribution of reading matter and bootees for infants. Our thanks are due to Mrs. C. Gill for paper, etc. Mesdames Chapman and Phillips will be the visitors for this month.

"Havarest" is occupied and in good order.

There have been several engagements for parties at the Rest Room.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

Mrs. Ricketts asked for a month's leave of absence from the camouflage nets, which was granted. Mesdames Paxton and Blair are now working on the nets, and the A.C.F. is doing good work. More net workers are urgently needed.

ANZAC DAY WREATH.

Some of the members agreed to meet at Mrs. Phillips' residence to make the wreath for Anzac Day.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

A discussion arose regarding a public convenience in Gladstone, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Town Council on the matter, as this branch felt that this was a most essential necessity.

A PRESENTATION.

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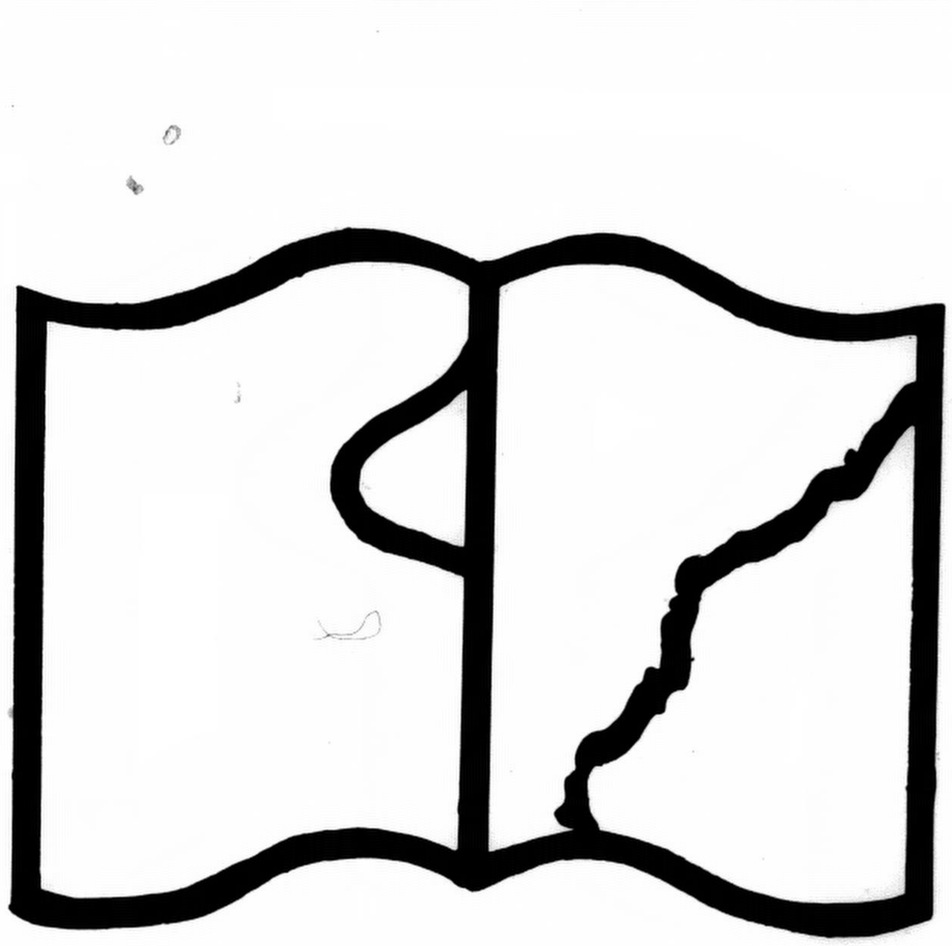

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WHY - - £300,000

IS REQUIRED IN 1943 BY THE QUEENSLAND DIVISION

DISBURSEMENTS by the Queensland Division of the Red Cross Society must progressively increase in direct ratio to the need and demand for the service it provides. The following figures tell their own story:—

FOR TWELVE MONTHS from 1st July, 1941, to 30th June, 1942. Payments of £167,738 exceeded Receipts of £147,613 by £20,125. EXPENDITURE for 1941-42 averaged almost £14,000 per month. For July, August, September and October of 1942 the average was over £20,550 per month, and it is anticipated that this rate will be increased in 1943.

RED CROSS RELIES ENTIRELY ON VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

WHAT

DOES RED CROSS DO?

HERE IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE SERVICES RENDERED BY THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY:

1 COMFORTS and SUPPLIES to our Men overseas (cost £550,000).
2 SUPPLIES and COMFORTS to our Hospital Ships and Transports.
3 188 AMBULANCES already supplied (cost $98,500).
4 Five Mobile BLOOD BANKS, eight Mobile DRESSING STATIONS and OPERATING UNITS, and over £110,000 of MEDICAL EQUIPMENT supplied.
5 BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE organised to meet any local emergency.
6 CAMP HOSPITALS, DRESSING STATIONS, etc., throughout Australia serviced at a cost of £2000 per week.
7 CONVALESCENT HOMES established and maintained in all States (cost over £200,000).
8 CLOTHING, FOOD and MEDICAL EQUIPMENT sent to Britain £101,000, Russia £30,000, China £5400, Malta £1600, Greece £19,750.
9 £236,000 sent to British and Allied Red Cross Societies who have done so much for our own men.
10 SUFFICIENT FOOD PARCELS provided every week for all Australian Prisoners of War in Europe. Clothing, Medical and Recreational Supplies also provided.
11 ENQUIRY BUREAUX for Wounded, Missing, and Prisoners of War established in all States and Overseas, giving postal, parcel, enquiry and Searcher Service.
12 A FIELD UNIT and Mobilisation Plans completed to meet any emergency within Australia.
13 SERVICE IS CONTINUED to Men of the 1914-18 War at a cost of £35,000 per annum.

PENNANTS! PENNANTS!

A NUMBER OF PENNANTS are being awarded Red Cross Branches gaining the largest quota, based on membership. Would all Red Cross subscribers therefore take a note of this and send their donation direct to the Gladstone Secretary. A fund will be opened later in the "Gladstone Observer." Gladstone has a big chance of winning a Pennant.

DONATIONS sent in now to the Secretary Gladstone Branch will be included in the SPECIAL RED CROSS WEEK DRIVE, May 16th to 22nd

WILL YOU HELP?

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WHY DO VISITORS STAY AT THE "GRAND?" Because it is a Comfortable, Modern Hotel, noted for its Cuisine. Everything is personally supervised, thus guaranteeing Efficient Service. Every convenience—Special Septic Service, Hot and Cold Showers, large Vestibule, Writing and Sample Rooms. Lighted throughout with Electric Light. MODERATE TARIFF, so make "The Grand" your home when away from home.

Proprietor —— M. Hanson

Church Services

ST. SAVIOUR'S GLADSTONE.

GOOD Friday and Easter Day Services:—

Good Friday, 10 a.m., Ante Communion; 12-3 Three Hours' Devotions. All collections for the day will be given to Missions.

Easter day: Holy Communion 6 a.m. and 7.30 a.m., Children's Service 10 a.m. Mission Boxes will be presented at the Altar at this Service.

FORTESCUE,
Bishop of Rockhampton.

METHODIST CHURCH Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall as follows:—

Good Friday, 7.30 p.m., preacher Rev. G. T. A. Philipson.

Sunday, 25th April, 11.30 a.m. preacher Mr. A. Blake, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m., preacher Mr. A. Blake. All are cordially invited to these services.

Thanks

THE Family of the late Annie Ibbotson wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for their floral tributes and messages of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

In Memoriam

STAPLETON.—In loving memory of John Stapleton, who passed away on 23rd April, 1941.

At Rest.

(Inserted by his loving wife, daughters (Kin and Hazel), and grandchildren.)

JOYNER.—In loving memory of Roland George Joyner, who departed this life on April 24th, 1942.

Loving and true in all his ways.
Upright and just to the end of his days;
Sincere and kind in heart and mind.
What a beautiful memory to leave behind.

(Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

WARNER.—In loving memory of my dear Husband and our Father, Frank William Warner, who passed away on the 25th April, 1942.

What would I give his hand to clasp,
His dear face to see
To hear again his loving voice
That meant so much to me.

(Inserted by his loving wife, sons, daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.)

NAME AND ADDRESS ESSENTIAL.

For an reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Local Authority elections (Town Council, Harbour Board, and Calliope Shire). C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions for publication must carry the name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

EASTER SATURDAY.

No issue of the "Observer" will be published on Easter Saturday, April 24. Subscribers and advertisers please note.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES.

The Anzac Day service to be held in the Presbyterian Church will commence at 7.30 p.m., and not 8 p.m. as previously advertised.

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. W. H. Hall) advises that the sum of £10 and £500 has been received as interest free loans to the Commonwealth Government from persons who desire to remain anonymous.

WAR LOAN COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the War Loan Committee held on April 13 it was decided that the "Observer" be asked to publish the following:—Since our meeting, held on April 6, Swifts Ltd. immediately consented to deduct moneys for the group system, which action the committee very much appreciate.

MR. J. F. McCOY.

Mr. J. F. McCoy, who has been acting C.P.S. at Gladstone in place of Mr. T. Mee (who has been on sick leave) for the last eleven weeks, left for Brisbane on Monday. Mr. McCoy proved himself to be an officer of outstanding ability, combined with courtesy and tact, and besides renewing many old friendships, made many new ones. During his stay here Mr. McCoy addressed audiences at the picture shows, stressing the necessity for every citizen to subscribe to the third liberty loan, and he is a speaker of no mean ability. Mr. McCoy left Gladstone with the best wishes of his many friends, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Mee's health had greatly benefited during his holiday.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY MEETING

More Sewers Wanted

At the monthly meeting of the A.C.F. there were present: The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), the Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. A. D. Hopper), and Mesdames C. Chapman, W. Chapman, Jones, Turner, Gordon, Henriksen, Clarice, H. C. Smith, Coxon, Cross, and the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. J. Garrett).

Apologies were received from Mesdames R. Barker, Beutell, Picton, Stewart, and D. Smith.

The meeting opened with the National Anthem.

WELCOME EXTENDED.

The President extended a welcome to two new members, Mesdames Coxon and Clarice.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Accounts amounting to £26/15/3 were presented and passed for payment.

SEWING AND KNITTING CIRCLE.

The convenor of the Sewing and Knitting Circle (Mrs. J. Worthington) submitted the following report from March 12 to April 9:—

5 prs. pyjamas, 37 prs. socks, 18 hussifs, 110 mess bags, 243 khaki handkerchiefs.

A case of comforts was despatched to headquarters on April 4, containing 20 prs. pyjamas, 243 khaki handkerchiefs, 48 prs. socks, 1 muffler, 61 hussifs, also a case of books and magazines.

DONATIONS.

Donations of books and magazines were received from Mesdames M. Murphy (Mt. Larcom), Cross, S. Melford, Ballantine, Roebuck, Forrest, Muspratt (Littlemore).

Set of bobs, Doris West.

A further supply of books are needed for battle stations, and for troops travelling by train.

Table Tennis: F. Robinson.

STREET STALL.

The convenors of the street stall (Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen) reported a net profit of £32/0/7 from the March stall.

GENERAL.

The President reported that the H.M.A.S. Gladstone appeal had been launched, and had met with a good response. Mrs. Macfarlan asked all those who intend to subscribe to do so immediately, as the appeal would close in the very near future.

The fund was in need of many more sewers and knitters, and she would be pleased to welcome new members to their sewing meetings in the Diggers' Hall on Tuesday and Friday afternoons of each week.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mrs. Ellen Stapleton returned to Gladstone last week, and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Browne, William Street.

Miss Thelma Hallam has been appointed as a cadet nurse at the Tweed District Hospital, Murwillumbah, and left on Saturday last to take up her duties. Her sister Lorna left the previous day to resume her studies at St. Faith's School, Barcaldine.

FIREWOOD SHORTAGE.

An official has been appointed by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) to investigate Queensland's firewood shortage. He will co-ordinate the efforts of all concerned, and in all probability will establish camps to provide supplies for the cities.

DAIRY INDUSTRY.

At a recent meeting of the Kyogle and Upper Clarence War Agricultural Committee, it was decided to send congratulations to the Queensland Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Williams) on the emphatic stand he took in insisting on better conditions being created in the dairy industry; also to acquaint the N.S.W. Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Dunn) with what Mr. Williams was doing, and to ask him to take a similar stand in order to arrest the serious drift now taking place in the industry.

ADDITIONAL MATCHES FOR GLADSTONE.

The Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. has received advice from Mr. F. M. Forde (Minister for the Army) that the request of this branch for a better supply of matches to Gladstone had been granted. Mr. Dedman (Minister for War Organisation), in his letter, pointed to the desirability of increasing the existing quota, and therefore arrangements have been made for the supply of an additional twenty-one gross boxes of safety matches per month.

FAREWELLED

MR. AND MRS. E. G. OGG

Popular Gladstone Citizens

Two of Gladstone's best known citizens in Mr and Mrs. E. G. Ogg have left for the Stanthorpe district, where Mr. Ogg has purchased a sheep property adjoining the well-known Pikedale Station.

Residents here for over 20 years, both were noted for their fine public spirit, enterprise as citizens, and splendid war records.

Mr. Ogg came to Gladstone and opened the S.S.S. Stores, a business which prospered and became a household word throughout the district.

He gained his commission in the 5th Light Horse in the Great War, and won the Military Cross for heroism in the campaign. From the moment he returned wounded he commenced assisting the returned soldiers, and was a prominent officer of the local branch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

Long before Japan entered the war he warned his fellow returned soldiers and citizens of the Asiatic danger, so much so, that he was on occasions called an alarmist.

When war did come against the Japs he communicated (in the interests of Gladstone) direct with the Minister for the Army and other Federal Ministers.

Mr. Ogg formed the Gladston V.D.C., and was their leader, instructing and drilling the unit until recently. It is now regarded as one of the best country units in the State.

In early years he took a great interest in the Barrier Reef, making many trips with notable visitors in his launch the Madeline. A keen naturalist, he knew every inch of the southern extremity of the reef, and contributed many articles on Mast Head, Heron, Nor-West, and other coral islets for southern inquiries.

Mr. Ogg could always be found with the diggers, and he assisted in keeping the returned soldiers together as an active body in Gladstone. His departure will be a severe loss to these and allied organisations.

Mrs. Ogg was one of the founders of the Gladstone branch of the Country Women's Association, and she was for many years its secretary. She attended all meetings and took an active interest in it until her departure. She was also supervisor of the Younger Set, and helped with all their functions.

Mrs. Ogg will probably be best remembered for her musical association with patriotic, charitable, and social functions during and since the last war.

She appeared on the concert platform of practically every local presentation, and assisted in organising the functions.

When the present war broke out she was the first woman in Queensland to broadcast an appeal for volunteers for the second A.I.F., and she spoke over several radio stations in Brisbane when recruits were asked for.

Mrs. Ogg's kindly acts of charity in Gladstone and district will be long remembered. Prior to her departure she was entertained at two farewell functions. C.W.A. and Younger Set members met and presented her with a nice handbag, the President (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) expressing the great regret at Mrs. Ogg's departure, and wishing her every success and happiness in her new home.

On Tuesday night 22 ex-employees of the S.S.S. Stores, many of them now married and in other business avenues, met at the Orion Cafe to pay tribute to their former employer. All spoke with feeling of the friendly associations over a long period of years, and joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ogg every good fortune in the Stanthorpe district.

BOWLING

Week-End Games

In the district representative pairs competition to select two bowlers to play at Rockhampton this week-end, A. Joyner and H. V. Loveday defeated A. Sly and G. E. Wilson 25-10. The winning pair will now represent Gladstone in the Central District pairs.

Social games resulted:—

Hogan, Jenkinson, Golding v. Pring, Dr. Yum, Johnston 38-10.

Henery, Coxon, P. Friend v. Comino, Bycroft, Greasley 32-15.

P. Friend, Cameron, Cox, Mackay v. Johnston, Dahl, Lodder, Schmidt 30-17.

TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

QUESTION OF POSTAL BALLOT

Law Set Out

The Clerk of the Calliope Shire Council (Mr. H. H. Whittle) has received the following letter from the Department of Local Authority Affairs:—

Several returning officers for the purposes of the ensuing triennial election of chairman and members of local authorities have approached this department requesting advice as to whether in the case of an elector serving with the armed forces an application for postal ballot may be witnessed by a commissioned officer of the armed forces.

"In each case the department has advised these local authorities that the application must be witnessed by those persons set out in the form contained in Rule 50 of the third schedule to the law, i.e., a justice of the peace, an elector of the same area or the returning officer.

"It has now come to the notice of the department that Regulation 63 of the National Security (Supplementary) Regulations made under 'The National Security Act, 1939-1940,' enables certain commissioned officers of the armed forces to witness affidavits, and for the purpose of this regulation the term 'affidavit' includes any statutory or other declaration. The Solicitor-General advises the department that pursuant to this regulation the commissioned officers named therein would be competent to witness an application for a postal ballot.

"The officers authorised by the regulation to so witness signatures are officers holding rank not below the following:—

(1) In the case of a naval officer, lieutenant.

(2) In the case of a military officer, captain.

(3) In the case of an airforce officer, flight-lieutenant.

"The department regrets that it was not aware that this regulation was made and requests that the provisions of the regulation be given every publicity."

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

326 CASES ATTENDED TO

Cars Travelled 1235 Miles

At the monthly meeting of the Brigade there were present: Mr. A. T. (Power (chairman), and Messrs. W. O'Reilly, W. Ross, J. F. Clayton, A. S. Fry, and Mr. W. V. Coase (secretary). Apologies from Messrs. H. N. Ballantine and G. W. Wyatt were received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Superintendent (Mr. Coase) reported that during the month of March the Brigade attended the following cases:—78 accidents, 224 transports, 24 office cases, total 326.

The cars visited the following places for cases and travelled 1235 miles:—Benaraby, Booroom, Targinnie Road, Ubobo, Galloway Plains, Catfish (Wall's Camp), Catfish Scrub, Littlemore, Bindawalla, Builyan Road.

The following donations have been received since last meeting:—

Wall's Camp (C.C.C.), Catfish Scrub, £6/5/8, Miss Eliza B. Stirrat £1, Miss Louisa H. Stirrat £1/1/-, C. A. Bruchel 10/6, Gladstone Sawmills (W. R. Golding) £1/1/-, Mrs. A. Marxsen 4/-, M. Weir 4/-, T. Weldon 4/-, W. A. Larsen £1, S. C. Milford 9/-, Ladies' Committee £33/3/-, Friends (Pty.) Ltd. £2/2/-, Feros Bros. £1/1/-, A. W. F. G. Crow £1/1/-, Kellett & Joseph £1/1/-, S. Corones £1/1/-, J. Comino £2/2/-, Lance R. Weiske £1, Gladstone Harbour Board £5/5/-, L. M. Walker £1, W. Rosenstet 2/-, Father Campbell 6/-, Mrs. W. R. Golding senr. 5/-, Mrs. Haymor 2/-, Mrs. Austin 4/-, Frank Collins 2/-, Mrs. J. McGee 2/-, Ernie Ward 5/-, A. Gent 4/-, Bearers' euchre £2/14/-, Oscar Easey £5, Mrs. Fagg 2/-, H. Tweed 2/-, A. T. Diete £1/1/-, C.W.A. (Calliope branch), per Mrs. F. Wheeler, hon. sec., £1/1/-, M. Corones £2/2/-, collection box, per P.R., £11/1/6.

A vote of thanks was passed to all subscribers during the month.

GENERAL.

The Chairman said that was the last meeting before the election, and thanked members for the courtesy and assistance that had been given to him as chairman, and extended the same to the Superintendent, bearer, and hon. bearers, and ladies' committee.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Various Matters Dealt With

The usual monthly meeting of the C.W.A., Gladstone branch, was held in the Rest Room on Tuesday, April 13. Mrs. V. Phillips (president) presided.

The meeting opened with the reciting of "My Creed," followed by a two minutes silent prayer for the fighting forces and those bereaved.

There was a fair number of members present, and several apologies were received.

EUCHRE EVENINGS.

It was reported that euchre evenings were well attended each Saturday night.

SMALL WEDDING GIFTS.

The Supervisor (Mrs. W. Chapman) reported that the Younger Set held a nice meeting on Monday night, April 5, and as two of their members were being married, they decided to present each of them with a small wedding gift.

DISTRESS CASE.

The Secretary reported one case of distress, and 25 garments were given out. There were no calls for travellers' aid during the month.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Hospital visiting had been carried out by Mesdames W. Chapman, Ricketts, Hughes and Burnham. These ladies visited the hospital alternately each Thursday, and reported the distribution of reading matter and bootees for infants. Our thanks are due to Mrs. C. Gill for paper, etc. Mesdames Chapman and Phillips will be the visitors for this month.

"Havarest" is occupied and in good order.

There have been several engagements for parties at the Rest Room.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

Mrs. Ricketts asked for a month's leave of absence from the camouflage nets, which was granted. Mesdames Paxton and Blair are now working on the nets, and the A.C.F. is doing good work. More net workers are urgently needed.

ANZAC DAY WREATH.

Some of the members agreed to meet at Mrs. Phillips' residence to make the wreath for Anzac Day.

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Mrs. Phillips, on behalf of members, presented Mrs. Ogg, in a few well chosen words, with a very useful tapestry bag. Mrs. Ogg suitably acknowledged the presentation.

A very enjoyable evening was spent.

SEWING CERTIFICATES.

Mrs. Hamell reported having completed fourteen war saving certificates, an dwas highly commended for her good work.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

The mystery parcel (presented by Mrs. Ogg) was won by Mrs. Phillips, who kindly offered to donate the next parcel.

A dainty afternoon tea was served by the hostesses (Mesdames Beale and Baynton).

AFRCAIN WOOL

New Development

Increased use of South African wool is being made by the British mills, compared with the proportion consumed in times of peace. This is quite a recent development, and is caused by the saving in shipping space in comparison with the longer voyage to and from Australia.

Authorities in Great Britan consider that the South African clip, so far, has not deteriorated in standard because of the inability to import Australian rams. A marked improvement resulted from the use of rams from the Commonwealth.

Prior to their importation a yield of 28 per cent to 32 per cent of C[illegible] wools was quite usual. Th[illegible] adays is muc[illegible] Australia[illegible] qualit[illegible] can c[illegible] impro[illegible]

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE APPEAL

LETTER FROM LIEUT. PENNY

Comforts Appreciated

Lieutenant Penny writes from the H.M.A.S. Gladstone as follows:—

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., and beg to advise that the three cases of comforts batteries and wireless sets, referred to therein, have been safely received on board H.M.S. ship under my command, and were warmly welcomed by all concerned.

"On behalf of myself, officers and ship's company, I wish to tender our most sincere thanks for your great kindness, and to convey our deep appreciation of your branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. The khaki shorts and shirts were particularly welcome, many of our ratings having joined unprovided for in this respect.

"We are also pleased to know that you intend to instal electric kettles, and these will be very welcome."

"The H.M.A.S. Gladstone has now left for an Australian port, and it is expected that an early opportunity will enable us to call at Gladstone.

APPEAL CLOSES MAY 1.

As the Comforts Fund is committed to an expenditure of £10 per quarter for servicing the ship, it is hoped that those who have not subscribed will do so before May 1, when this appeal will close.

	£	s	d
Previously acknowledged	104	8	11
H. L. Roulston	5	0	
J. D. Stirrat	2	2	0
Eliza Stirrat	1	1	0
Dr. H. Skinner	1	1	0
Arthur Nash	1	1	0
Miss Joan Phillips	1	1	0
A. J. Jenkinson	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Masterson	1	1	0
Mrs. J. D. Stirrat		10	0
Mrs. C. Ryalls		5	0
James Milne		5	0
Miss S. Barker		5	0
Mrs. C. Messenger		5	0
E. Robinson		5	0
Mrs. R. Brawn		5	0

COLLECTIONS BY 2nd GLADSTONE TROUP.

Mrs. C. Tweed 5/3.

Mr. W. Z. Owbridge, E. W. Phillips, A. Jensen, Mrs. C. Hadgraft, N. Sirius, 5/- each.

Mrs. E. Soppa, Jenipher Soppa, A. Benstead, 2/6 each.

Mrs. Scott, 4/-

M. Brias, M. Jowett, J. Bruce, A. Baxter, F. Collins, C. Thomson, W. Hunting, C. S. Petty, E. Dicker, J. Lucas, Mrs. J. L. Soppa, Len Soppa, Mrs. A. Hughes, Mrs. S. George, Mrs. C. Power, F. Spork, Patsy Lee, Mrs. G. Lee, Mrs. L. Stevens, 2/- each.

P. McTaggart, Raymond Robertson,

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT

Credit Balance £3749/9/4

"My report submitted in January of this year contained a statement of loans, showing the original amount borrowed, the nature and tenure of each loan, and the outstanding balance as at 31/12/42, and the balances will remain unchanged until the June repayments are effected," says the nine monthly report of the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson), ended March 31.

"For the six months ending June 30, an amount of £3688/0/7, being interest and redemption repayments on account of loans, and detailed as hereunder will have to be met:—

	£	s	d
Town Council	1184	14	9
Electric Authority	1434	17	3
Water Authority	1066	8	7
Total	3686	0	7

FINANCIAL POSITION

The position of the several funds as at March 31 are as follow:—

	£	s	d
General Fund, cr.	1931	12	5
Loan Rate Fund, cr.	291	7	6
Cleansing Fund, cr.	646	10	3
Electrical Undertaking Fund, cr.	1008	13	11
Electric Loan Rate Fund, cr.	56	12	2
Water Undertaking Fund, cr.	269	5	8
Water Loan Rate Fund, cr.	985	7	5
Total credit balances	5189	9	4
Town Fund Account (old overdraft), dr.	1440	0	0
Excess credit over debit balances	3749	9	4

3rd LIBERTY LOAN CHALLENGE

"BUSINESS" v. "WORKER"

Win for "Business" by Narrow Margin

The challenge race between Goddy Crow's old war-horse "Business," ridden by himself, and the Third Liberty Loan Committee's colt "The Worker," provided a most interesting contest and a very exciting finish, with Goddy's "Business" first past the post by the shortest of heads.

Although running on better at the finish, "The Worker's" jockey left his run until a little too late, and it appeared that, with more vigorous riding the result could quite easily have been reversed.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

SUCCESSFUL PADDY'S MARKET

Receipts Totalled £47

In the absence of the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend), the acting convenor (Mrs. W. H. Hall) and her committee of ladies worked very hard to make the April Paddy's market an outstanding success. The receipts totalled £47.

The turkey gobbler (donated by Mrs. H. Doelle) was won by a prominent worker, Mrs. G. Clark, with ticket No. 160.

Mrs. Easterby's doll was won by Master D. Grayson with ticket No. 7.

Included in the cash donations were Mr. C. Cunningham, "Firmiston," Wowan, £7/8/-, Mr. Ken Ballantine £5, Mr. W. Ferris £1/1/-, Miss E. Stirratt £1, Mrs. A. Worthington (sale of dragons) 15/-, Mrs. Geo. Phillips (sale of eggs) 11/3, Mrs. A. Easterby 10/6, Mrs. G. Wyatt senr. 10/-, Mrs. H. S. Martin (Bororen) 10/-, Mrs. M. North (Golembil) 10/-, Mrs. A. Friend 5/6, Shirley McCray's dancing pupils 5/6, Mrs D. Pidgeon 5/-, Mrs. Hallam 5/-, Mrs. J. Benedict 5/-, Mrs. C. Dahl 3/-, Mrs. Coxon (collection of books), Mrs. A. Easterby (black doll and string bag), Mrs. L. Bartlett (bag).

Cakes: Mesdames R. Ricketts, A. Friend (3), P. Friend, Paxton, C. Cooper, L. Johnston, J. H. Simpson (Barmundu), A. Easterby, W. Yum, E. N. Joseph, H. C. Moore, H. Hall, D. Connellan, S. Geddes, W. Golding (2), H. McCray, C. Thompson, G. Wilson, R. Mackay, R. Farnsworth, G. Hartley, M. Tait, Miss Hadgraft.

Apple cakes: Mesdames R. Cavill, G. J. Byrne, R. Ricketts.

Scones and pickles: Mesdames Bycroft and Hando.

Jam: Mrs. McDermott (collection and sale of jam 7/-), Mrs. J. D. Stirrat, Mrs. Kirkham, Mrs. L. Johnston, Mrs. W. Golding, Mrs. G. Clark (collection and sale of jam 8/9).

Chutney: Mesdames Kirkham and Hall.

Mayonnaise: Mrs. E. J. Masterson.

Lemon butter: Mrs. Kirkham.

Butter: Mrs. J. . Stirrat.

Dripping: Mr. Ken Ballantine.

Sweets: Mrs. C. Barker (collection and sale of sweets £1).

Eggs: Mesdames F. Menzies (Stowe), A. Martin, J. H. Simpson (Barmundu).

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APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

DOMESTICS AND TAX DEDUCTIONS.

Householders who employ domestic help are required to deduct tax instalments and purchase tax stamps for employees where the value of wages and board exceed £2 a week on each pay day from April 1.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE.

PROGRAMME for Anzac Day, Sunday 25th April, 1943:—

4.28 a.m., Dawn Service, Returned Soldiers' Hall, Gondoon Street.
7 a.m., Mass, Roman Catholic Church.
7.30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Church of England.
10.45 a.m., Laying on of Wreaths, etc., at Town Hall.
11.30 a.m., Methodist Church Service.
7.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church Service.

N. P. BRESLIN, Hon. Sec.

TRANSMISSION BY DEATH.
Real Property Acts of 1861 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made for the registration of Transmission of Title to the land hereinafter mentioned. Particulars of such application are given below and any person desiring to oppose may do so by lodging a caveat on or before the day specified at the office of the Registrar of Titles in Rockhampton.

Name of Deceased Proprietor.—Edith Isabel Macdonald (otherwise MacDonald) late of Ascot, Brisbane, widow.

Date of Death.—1942, 31 August.

Name of Claimant.—Russell Stair Graham Macdonald, of Miriam Vale, Ina Maud Macdonald, and Mary Myrtle Macdonald, both of Ascot, Brisbane, spinsters.

Description and Situation of Land—Portion 67v county of Flinders, parish of Polmaily.

Estate Claimed to be Transmitted.—Fee simple.

Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Will dated 8 June, 1932.

Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—1943, 28 May.

R. J. THOMSON,
Registrar of Titles.
Registrar of Titles' Office,
Brisbane, 17th April, 1943.
REES R. & SYDNEY JONES,
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MUSIC - MUSIC

DAVIS' BROADCAST ALBUM No. 15

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Contents

She's in Love with a Soldier
Mister Brown of London Town
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He Wants to be a Pilot
America, I Love You
Our Air Raid Shelter
Wouldn't It
What Did They Say
Happy Landings
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Price 2/3

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Music not in stock will be procured without delay.

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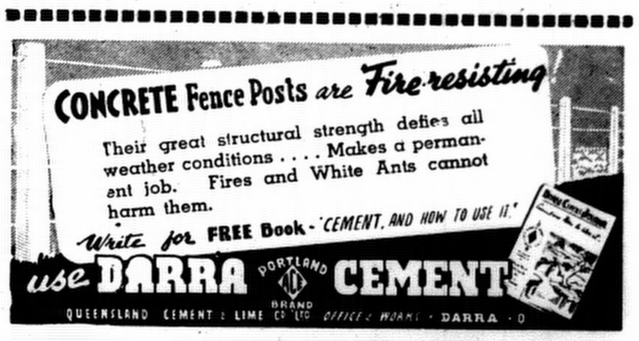


W. HENDERSON
SADDLER

FORMERLY of Blackall and Rockhampton, has commenced Business. Sufficient address:—

MACKOWATA, N.C. Line.

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

PURSUANT to Part XI, Section 31 (27) of "The Local Government Acts 1936-1943," notice is hereby given that the Council of the Shire of Calliope has resolved to make By-law No. 32 entitled "The Calliope Shire Toll Gate By-Law," imposing a toll charge of one penny (1d) per head on cattle travelling the Stowe-Gladstone Stock Route. The moneys received from the toll are to be expended on improvements to the Stock Route as set out in the by-law.

A copy of the By-law is open to inspection at the Shire Office during office hours.

H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk
Gladstone, 13/4/43.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A—SPECIAL Quality Choice Granny Smith Apples, suitable for dessert and cooking, 20/- bushel case; Freight payable by buyer. Cash with order. Add exchange to cheques.—FRY BROS., The Summit, S. Line.

A BOOK of Verses by Tip Kelaher of the A.I.F., recently killed in action. Contains "The Digger's Hat," "Ginger Mick," "Stockman's September," and others. Price 3/6. P. M. Jones.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

BOARD and Residence required by Government Official. Reply "Observer" Office.

BUSTEED'S for Batteries, Car or Truck, of first quality only sold. Make your application To-day.

BATTERIES for your Car or Truck.—6v. 13 Plate Batteries to suit all cars; special squat types to fit Ford V8, Chevrolet, and Plymouth. You can rely on us having the Battery in stock. See Port Curtis Motors To day

BUSTEED'S (the Tyre People) will pay highest prices for Second-hand Tyres and Tubes, all makes, all sizes. If your car is laid-up, sell us your Tyres for essential users.

COME to Griffiths' Cafe for your Ice Cream, Cakes, and Fruit.

CUPROX Copper Spray.—For Tomatoes, Potatoes, and other Vegetables, Citrus and other Fruit Trees and Shrubs, 12oz. tins 3/3, 7lb. bags 16/-. A.C.F. Dusting Powder 2/- 12oz. tin. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

EVERYTHING possible for the Cycle and Cyclist at Port Curtis Motors, Tank Street, Valley, Gladstone.

FOR SALE.—An S.T.C. Wireless Set, Table Model, in good order. Price £10 cash. Apply J. Jenson, Taragoola, Boyne Valley Line.

FOR SALE.—Choice large Granny Smith Apples, 18/- bushel sidings, add freight to cheques and exchange. K. J. Way, "Chesilbank" Orchard, Pozieres.

FOR SALE.—Electric Refrigerator, Vacuum Cleaner and Electric Stove. Inspection at Weiske's, Furniture Rooms.

FOR SALE.—Corn £1 bag, cash with order, on rail. Apply F. H. Pike, Benaraby.

FOR SALE.—At Weiske's, the Furniture Place, new Kitchen Chairs, Duchesses, etc., also Gent's Bike.

FOR SALE.—Bell Piano and Kitchen Cabinet at Weiske's Furniture Rooms.

FOR SALE.—8-Piece Silky Oak Dining Suite with Chairs, upholstered in Genoa. Price £25. Inspect at Weiske's Furniture Rooms.

FRIEND'S SHOWROOMS announce arrival of nice range of Lined and Unlined Winter Coats, including the Boxy, in quality Tweed and Kasha Cloth. Prices 51/6 to £6/6/-, 19 Coupons unlined, 27 lined.

INCOME TAX QUIZ.—All Tax Questions answered. "Who pays? How much? When, where and how?" Price 2/6. At P. M. Jones, Newsagent.

KEEP the Moths away from your Clothes. Use Silvermoth, 6d a packet. Each packet is equivalent to a pound of Naphthaleine. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

MAKE your application for Tyres and Tubes at Busteed's, opp. G.P.O. Being Specialists in Tyres, you are assured of every effort being made to fill requirements.

NEW Coloured Views of Gladstone.—Eight nice Pictures in folder, all ready to post. Price 2/6. P. M. Jones, Gladstone.

PORT CURTIS Freewheel Gents' and Ladies' Cycles. Will have stocks in few days. Apply now to make certain of securing your new machine. See Port Curtis Motors To-day.

RADIO Batteries.—2v. 11 and 15 Plates always available. Send your order in now. We have stocks of 45v. Superdyne Batteries, Torch Cells. Write or call at Port Curtis Motors.

RAZOR BLADES last longer by using the right Sharpener. Get one while stocks last, only 1/4 each. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

SEED OATS for Winter Planting.—Algerian, Mulgai, Belah and Seedling, just arrived. Price 5/3 bag lots. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

STOCKINGS are hard to get. Use the Wonder Stocking Cream, Glaide. It's good and easy to use. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

VEE-ESS Sailing Boat, 15ft., made of Beech, practically new. Owner overseas. £55 cash. Colthorpe, Eden Street, Gladstone.

WANTED.—Heavy Draft Mare, broken in and quiet. Price and particulars to Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

WANTED.—Small Unfurnished Flat or comfortable Room with cooking facilities. Apply Mrs. Horn, Roseberry Street, Gladstone.

WANTED.—Small Furnished Flat. Particulars this Office.

WANTED.—Tyre and Tube, 500 x 20. Apply C. Renton, Yaroon Street, Gladstone.

WIRELESS SET, 5-Valve Cabinet Model, A.C. Current, £8/10/. Apply this Office.

WANTED.—Garden Hose, good condition. Particulars to "Observer" Office.

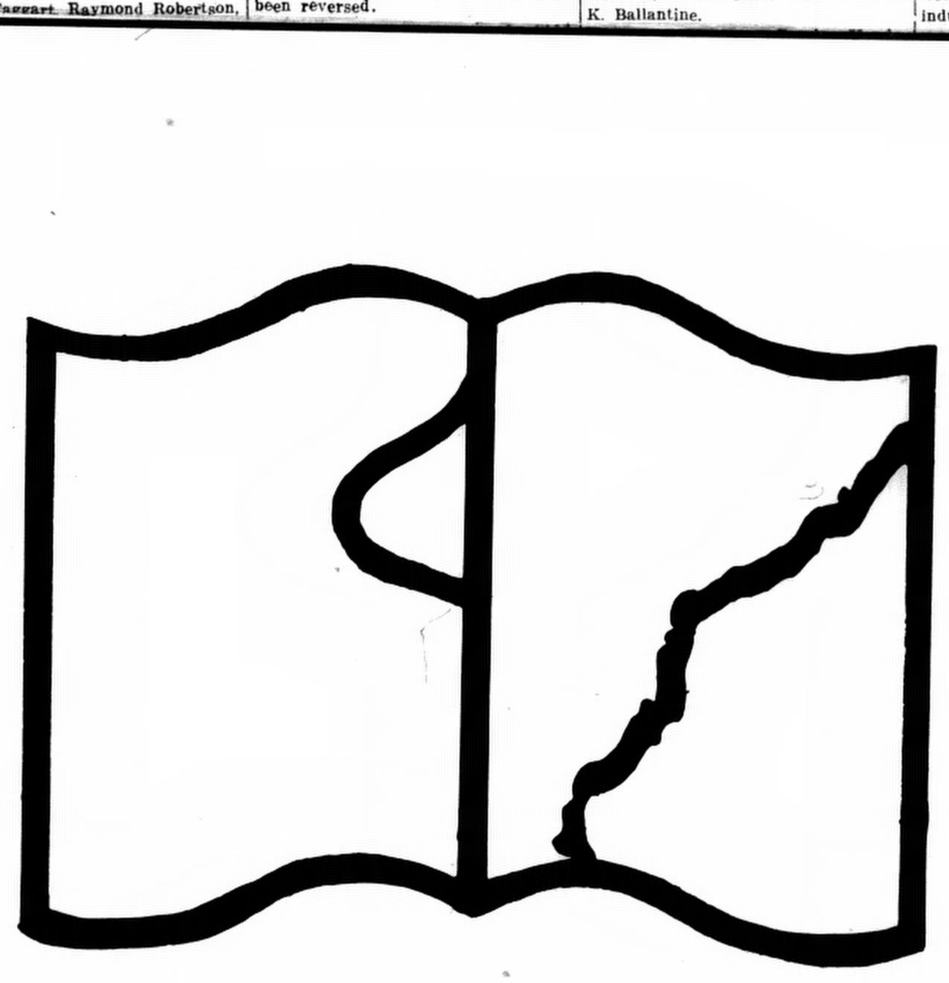
WILL BUY Good Used Cars and Trucks for cash. Must be well shod. Apply "Cash," c/o "Observer" Office.

YATES' H.R. Lucerne Seed. A large consignment just to hand, A1 quality. Price 2/6½. Barley 5/6 bushel. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

YOU can now obtain First-class Fruit from Griffiths' Cafe, Gladstone, at reasonable prices.

YATES' SEEDS.—3000 Packets Yates' New Season's Seeds, Flower and Vegetable, just arrived. Eschallot Bulbs, 1/6 lb. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6. Three insertions 3/-.



H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE APPEAL

LETTER FROM LIEUT. PENNY

Comforts Appreciated

Lieutenant Penny writes from the H.M.A.S. Gladstone as follows:—

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., and beg to advise that the three cases of comforts batteries and wireless sets, referred to therein, have been safely received on board H.M.S. ship under my command, and were warmly welcomed by all concerned.

"On behalf of myself, officers and ship's company, I wish to tender our most sincere thanks for your great kindness, and to convey our deep appreciation of your branch of the Australian Comforts Fund. The khaki shorts and shirts were particularly welcome, many of our ratings having joined unprovided for in this respect.

"We are also pleased to know that you intend to instal electric kettles, and these will be very welcome."

"The H.M.A.S. Gladstone has now left for an Australian port, and it is expected that an early opportunity will enable us to call at Gladstone.

APPEAL CLOSES MAY 1.

As the Comforts Fund is committed to an expenditure of £10 per quarter for servicing the ship, it is hoped that those who have not subscribed will do so before May 1, when this appeal will close.

	£	s	d
Previously acknowledged	£104	8	11
H. L. Roulston	5	0	
J. D. Stirrat	2	2	0
Eliza Stirrat	1	1	0
Dr. H. Skinner	1	1	0
Arthur Nash	1	1	0
Miss Joan Phillips	1	1	0
A. J. Jenkinson	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Masterson	1	1	0
Mrs. J. D. Stirrat		10	0
Mrs. C. Ryalls		5	0
James Milne		5	0
Miss S. Barker		5	0
Mrs. C. Messenger		5	0
E. Robinson		5	0
Mrs. R. Brawn		5	0

COLLECTIONS BY 2nd GLADSTONE TROUP.

Mrs. C. Tweed 5/3.

Mr. W. Z. Owbridge, E. W. Phillips, A. Jensen, Mrs. C. Hadgraft, N. Sirius, 5/- each.

Mrs. E. Soppa, Jenipher Soppa, A. Rensted, 2/6 each.

Mrs. Scott, 4/-

M. Brias, M. Jowett, J. Bruce, A. Baxter, F. Collins, C. Thomson, W. Hunting, C. S. Petty, E. Dicker, J. Lucas, Mrs. J. L. Soppa, Len Soppa, Mrs. A. Hughes, Mrs. S. George, Mrs. C. Power, F. Spork, Patsy Lee, Mrs. G. Lee, Mrs. L. Stevens, 2/- each.

E. McTaggart, Raymond Robertson, G. Grant, M. Asher, K. Tait, Colin Morgan, Billy Murray, J. Schulze, S. Koutalis, 1/- each.

R. Davison, 3d.

ANZAC MEMORIES.

(By Adella Millar.)

The writer is a sister of Mrs. R. Farnsworth, of Gladstone.

You may not see the Anzacs march
As in the days of yore;
You may not see assembled crowds
To greet them as before;
But memory's lane will bring them home.
Heroes from far away.
To loved ones, as they celebrate
This sacred Anzac Day.

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In many guises they will come:
Maybe as boys at school,
Or clinging tight in childhood's years.
Or on the beaches cool.
Forest and country lands will find
Familiar faces there.
And round the board, Anzacs will fill
The empty place o[illegible] chair.

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So bonny were the Aussie [illegible]ds
Who died for liberty,
Who came from shop and factory,
Or from the ships at sea.
Oh, they are everywhere this day.
And claim its hours their own;
But we will aye remember them
When all its hours have flown.

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And ever, they are young and brave,
And none would them enthrall,
Who fought and died for Empire's need,
In the greatest cause of all
For Anzacs of fourteen-eighteen
Were the flower of our land,
And proudly we remember them
Of the A.I.F. command.

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[illegible] desert sun,
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[illegible]oud sons trod;
[illegible]er memories
[illegible] to their God.

[illegible]LA MILLAR.
Wagga Wagga.

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT

Credit Balance £3749/9/4

"My report submitted in January of this year contained a statement of loans, showing the original amount borrowed, the nature and tenure of each loan, and the outstanding balance as at 31/12/42, and the balances will remain unchanged until the June repayments are effected," says the nine monthly report of the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson), ended March 31.

"For the six months ending June 30, an amount of £3688/0/7, being interest and redemption repayments on account of loans, and detailed as hereunder will have to be met:—

	£	s	d
Town Council	1184	14	9
Electric Authority	1434	17	3
Water Authority	1066	8	7
Total	3686	0	7

FINANCIAL POSITION

The position of the several funds as at March 31 are as follow:—

	£	s	d
General Fund, cr.	1931	12	5
Loan Rate Fund, cr.	291	7	6
Cleansing Fund, cr.	646	10	3
Electrical Undertaking Fund, cr.	1008	13	11
Electric Loan Rate Fund, cr.	56	12	2
Water Undertaking Fund, cr.	269	5	8
Water Loan Rate Fund, cr.	985	7	5
Total credit balances	£5189	9	4
Town Fund Account (old overdraft), dr.	1440	0	0
Excess credit over debit balances	£3749	9	4

3rd LIBERTY LOAN CHALLENGE

"BUSINESS" v. "WORKER"

Win for "Business" by Narrow Margin

The challenge race between Goddy Crow's old war-horse "Business," ridden by himself, and the Third Liberty Loan Committee's colt "The Worker," provided a most interesting contest and a very exciting finish, with Goddy's "Business" first past the post by the shortest of heads.

Although running on better at the finish, "The Worker's" jockey left his run until a little too late, and it appeared that, with more vigorous riding the result could quite easily have been reversed.

Both horses got away to a good start, and over the greater part of the distance the running was fairly even, first one and then the other taking the lead, but coming round the bend just before entering the straight, Goddy went for the whip, and thus stole a march on his opponent. "Business" responded by bounding to the front and although "The Worker" strove hard to make up the leway, energetic riding by Goddy enabled his mount to pass the post a winner by the narrow margin previously stated.

The winner showed obvious signs of distress after the race, as did also his jockey, but the loser appeared as though he could have covered the distance twice over, and we are therefore prompted to prophecy that if the horses meet again on similar terms over a longer distance "The Worker" will win in a cakewalk.

The race was run cleanly throughout, although "Business" appeared to bore in a little at the top of the straight, when Goddy went for the whip. We would not suggest, however, that this threw "The Worker" out of his stride. It was rumoured freely in some quarters after the race that dope had been used on "Business," but this rumour probably emanated from one disgruntled punter who had seen his rider come out of a certain chemist shop with a parcel under his arm. We have it on good authority that the parcel contained nothing more than loan embrocation.

It seems quite feasible, however, from the unexpected energy displayed by the rider throughout the race that he had a battery on himself.

The race finished at 3 p.m. on Monday. The total investments on the respective contestants will not be known until after settling time to-day, but it is understood that a last minute plunge by supporters of "The Workers" stable (£1230 by the Gladstone Meatwork's Group) was being accepted as the winner was passing the post.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

SUCCESSFUL PADDY'S MARKET

Receipts Totalled £47

In the absence of the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend), the acting convenor (Mrs. W. H. Hall) and her committee of ladies worked very hard to make the April Paddy's market an outstanding success. The receipts totalled £47.

The turkey gobbler (donated by Mrs. H. Doelle) was won by a prominent worker, Mrs. G. Clark, with ticket No. 160.

Mrs. Easterby's doll was won by Master D. Grayson with ticket No. 7.

Included in the cash donations were Mr. C. Cunningham, "Firmiston," Wowan, £7/8/-, Mr. Ken Ballantine £5, Mr. W. Ferris £1/1/-, Miss E. Stirratt £1, Mrs. A. Worthington (sale of dragons) 15/-, Mrs. Geo. Phillips (sale of eggs) 11/3, Mrs. A. Easterby 10/6, Mrs. G. Wyatt senr. 10/-, Mrs. H. S. Martin (Bororen) 10/-, Mrs. M. North (Golembil) 10/-, Mrs. A. Friend 5/6, Shirley McCray's dancing pupils 5/6, Mrs D. Pidgeon 5/-, Mrs. Hallam 5/-, Mrs. J. Benedict 5/-, Mrs. C. Dahl 3/-, Mrs. Coxon (collection of books), Mrs. A. Easterby (black doll and string bag), Mrs. L. Bartlett (bag).

Cakes: Mesdames R. Ricketts, A. Friend (3), P. Friend, Paxton, C. Cooper, L. Johnston, J. H. Simpson (Barmundu), A. Easterby, W. Yum, E. N. Joseph, H. C. Moore, H. Hall, D. Connellan, S. Geddes, W. Golding (2), H. McCray, C. Thompson, G. Wilson, R. Mackay, R. Farnsworth, G. Hartley, M. Tait, Miss Hadgraft.

Apple cakes: Mesdames R. Cavill, G. J. Byrne, R. Ricketts.

Scones and pickles: Mesdames Bycroft and Hando.

Jam: Mrs. McDermott (collection and sale of jam 7/-), Mrs. J. D. Stirrat, Mrs. Kirkham, Mrs. L. Johnston, Mrs. W. Golding, Mrs. G. Clark (collection and sale of jam 8/9).

Chutney: Mesdames Kirkham and Hall.

Mayonnaise: Mrs. E. J. Masterson.

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Flowers: Mesdames Parsloe, Hando, Groundwater, Walters, and Miss Lois Kirkwood.

HOSPITAL BOARDS

Engaging Nurses

A case has just come under my notice where a trained nurse was engaged through a nurses' club and sent out to a country hospital.

This is quite contrary to Manpower requirements, said the Deputy Director General of Manpower for Queensland (Mr. F. E. Walsh).

Hospital boards and committees must engage both their trained staff and domestics through the National Service offices.

The department is not concerned with the selection and appointment of **trainees.**

This is a function of the hospital committees, and he impressed on them the urgent necessity of securing the services of suitable trainees for hospital work. The sooner they realise that this is their job the sooner will one of the most pressing difficulties of hospital committees, and country hospital committees particularly, be overcome. But once these trainees are selected their names must be forwarded to the Manpower authorities.

If suitable girls for training as nurses offer their services to hospitals, and they are already employed in protected undertakings, arrangements will have to be made with the Manpower authorities for their release.

Hospital boards and committees are expected to replace with trainees nurses who have qualified for registration as general nurses. This will permit those thus replaced to fill vacancies now existing in country hospitals.

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The decision to prosecute Thomson was referred to the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) by a deputation from the A.C.T.U., but Mr. Curtin declined to interfere pending the hearing of the court.

FARMERS' ROADS

Amending Bill

The Main Roads Act Amendment Bill passed all stages in the Legislative Assembly last week.

Mr. Bruce (Minister for Works), who announced the investment of £250,000 from this year's main roads fund in the war loan, said the Bill provided for the creation of a new type of road—farmers' roads—which would be roads which the Commissioner considered were used or were likely to be used by the primary producers for getting their poduce to the railways or markets.

The liability of the local authorities for such roads would not exceed 50 per cent.

COMMUNIST TO OPPOSE MR. MENZIES.

Sergeant E. A. H. Laurie, A.I.F., has been endorsed by the Central Committee of the Communist Party to oppose Mr. Menzies for Kooyong at the next Federal elections. Sergt. Laurie is now serving in the north. He is the former secretary to the Australian Soviet Friendship League.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

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The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

DOMESTICS AND TAX DEDUCTIONS.

Householders who employ domestic help are required to deduct tax instalments and purchase tax stamps for employees where the value of wages and board exceed £2 a week on each pay day from April 1.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE.

PROGRAMME for Anzac Day, Sunday 25th April, 1943:—

4.28 a.m., Dawn Service. Returned Soldiers' Hall, Gondoon Street.
7 a.m., Mass, Roman Catholic Church.
7.30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Church of England.
10.45 a.m., Laying on of Wreaths, etc., at Town Hall.
11.30 a.m., Methodist Church Service.
7.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church Service.

N. P. BRESLIN, Hon. Sec.

TRANSMISSION BY DEATH.
Real Property Acts of 1861 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made for the registration of Transmission of Title to the land hereinafter mentioned. Particulars of such application are given below and any person desiring to oppose may do so by lodging a caveat on or before the day specified at the office of the Registrar of Titles in Rockhampton.

Name of Deceased Proprietor.—Edith Isabel Macdonald (otherwise MacDonald) late of Ascot, Brisbane, widow.

Date of Death.—1942, 31 August.

Name of Claimant.—Russell Stair Graham Macdonald, of Miriam Vale, Ina Maud Macdonald, and Mary Myrtle Macdonald, both of Ascot, Brisbane, spinsters.

Description and Situation of Land—Portion 67v county of Flinders, parish of Polmaily.

Estate Claimed to be Transmitted.—Fee simple.

Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Will dated 8 June, 1932.

Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—1943, 28 May.

R. J. THOMSON,
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SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

PURSUANT to Part XI, Section 31 (27) of "The Local Government Acts 1936-1943," notice is hereby given that the Council of the Shire of Calliope has resolved to make By-law No. 32 entitled "The Calliope Shire Toll Gate By-Law," imposing a toll charge of one penny (1d) per head on cattle travelling the Stowe-Gladstone Stock Route. The moneys received from the toll are to be expended on improvements to the Stock Route as set out in the by-law.

A copy of the By-law is open to inspection at the Shire Office during office hours.

H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk
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Mothers who find milk and meat difficult to procure should not forget the value of cheese. In England and other European countries a lot of cheese is eaten as a definite part of a meal, but in Australia it is much less used, and then only in small quantities as a tasty tit-bit at the end of a meal, or as a sandwich filling.

Cheese is one of our richest protein (body building) foods, and also contains the milk fat and its vitamins. It also contains those important bone and tooth-forming minerals—lime and phosphorus.

Cheese, which keeps well, can be regarded as the very, very good friend of the housewife. Not only can it be used in its natural state with tomatoes and other vegetables, or with apple, but with a little cooking it is useful as a basis for many tasty dishes—Welsh rarebit, cheese souffle, macaroni cheese, etc.

Dishes containing chese should be cooked at a moderate temperature, as high temperatures or long cooking tend to make it stringy and tough.

Some people think that cheese is indigestible for children, but this is not so if the cheese is grated or properly cooked.

The crusts of cheese which have become dry or hard need never be wasted; they can be grated and kept in a screw-top jar for use in flavouring various dishes or in making savoury biscuits.

It should be remembered that cheese, like meat and eggs, is a first-class body building food, and when a cheese, or chese and eggs dish is used the children do not need meat. Cheese will keep better and be more appetising if kept covered in a cool place.

TOMATO PLANTS

Selection For Seed

The first rule in saving tomato seed is to save only from the very best and most outstanding plants. This means going right through the crop just before the picking of the first fruit. Seed from tomatoes selected on the packing bench should not be saved, as they may have come from poor yielding or diseased plants.

The ideal seed tomato plant should have a healthy vigorous top growth, with heavy clusters of fruit not only on the bottom setting, but also on the following bunches, right to the ends of the vines. This indicates a heavy yielding type of plant. Always aim to select plants with a good number of medium sized fruit on the bunch rather than a plant with two or three fruit of exceptional size. The shape of the fruit should be nearly perfect, although on every plant one or two fruits which are of rather odd shape will be found; invariably these are the result of faulty pollination.

The fruit should be allowed to remain on the bush until red-ripe. This assures that the seed will be perfectly mature.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
21	10.00	10.30	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	——	12.42

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... April 20
Last Quarter ..... April 27

MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	7.09	7.44	12.50	1.31
2	7.57	8.28	1.47	2.14
3	8.41	9.10	2.39	2.53
4	9.21	9.49	3.26	3.30
5	10.01	10.28	4.12	4.06
6	10.40	11.07	4.57	4.41
7	11.20	11.45	5.41	5.17
8	12.00	——	6.26	5.56
9	12.24	12.45	7.12	6.37
10	1.04	1.33	8.02	7.30
11	1.48	2.31	8.55	8.28
12	2.40	3.40	9.50	9.33
13	3.42	4.52	10.43	10.37
14	4.48	5.55	11.35	11.37
15	5.51	6.47	——	12.21
16	6.44	7.32	12.32	1.05
17	7.30	8.12	1.25	1.45
18	8.14	8.51	2.12	2.24
19	8.56	9.32	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	..	..
23	11.55	..	..	..
24	12.28	12.50	..	..
25	1.20	1.50	..	..
26	2.17	3.00	..	..
27	3.22	4.17	..	..
28	4.33	5.31	..	..
29	5.40	6.34	..	..
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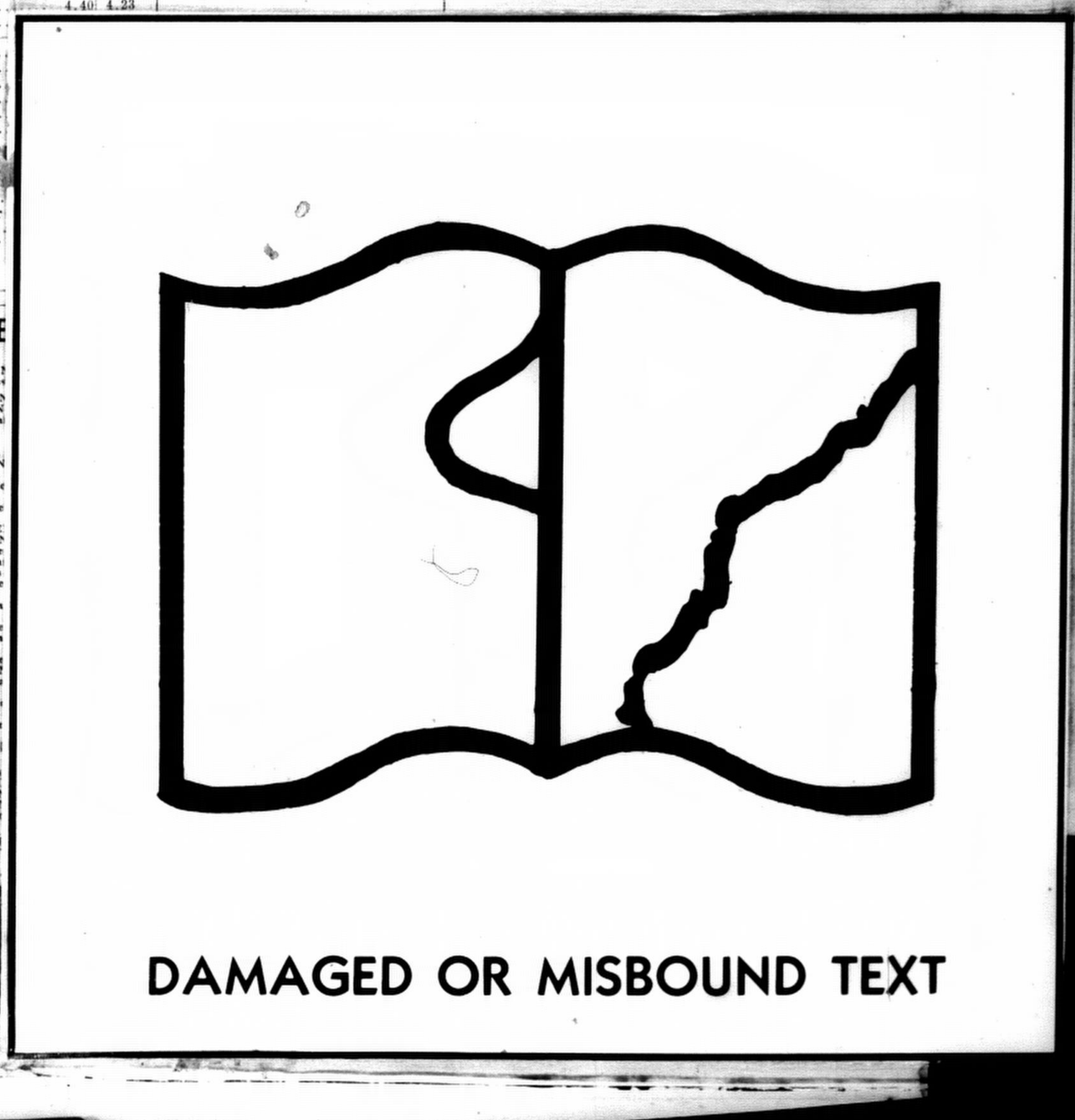

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Mothers who find milk and meat difficult to procure should not forget the value of cheese. In England and other European countries a lot of cheese is eaten as a definite part of a meal, but in Australia it is much less used, and then only in small quantities as a tasty tit-bit at the end of a meal, or as a sandwich filling.

Cheese is one of our richest protein (body building) foods, and also contains the milk fat and its vitamins. It also contains those important bone and tooth-forming minerals—lime and phosphorus.

Cheese, which keeps well, can be regarded as the very, very good friend of the housewife. Not only can it be used in its natural state with tomatoes and other vegetables, or with apple, but with a little cooking it is useful as a basis for many tasty dishes—Welsh rarebit, cheese souffle, macaroni cheese, etc.

Dishes containing chese should be cooked at a moderate temperature, as high temperatures or long cooking tend to make it stringy and tough.

Some people think that cheese is indigestible for children, but this is not so if the cheese is grated or properly cooked.

The crusts of cheese which have become dry or hard need never be wasted; they can be grated and kept in a screw-top jar for use in flavouring various dishes or in making savoury biscuits.

It should be remembered that cheese, like meat and eggs, is a first-class body building food, and when a cheese, or chese and eggs dish is used the children do not need meat. Cheese will keep better and be more appetising if kept covered in a cool place.

TOMATO PLANTS

Selection For Seed

The first rule in saving tomato seed is to save only from the very best and most outstanding plants. This means going right through the crop just before the picking of the first fruit. Seed from tomatoes selected on the packing bench should not be saved, as they may have come from poor yielding or diseased plants.

The ideal seed tomato plant should have a healthy vigorous top growth, with heavy clusters of fruit not only on the bottom setting, but also on the following bunches, right to the ends of the vines. This indicates a heavy yielding type of plant. Always aim to select plants with a good number of medium sized fruit on the bunch rather than a plant with two or three fruit of exceptional size. The shape of the fruit should be nearly perfect, although on every plant one or two fruits which are of rather odd shape will be found; invariably these are the result of faulty pollination.

The fruit should be allowed to remain on the bush until red-ripe. This assures that the seed will be perfectly mature.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

APRIL.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
21	10.00	10.30	4.30	4.10
22	10.38	11.07	4.48	4.46
23	11.17	11.50	5.36	5.24
24	11.59	——	6.28	6.07
25	12.37	12.52	7.27	7.00
26	1.30	1.52	8.32	8.07
27	2.32	3.07	9.39	9.24
28	3.46	4.32	10.45	10.38
29	5.02	5.51	11.47	11.41
30	6.12	6.53	——	12.42

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... April 20
Last Quarter ..... April 27

MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	7.09	7.44	12.50	1.31
2	7.57	8.28	1.47	2.14
3	8.41	9.10	2.39	2.53
4	9.21	9.49	3.26	3.30
5	10.01	10.28	4.12	4.06
6	10.40	11.07	4.57	4.41
7	11.20	11.45	5.41	5.17
8	12.00	——	6.26	5.56
9	12.24	12.45	7.12	6.37
10	1.04	1.33	8.02	7.30
11	1.48	2.31	8.55	8.28
12	2.40	3.40	9.50	9.33
13	3.42	4.52	10.43	10.37
14	4.48	5.55	11.35	11.37
15	5.51	6.47	——	12.21
16	6.44	7.32	12.32	1.05
17	7.30	8.12	1.25	1.45
18	8.14	8.51	2.12	2.24
19	8.56	9.32	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	5.32	5.07
23	11.55	..	6.28	5.57
24	12.28	12.50	7.26	6.55
25	1.20	1.50	8.26	7.58
26	2.17	3.00	9.24	9.10
27	3.22	4.17	10.22	10.20
28	4.33	5.31	11.18	11.28
29	5.40	6.34	——	12.09
30	6.40	7.25	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... May 4
First Quarter ..... May 12
Full Moon ..... May 20
Last Quarter ..... May 26

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9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
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7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
6.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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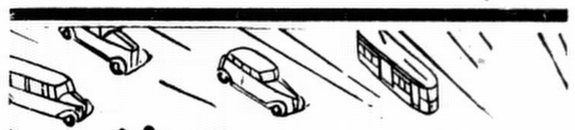

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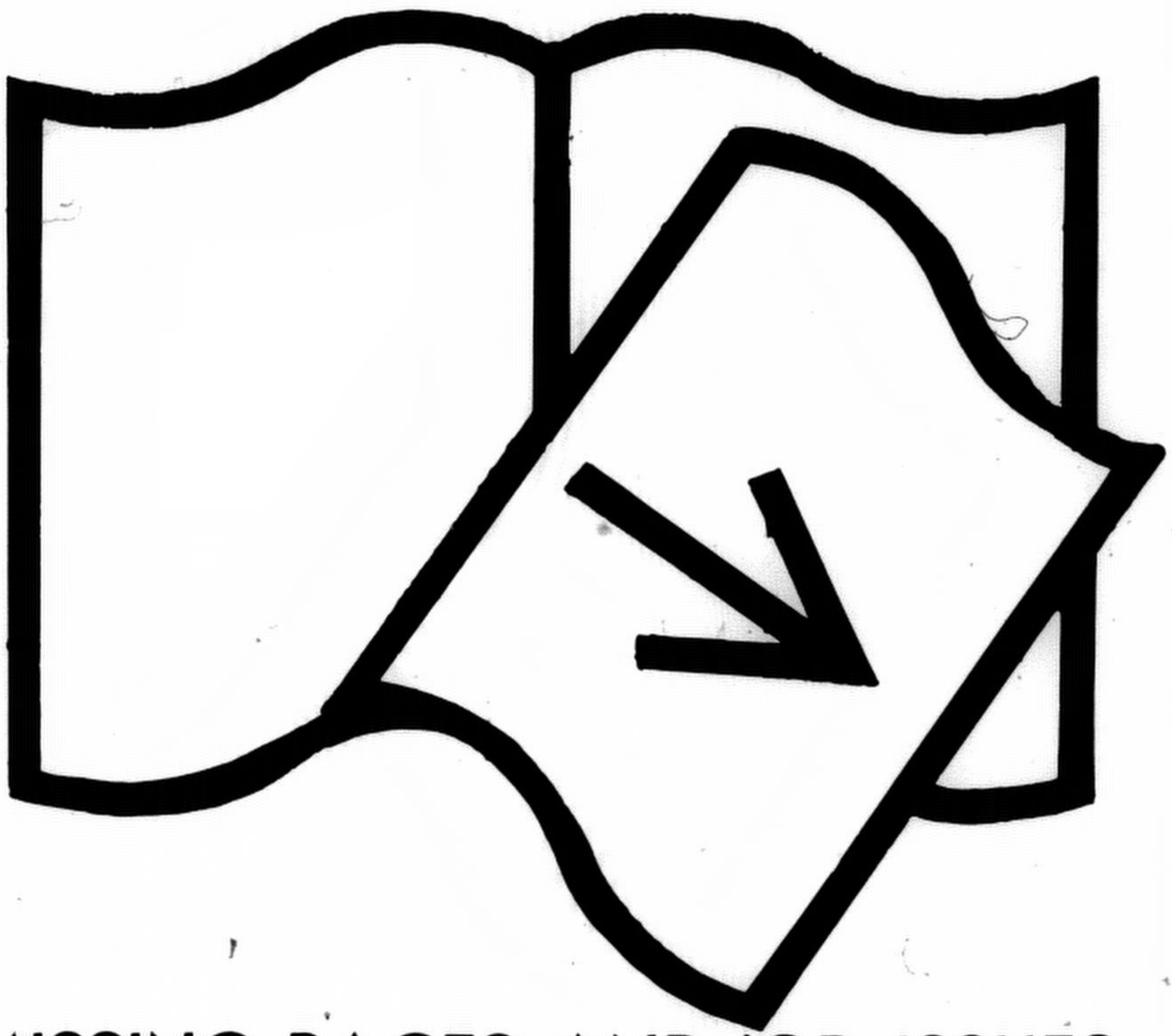

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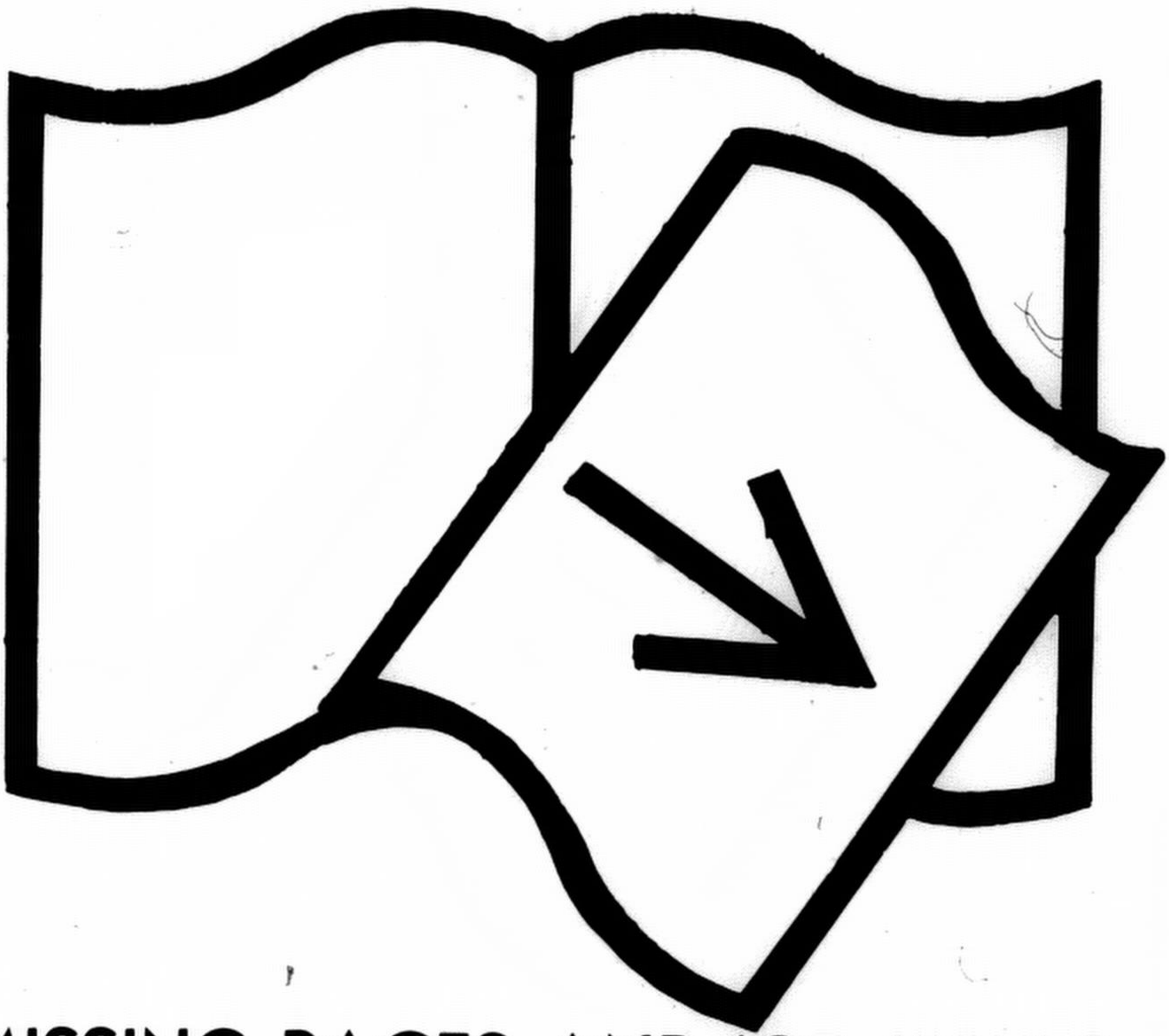

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UNITED WAR EFFORT

TASK IS CLEAR

Unconditional Surrender

Certain types of American fighter planes are now fitted with rubber lifeboats which automatically inflate when they come in contact with water, and pilots climbing from a crashed plane before it sinks find fully equipped and fully inflated boats awaiting them attached to the plane by a light line.

The rubber boat is fitted with a water sensitive switch, which automatically opens the release valves on two cylinders of carbon dioxide. The gas from the first of these cylinders opens the hatches of the raft compartment in the top of the fuselage.

Gas from the second cylinder expands to 450 times its stored volume and inflates the raft, which then floats free. Hand operated controls are also provided for operating the hatch and the inflation cylinders.

Balloon-like floats ("inflation gear") are also being made for aircraft, to attach to the wings of planes which crash into the sea in the hope of keeping them afloat long enough for salvage gangs to reach them.

Strategic zones, territorial boundaries, and national claims can often blunt the edge of realisation that the present world struggle is in every respect "total war." Two events of the past week, however, have given sharp reminders of its all-embracing scope.

The first of these was President Roosevelt's disclosure that several U.S. airmen who took part in the raid on Tokyo had been executed by the Japanese, in violation of all agreed methods of waging war.

The second has been the cunningly-conceived, carefully planned but rather too obvious methods adopted by the Nazis to disrupt and split the unity of the Allied Nations by the belated "disclosure" of alleged Russian atrocities. The result has been to give the enemy a superficial but, it is hoped, merely temporary success in the battle of guile—a fresh adaptation of the strategy of divide and conquer.

In the first instance, United States leaders have rightly determined that anger should not be allowed to influence strategy, while ensuring at the same time that full retribution will be exacted at the proper time.

In the second, every endeavour is being made to promote a level-headed settlement and to defeat the enemy's political poison gas offensive.

An essential underlying all effort by the Allied Nations opposed to Axis criminality in whatever form must be an implacable resolution: an undeviating pursuit of basic objectives, which is neither deterred nor distracted, but which merely gains added strength with every foul and treacherous blow.

Warfare of this kind demands, as well, qualities of clear-perception and moral strength which remains unaffected by insidious propaganda and diplomatic subtlety.

It is front-line and home-front warfare requiring, besides physical courage, fitness and adequate modern equipment, a united self sacrificing devotion to the common cause among those not actually engaged in hostilities. In short, clear headed singleness of purpose.

It is not Japanese jungle fighters alone who can infiltrate through and around opposing lines. The shafts of enemy cunning carefully designed to play upon human weaknesses and natural tendencies can accomplish as much as the airborne artillery of aerial bombardment upon civilian targets.

Nor is this all, for behind every frontier and battlefront are potential fifth columns. Doubts, fears, suspicions, irresolution, self interest, and sectional interests exist which, under the stress of war, are apt to spring into spontaneous activity.

There can only be one answer to all this—total, united effort. The task is clear. The goal is, as Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt pledged at Casablanca, the unconditional surrender of the Fascist powers.

WAR IN THE PACIFIC

JAPANESE MENTALITY

"Spirit of Blind Obedience"

How far does the average Japanese believe in the cause for which he is fighting? Apparently many of them fighting in the Pacific could not answer this question themselves.

The plain fact appears to be that they do not hold any opinions of their own, and are animated by a spirit of blind obedience rather than any glorified race theory.

This appraisal is endorsed by Captain John Burden, of the United States Army, now in Australia.

For years Captain Burden, formerly a doctor of medicine at Maui, Hawaii, has served with the American Army forces as interpreter of Japanese, and from contact and observation has acquired a close knowledge of the Japanese soldier.

Born in Tokio, he lived there for fifteen years, and to his observations of Japanese character as a youth he has added others resulting from service at Guadalcanal.

There are some hundreds of Japanese troops now in American custody who were "talked" into surrendering by Captain Burden, who was awarded the Silver Star for bravery and devotion to duty in broadcasting to the enemy under fire and flying low over Japanese lines to drop leaflets.

When dropping leaflets the plane in which he was flying was set on fire by Japanese guns, and the pilot, Captain H. Hansen, was forced to make a pancake landing in the sea about half a mile from the shore. Burden had two ribs fractured and Hansen suffered a head injury, but they managed to swim ashore.

UNTHINKING AUTOMATONS

Advancing the view that the average Japanese soldier is merely an automaton, Captain Burden says: "Among the non-commissioned officers military spirit and deep pride in the army are apparent, but it is only among the very much higher-ups that you find evidence of the vaunted race theory in any strength. The rest do not seem to have any convictions."

They have, he says, been drilled never to question the statement of a superior officer, and to regard disobedience of an order as the ultimate in crime.

From observations he suggests that the largely untutored and unquestioning mind of the Japanese soldier has been almost completely possessed by the horror stories continually pumped into it by Japanese military propagandists, who tell satanic tales of the torture and brutality that await him at the hands of the Allies.

Captain Burden provides a pointer to the fanaticism with which the Japanese fights to the very last when he says that the Japanese regards capture as a disgrace. A Japanese prisoner's first desire is that his family should not be advised of his capture for fear that members of his family will be made to pay some penalty if news that he is a prisoner gets back home.

"At first many Japanese prisoners would give us wrong names so that we could not give publicity to their capture. Others preferred death to giving themselves up," he says.

"Many Japanese consider that to die in glory in the service of their country will give them great honour in the next life. Because of this they will endure greatly and resist to the last. But when they become sick for starved it is another story—they lose a great deal of their toughness, and then many will respond to orders to surrender. Although at first they treated these orders contemptuously, they have gradually discovered that our prisoners are well treated. The Japanese prisoner is becoming well behaved and grateful for kindness shown him."

PORT CURTIS TIDES

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15	5.51	6.47	—	12.21
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17	7.30	8.12	1.25	1.45
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THE MOON.

First Quarter	May 12
Full Moon	May 20
Last Quarter	May 26

JUNE.

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26	3.58	5.02	10.44	11.07
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28	6.07	7.01	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	1.12	1.07
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Thanks

MRS. A. LLOYD-JONES and Family wish to thank Dr. Skinner, Matron and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to her husband and their father during his long illness; also all kind friends who sent messages and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

NAME AND ADDRESS ESSENTIAL.

For an reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Local Authority elections (Town Council, Harbour Board, and Calliope Shire), C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions for publication must carry the name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

RUGBY LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Port Curtis Rugby League will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 14.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

It is notified by advertisement in this issue that the annual meeting of the Gladstone Hockey Association will be held at Jenkinson's Cafe, Auckland Street, on Tuesday, May 25, at 7.30 p.m.

AUCTION SALE.

Lance R. Weiske, auctioneer, advises the sale of the whole of the contents of the Wentworth boarding house. The sale will take place at the Wentworth commencing sharp at 2 p.m. next Saturday.

21st BIRTHDAY SOCIAL.

A very enjoyable social evening was held in the Buffaloes' Hall on Wednesday to celebrate the 21st birthday of A.C.W. James, and to bid her farewell before she returns south. A.C.W. James is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. James, Central Lane, and has been in the Airforce fifteen months. A beautiful two-tiered cake, which was made by her sister (Mrs. P. Doherty) and iced by Mrs. Walker, held pride of place on the supper table. Excellent music was supplied by Mrs. J. O'Brien. The guest of honour received many telegrams, wishing her a happy birthday, and these were read during the supper.

LABOUR DAY PICNIC.

Labour organisations in Gladstone celebrated Labour Day with a monster picnic and sports programme at Barney Point on Sunday. The newly elected Mayor and aldermen were present, together with officials of the A.L.P., A.M.I.E.U., Trades and Labour Council, and other bodies. The highlight of the day was the 100 yards sprint, won by Tom Judge. Free 'busses, trucks and cars conveyed the children and aged people from town to the location, and the secretary (Mr. Jas. Burrows) thanked the proprietors for their kind gesture, enabling many residents to be present. It is estimated that about 2000 people, including 1500 children, attended, and were given free ice cream, soft drinks, etc.

GLADSTONE DETACHMENT V.A.D.

It is learned with regret that Mrs. R. E. Farnsworth, superintendent of the Gladstone Detachment of the V.A.D. has resigned from that organisation. During the last four years Mrs. Farnsworth has taught the theory and practice of home nursing, and some 40 Gladstone V.A.D.'s owe their home nursing certificates mainly to her teaching. Several of these have joined the Women's Services. This is the second war that has occupied Mrs. Farnsworth's time as in the last war she did four and a half years active service in Egypt, France and England with the 2nd Australian Hospital and the 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station, the latter being situated only three miles behind the front line near Armentiers and Messines Ridge. Mrs. Farnsworth was on the staff when Messines Ridge battle took place, being kept awake three days and three nights by the bombardment which preceded its capture.

BOYNE RIVER WATER SCHEME

BRIGHT NEWS RECEIVED FOR THE RATEPAYERS

WONDERFUL GESTURE ON PART OF PREMIER COOPER

At the Town Council meeting, held on Monday, April 12, Ald. W. R. Golding, dealing with the Boyne River water scheme, again stated he was not satisfied with the progress being made with the scheme. The Council, he said, had received no information from the Commonwealth Government through the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) in regard to their application for a grant to assist in financing the scheme, as it was considered to be of national importance. Neither had they received any information from the Commonwealth Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown) in regard to the loan, nor from the Deputy Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp) in regard to manpower and plant.

ALLIED WORKS COUNCIL.

It now appeared, if the scheme was to be completed within a reasonable time, said Ald. Golding, it would have to be handed over to the Allied Works Council, which, he believed, would be at an increased cost on the engineer's estimate, and this would fall on the shoulders of the ratepayers.

HAVE TO FIGHT HARD.

Ald. Anderson stated they were definitely up against a brick wall, and they would have to fight, and fight hard, if they were to get the Boyne River water scheme, and he fully endorsed the remarks of Ald. Golding.

NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Speaking at a meeting of public and union representatives, held in the Town Hall on Thursday, April 15, Ald. Golding pointed out that the first thing to do was to prove to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth Government that the Boyne River water scheme was of national importance, and the Council in its application to the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Chifley), through the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) had submitted its case on the basis of national importance, both for a grant of £20,000 and a loan of £80,000, which the State Premier (Mr. Cooper) had informed them had been referred to the Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown).

ACTION ENDORSED.

The meeting endorsed the action of the Council that the scheme was of national importance.

RISING COSTS.

Continuing, Ald. Golding pointed out that it was almost impossible to secure labour, and the point to be considered was whether the scheme should be handed over to the Allied Works Council, but if this were done it would cost considerably more. The Council had started off by borrowing £15,000 the engineer's estimate for the first portion, but it would cost somewhere in the vicinity of £25,000. If it was decided to hand over to the Allied Works Council they would have to get an assurance that the balance of the money would be forthcoming to complete the first portion. The original cost was £90,000, but he considered it would cost about £120,000 on account of rising costs. The Government would have to assist the Council in financing the scheme as a national undertaking, as it would not be right to ask the ratepayers to pay an extra 8d or 9d in the pound on account of rising costs brought about by the war.

A GOOD CASE.

Mr. J. Burrows stressed that time was the essence of the contract, and they should go on with the scheme, and Mr. Bert Heathwood (Trades and Labour Council) informed the meeting that the Council had put up a good case.

MINISTER FOR THE ARMY

Taking advantage of the visit to Gladstone of the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde), the Council met him on Wednesday night at the Town Hall in regard to the Boyne River water scheme, when there were present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), W. R. Golding, M. A. Busteed, R. R. Tudman, H. Anderson, J. Deveney, and R. E. Smith.

MR. FORDE WELCOMED.

Mayor Dennis, after extending a welcome to Mr. Forde, stated although the Council had obtain an "A2" priority, very little progress had been made in regard to obtaining plant and manpower, and the work could not be started in a big way until finality had been reached in regard to the grant and the loan.

FEW MEN ON JOB.

Ald. Golding, after endorsing the welcome extended to Mr. Forde, informed him that the pipes were on the ground, and they had obtained a loan of £15,000, which was not sufficient for the first portion of the scheme, besides they only had a few men engaged on the job. Was it possible, he asked, to hand the work over to the Allied Works Council; and he went on to say that the original cost was £90,000, but on account of rising costs it would probably cost £120,000.

ESTIMATE ON COSTS.

Mr. Forde suggested that the Council should get its engineer to report and prepare an estimate in regard to the difference in costs brought about by the war, and have it forwarded to him, which would strengthen his hand in his application to the Treasurer for the grant of £20,000.

DECISION OF SIR HARRY BROWN.

Continuing, Ald. Golding said the scheme was of national importance, and this aspect had already been placed before Mr. Forde in the Council's application for a grant of £20,000. The scheme now hinged on the decision of the Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown) in regard to obtaining permission to borrow £80,000, and as to whether the work could be undertaken by the Allied Works Council, and he felt sure Mr. Forde would assist the Council in its application.

NATIONAL QUESTION.

Ald. J. Deveney said it was a national question, and the work had to be carried out in the national interests.

DUAL PURPOSE.

Mr. Forde pointed out it served as a dual purpose, supplying water to consumers of Gladstone and for defence purposes.

INTERESTS OF DEFENCE.

Ald. Anderson said that recently they had to get the Fire Brigade to assist in pumping water in the interests of defence. The Railway Department was their biggest consumer, and the engines were taxed to their utmost at times conveying water to Gladstone, and trains had been held up waiting for water. The pipes for the scheme were on the ground, but the Council had only three men working on the job, which was a calamity, and at the present rate of progress it would take twenty years to complete the Boyne River water scheme.

MORE INFORMATION.

Mr. Forde stated that full information should be supplied to Sir Harry Brown, showing how the defence aspect had entered into the scheme; that the scheme was more urgent to-day because of the defence aspect, and at a higher cost, and giving the estimated increase in cost since the last estimate was made.

URGENT AND ESSENTIAL.

Mr. Forde said he would recommend to the responsible Minister (Senator Collins) that the request that the work be undertaken by the Allied Works Council be favourably considered, as the scheme had become urgent and essential to war and defence activities, and that the Government should make a grant available because of its relationship to defence, and was essential in the national interests.

WATER ESSENTIAL.

Mr. Tudman stated water was essential for defence purposes, and the scheme was one of national importance.

TELEGRAM FROM TREASURER.

Proceeding, Mr. Forde read the following telegram he had received that day from the Treasurer (Mr. Chifley), which was as follows:—

"Following your further representations, have again examined the Boyne River water scheme proposal. In the light of further information have asked Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown) to examine the matter and submit an early report on the proposal for the Commonwealth to share the cost. Will advise you further as soon as possible."

Mr. Forde said he would have the defence aspect placed before Sir Harry Brown, and have the matter expedited.

ANXIOUS TO HELP.

In answer to Ald. Golding, Mr. Forde said he could not definitely say whether the Allied Works Council undertook work of this kind, but assured the Council he was anxious to help in every way possible, and added, "anything I can do to help you will be done."

MR. FORDE THANKED.

Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Forde for his efforts on behalf of the Council, and Mr. Forde suitably acknowledged the compliment.

PUBLIC BODIES AND UNIONS.

Subsequently Mr. Forde met a largely attended meeting of delegates from the representative public bodies and unions, when he outlined the action he had taken in advancing the interests of the scheme. Mr. Forde received a most hearty welcome.

LONG OVERDUE.

Mr. Forde said he was pleased to have the opportunity to meet the public and union representatives, and informed the meeting that he had discussed the matter with the Council. The scheme, he said, was long overdue. Of course, there were difficulties in getting finance, but it should have been in operation ten years ago. The population of Gladstone was then 2000, and now it was 6000.

AN "A2" PRIORITY.

Because of the difficulties experienced in getting manpower and material, little progress had been made, and he had been asked to endeavour to get the Allied Works Council to carry out the work. He had put the scheme before the chiefs of staffs, who had granted a "B" priority, but on making investigations he found it was necessary to get a better priority. As Minister for the Army he stressed the importance of the scheme, the defence aspect, and it was given an "A2" priority, and the Council could not expect a better priority. An "A1" priority covered all essential war material and manpower in the carrying out of urgent operational works.

ASSOCIATED WITH DEFENCE.

The Commonwealth Government, he said, did not carry out water schemes for local authorities, which was the function of State Governments, but the Boyne scheme had become associated with the war effort. He was most anxious to help the people of Gladstone all he could, and had asked the Council for further information. It was not an easy matter to get the Government to expend funds on water schemes, but he realised that the Boyne River water scheme had some association with defence matters.

TO BE AGAIN EXAMINED.

Mr. Forde stated he had received a telegram from the Treasurer (Mr. Chiefly) intimating that he had asked the Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown) to again examine the scheme, and this would be done. It would give him great pleasure to get the £20,000 grant for the scheme, but he was only one member of the Cabinet, and urgent defence works, essential to the successful prosecution of the war, must be carried out first.

DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE.

The interests of the people of Gladstone, said Mr. Forde, were his interests, and he would do everything possible to advance the scheme, and when he received Sir Harry Brown's report, the result of his further investigation would be forwarded to the Council.

After other speakers had stressed the urgency of the work in the national interests the meeting terminated.

LOAN OF £90,000.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) has received the following letter from the Deputy Co-ordinator General (Mr. J. R. Kemp):—

"Further to my recent discussion with you relative to the Boyne River water supply, I have to advise that I have recommended to the Treasurer that the Council be authorised to negotiate for a debenture loan not exceeding £90,000 towards the cost of the Boyne River water supply scheme, such loan to be subject to reduction to the extent of the Commonwealth contribution, if any, ultimately approved, and that a subsidy of one-third of the annual instalments of interest and redemption on the loan be approved, subject, of course, to the agreement of the Loan Council Co-ordinator (Sir Harry Brown), whose final consideration of the matter is awaited.

The remission of one-third interest to operate over the first 15 years.

The Treasurer has approved of this recommendation, and I have taken the matter up again with Sir Harry Brown with a view to expediting his decision.

BRIGHT NEWS.

"APPLAUD AND APPRECIATE."

Commenting on the information contained in the foregoing letter, Ald. W. R. Golding said that this was the best bit of news that Gladstone had yet received in connection with the Boyne River water scheme, and could only be surpassed by the information to the effect that manpower would be made available to do the work, and he had no doubt that the united efforts of Mr. Forde and Mr. Williams would achieve this object.

WONDERFUL GESTURE.

The subsidy of one-third interest and redemption on £90,000 over 15 years, said Ald. Golding, was a wonderful gesture on the port of the Premier (Mr. Cooper), and one in which everyone would applaud and appreciate.

BIG ANNUAL SAVING.

In terms of money, said Ald. Golding, it would mean an annual saving to the ratepayers of £1648/15/4, and when it was taken into account that Premier Cooper had approved of a similar remission on the debenture loan of £15,000, which would represent an additional saving of £274/14/8 for 15 years, it became all the more appreciated, and represented a saving in terms of rates of 4½d in the £ valuation per annum.

NOT BEYOND OURCAPACITY.

Assuming that the completed cost of the scheme would be £105,000, it would involve the necessity of finding annually the sum of £3852/13/4, as interest and redemption. This should not be beyond our capacity to meet, when we consider what must be the result of the benefit of such a water supply.

DEBENTURE LOAN OF £15,000.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) has received the following letter from the Deputy State Government Insurance Commissioner (Mr. T. A. O'Connor):

Referring to your representations regarding the Gladstone Town Council's debenture loan of £15,000 for water supply, approval for the loan, carrying interest at the rate of £3/17/6, was gazetted on the 21st March, 1942. The Council was asked on 23rd March, 1942, to advise the dates that instalments were required so that a debenture could be prepared and submitted for signature. On 4th March, 1943, we were advised by the Council that the loan would be required in instalments of £10,000 (to be paid as early as possible), £2500 one month after first payment, and £2500 the following month.

Unfortunately, when the debenture was sent for signature on 11th March, 1943, the rate of interest was shown as £3/17/6, in accordance with the original order in council, which was referred to when typing the debenture, the Acting Under Secretary's advice of 30th April, 1942, advising alteration of interest to £3/12/6 being overlooked.

On 19th March, 1943, we received a letter dated 16th March, 1943, from the Town Clerk drawing our attention to the oversight, and a fresh debenture was prepared and sent for signature on the 26th March, 1943. The debenture was returned to be stamped and signed by the Under Secretary to the Treasury on the 13th April, 1943, and was received at this office on 16th April, 1943. Same has now been stamped and signed, and a cheque to meet the payment of the first instalment of £10,000 is being posted to the Town Clerk to-day.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

£300,000 REQUIRED

Gladstone Donations

Red Cross week appeal throughout Queensland has now been officially launched in Gladstone, and donations will be acknowledged through these columns. £300,000 is required to finance all services. The Gladstone quota must be filled. Pennants will be awarded, and details will be published later.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:—

	£	s	d
Friends (Pty.) Ltd.	25	0	0
H. C. Moore	5	5	0
Welcome Home Party, per R. S. Wilson, Calliope Station	5	0	0
J. H. Thomson	5	0	0
V. K. Smith, Burua	1	1	0
J. J. O'Sullivan	1	1	0
S. Foster	1	0	0

RATES OF PAY

Port Curtis Dairy Association Appeal

In the Arbitration Court at Brisbane the appeal of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd. was upheld against a decision of the Police Magistrate at Gladstone regarding cold storage and freezing room rates of pay.

It had been the practice of the Dairy Association to pay cold storage rates to its employees working in a temperature below 20 degrees fahrenheit.

The A.W.U. claimed that the men were entitled to freezing room rates.

The Magistrate decided in favour of the union, and the Dairy Association appealed against the decision.

The Arbitration Court were of the unanimous opinion that the appeal should be allowed. The Court held that there was no definition of freezer, and the men were only doing such work as came under the definition of cold storage work.

The Court added: "It is possible that something has been overlooked when the terms of the award were agreed upon. If so, the matter can be adjusted by variation. The appeal is allowed, and the decision of the Magistrate is set aside."

AT THE MEAT WORKS

ADDRESS BY MR. FORDE

Work of Vital Importance

On Thursday the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) addressed a largely attended meeting of the employees at the Meat Works, and gave a brief review of the nation's war effort. He received a very attentive hearing, and a vote of thanks was moved and carried at the conclusion of the meeting. Mr. Roy Darling presided.

DEFENCE POSITION IMPROVED.

Mr. Forde said that Australia's defence position had improved tremendously in the last twelve months. At this time last year, as a result of the great successes that the Japanese had had in Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, people were beginning to evacuate from Queensland to areas in the south. The nation's war effort had been such that hundreds of thousands of men had been enlisted into the fighting services, a quarter of a million people had been transferred from peace time industry to war production, and a considerable amount of assistance had been received from the United States and Great Britain.

JAPANESE CONCENTRATING.

Australia, with the assistance of American soldiers and airmen, had been able to drive the Japanese back from New Guinea, and Australia had successfully passed through the initial threat of invasion that faced her when her defences were not completely ready. However, the Japanese were concentrating in the islands to the north of Australia, and still presented a very serious threat. If we relaxed our war efforts there would be danger that the Japanese would attempt a large scale invasion of Australia.

SUBMARINE ACTIVITY.

It was known from recent reports that the Japanese had concentrated 25,000 men in the islands to the north of Australia, and had built up sufficient air strips in these islands to accommodate 1500 aircraft. In addition the Japanese submarine activity had increased around our coastline. This showed that the Japanese would attempt to knock Australia out of the war and seize this country if she saw a favourable opportunity.

FULL NAVAL ESCORT.

Referring to the arrival of the A.I.F. from the Middle East, Mr. Forde said that this had been made necessary because Australia did not have the manpower to fight the Japanese in New Guinea, defend the rest of the Australian coastline from the threat of Japanese invasion, as well as maintaining a big army in the Middle East. Even with the forces already here, including the returned A.I.F. and the American Forces, still more assistance was needed to undertake the large scale aggressive offensive that would result in the Japanese being finally defeated. The British Government had generously assisted in the return of the A.I.F. to Australia by providing not only the transports in which the men travelled, but also a full naval escort to protect the transports from enemy submarines.

LAST FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

Mr. Forde went on to say that all the indications were that the war in the Pacific would not end this year. In fact, the indications were that it would last for several years more, and Australians must be prepared to carry on the war effort with the greatest energy of which they were capable.

WAR EXPENDITURE.

Referring to the war expenditure in Queensland, Mr. Forde said that in the years 1939-40 defence expenditure in Queensland had amounted to £750,000. In the current year the army alone would spend £40,000,000 in Queensland, the greater amount of this sum having already been expended. In the first year of the war 1939-40 the Commonwealth Government had spent £55,000,000 in defence and war preparations. In the current year the war would cost the nation £571,000,000. This showed the tremendous increase in war expenditure in Australia since the war began. Apart from Army expenditure in Queensland there were other huge items of Commonwealth expenditure which would be of lasting benefit to this State after the war.

WORK OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

Referring to the work that employees at the Meat Works were performing, Mr. Forde said it was of vital importance to the war effort. Not only should the supply of meat be kept up to the fighting forces in New Guinea, but it was also necessary to build up reserve stocks as well as to feed allied soldiers fighting in the South-west Pacific, and to send supplies to Great Britain to help feed the British Army and the British civilian population.

RED CROSS FETE

Big Gladstone Effort

To celebrate Red Cross Week in Gladstone and assist Sir Leslie Wilson's appeal for Red Cross funds for the ever increasing calls on the finances of the Society, the Gladstone branch has arranged a monster fete to be held at the grounds opposite Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in Gondoon Street next Friday. A small band of energetic ladies on the committee has organied eight stalls to cater for the wants of practically every town and country patron, and the success of the fete is already assured.

The produce stall, which is being organised by Mrs. W. H. Hall, pending the return of Mrs. A. H. Friend, asks for donations of fruit, vegetables, jams, pickles, eggs, poultry, etc. These may be left at Friends (Pty.) Ltd. A green woollen blanket donated by the same firm is on view at the premises. Tickets in this (6d each) are selling rapidly.

Mrs. Lionel Johnston, who is in charge of the cake stall, advises that an energetic band of helpers anticipate having 100 cakes for sale, including fruit cakes. Orders for these will be taken by 'phoning Mrs. Johnston, 149. A large fruit cake iced is now on display in Friends window. This was made by Mrs. Yum and iced by Mrs. Ricketts, and will be raffled.

Donors of cakes are reminded that the stall will be open for business at 9.30 a.m. on the day of the fete, and Mrs. Johnston will gratefully acknowledge any donations for this stall. Mrs. R. J. (Bob) Shaw is hard at work organising the country stall, which is always one of the main features of Red Cross fetes. She would appreciate donations of produce and jam from country supporters. Several raffles include a string shopping bag, donated by Mrs. W. McDonald (Cluden), a picture donated by Miss Bebe Menzies (Stowe), an iced fruit cake by Mrs. W. Menzies (Stowe), and a vase donated by Mrs. Keith Taylor.

There is very keen though friendly rivalry between the various stalls to see which can top the poll next Friday. A description of the remaining stalls will appear in Red Cross notes next issue.

GLADSTONE RAILWAY YARDS

Improvement Scheme

During his recent visit to Bladstone Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., Minister for Agriculture and Stock), received the following telegram from the Minister for Transport, following on an interview with Mr. Williams had had with Mr. Larcombe before he left Brisbane:—

"With reference to your interview with me yesterday, as new financial year commences shortly, I am making further investigations as desired by you to ascertain if any possibility of re-commencing work on the Gladstone railway yards improvement scheme in near future."

This news is most welcome, and both railway and business men, who are considerably handicapped by the present congested state of the railway yards and up and down lines, will be anxious to see the work carried on to completion as soon as possible.

Mr. Williams, who visited Gladstone for the municipal elections last week, returned to Maryborough on Saturday to connect with the through train for Monto. He spent the whole of the present week in Monto and other Upper Burnett centres of his large electorate, and has returned to Brisbane. The Minister commented on the extremely dry conditions prevailing throughout the greater part of Port Curtis.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr and Mrs H. C. Moore, of Gladstone, have received advice that their eldest daughter Phillis has been selected to enter an officers' training school, and will proceed to Melbourne early next week for that purpose.

PATRIOTIC COMFORTS FUND.

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, May 21. The convenor (Mrs. C. Chapman) and her energetic committee would much appreciate donations of jam, fruit, vegetables, sweets, or any other articles for sale on that day. Donations may be left with the convenor or at the Gladstone Cash and Carry.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB.

OFFICERS of kindred Clubs, Representatives of Sporting odies, and Servicemen are cordjally invited to attend the official opening of the Gladstone Golf Club's season this afternoon. BMixed Foursomes will be played. All members and associates are requested to attend the Annual Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Gladstone Hockey Association will be held at Jenkinson's Cafe, Tuesday, May 25th, at 7.30 p.m.

Business: Report and Financial Statement, Election of Patron, President, 3 Vice-Presidents, and Secretary. Members and intending members requested to attend.

J. RIGBY, Hon. Secretary.

GLADSTONE HOSPITALS BOARD.
"THE HOSPITALS ACT OF 1936."
ELECTION OF SUBSCRIBERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, the eighteenth day of May, 1943, having been appointed the day for the closing of nominations for the position of Subscribers' Representative on the above Board, I will be in attendance at the Office of the Board until 12 noon on that day for the purpose of receiving nominations.

If more than one nomination is received a postal ballot closing at 1 p.m. on Monday, 31st May, 1943, will be held.

(Sgd.) J. BURROWS,
Returning Officer.

COUNTRY CLIENTS.

COUNTRY Clients are requested to note that this Firm has been instructed to carry out the Retreading and Repairing of Tyres and Tubes for only those persons holding Fuel Licences numbered PRIORITY 1 to 6 inclusive.

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SHIRE OF CALLIOPE

NOTICE OF RESULT OF TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS 1943.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the Election of six (6) Members of the Council of the Shire of Calliope, held on the 1st day of May, 1943, the voting was as follows:—

MEMBERS DIVISION ONE.	Votes
Creed, Stephen James Allen	373
Cummings, Joseph Henry	592
Hansen, William	486
Hunt, Richard William	317
Schafer, James	452
Informal	31
DIVISION TWO.	
Campbell, John Morrison	311
Jefferis, Henry Eggar	205
Neill-Ballantine, Duncan Hugh Neill	399
Potter, George Harding	365
Wilson, Richard Struth	159
Informal	38

It is further notified that the undermentioned candidates have, in pursuance of the provisions of "The Local Government Acts, 1936-1943," been duly elected as members of the said Council:—

MEMBERS DIVISION ONE.
Cummings, Joseph Henry
Hansen, William
Schafer, James

MEMBERS DIVISION TWO.
Campbell, John Morrison
Neill-Ballantine, Duncan Hugh Neill
Potter, George Harding.

Dated at Gladstone this 7th day of May, 1943.

H. H. WHITTLE,
Returning Officer.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL —AND— GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD
TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS, 1943.

I, ROBERT HUGH GRAYSON, hereby notify that at the Election of Mayor and six Members of the Council of the Town of Gladstone, and two Members of the Gladstone Harbour Board, held on the first day of May, 1943, the voting was as follows:—

Mayor of the Town of Gladstone.

DENNIS, Gideon George	1145
HOPPER, Alexander Don	921
Informal	41

I hereby declare Gideon George Dennis duly elected as Mayor of the Council of the Town of Gladstone.

Six Members of the Council of the Town of Gladstone.

ANDERSON, Harold	1124
BUSTEED, Michael Alexander	1089
CATERSON, Thomas	819
DARLING, Roy	702
LEVENEY, John Joseph	1015
GOLDING (Jr.), William Robert	1215
McLEOD, William	907
PETERS, Herbert George	931
SEATON, Roland John	947
SMITH, Roland Edwin	1122
THOMPSON, Mervyn George	310
TUDMAN, Robert Richard	1093
YOUNG, Arthur William	645
Informal	120

I hereby declared William Robert Golding (Jr.) Harold Anderson, Roland Edwin Smith, Robert Richard Tudman, Michael Alexander Busteed, and John Joseph Deveney, duly elected as Members of the Council of the Town of Gladstone.

Two Members of the Gladstone Harbour Board.

CROW, Ernest Wilfred	783
LEWIS, David John	457
MACFARLAN, Colin William	844
PATERSON, Alexander Raff	575
WEISKE, Lancelot Roy	675
WILSON, Stewart Curtis	611
Informal	137

I hereby declare Colin William Macfarlan and Ernest Wilfred Crow duly elected as Members of the Gladstone Harbour Board.

Dated at Gladstone this seventh day of May 1943.

R. H. GRAYSON,
Returning Officer.

THE Annual Meeting of the Port Curtis Rugby League will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 1943, to receive Annual Report and Statements, elect Office-bearers, and general

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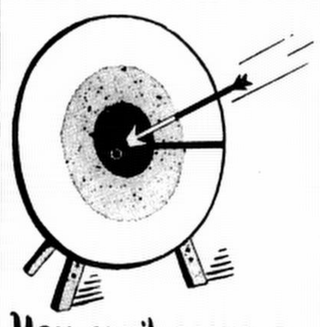

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NEW "CEILING" PRICES

2350 REGULATIONS

Courage of Traders Admired

The new subsidy scheme to control prices is regarded by Sydney business men generally as a step in the right direction to stop the present position of rising wages tailing rising prices.

The fixed "ceiling" price will stabilise prices and the value of money, but there is a threat of additional bureaucratic control which is causing no little concern.

Some 2350 regulations have already been issued under the National Security, and the Chief Justice, Sir Frederick Jordan, said recently that he admired the courage of any trader who still ventured to trade without having a lawyer and an actuary constantly at his elbow.

Commenting on the new "ceiling" price plan, Dr. Frank Louat, president of the Constitutional Association of N.S.W., said in Sydney last week in an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service, "The new prices control scheme is so far only a plan on a sheet of paper. Whether it will serve the purpose of checking the present grave drift towards inflation has yet to be proved.

Unhappily, mounting prices and black markets have flowed from deep-seated causes inherent in the financial policy of the Government. Uncontrolled expenditure, combined with badly distributed taxation have produced throughout the community a rising tide of purchasing power.

"This flood will not be stemmed by the paper barriers of price fixing alone, however essential these may be as part of the system of wartime control.

"Properly administered, the 'ceiling' price scheme will improve the position," Dr. Louat continued. "The chief obstacle in its way is public lack of confidence in the administrative methods which may be employed. Rule by officials in war time is inescapable, but this plan will obviously mean an extension of bureaucratic control to unpredictable lengths."

"JUNGLE CARTS"

With Aussies in New Guinea

"Jungle carts," a kind of rickshaw designed to carry stores, or to act as emergency ambulances, is one of the new type equipment which Australian engineers have evolved to suit the special conditions under which Australian troops are fighting in New Guinea. These jungle carts, made of steel tubing, can be drawn by two men, and with the ends dropped, can accommodate two stretcher cases.

The carts were designed for strength and lightness, the two first essentials in that mountainous, enervating country, where standard Army equipment is not always suitable. They are an example of the wide-awakeness of Australia's home front engineers and an example too of the adaptability of an Australian product—steel tubing.

Americans have realised the wartime value of Australian steel tubing as well as Australians, and they too have used it in the construction of pontoon bridges, tank shelters, telegraph poles, masts, derricks, and service huts.

The pioneers in the use of steel tubing for constructional purposes were Stewarts and Lloyds, who built a fabricating shop and warehouses of it, finding it cheaper and stronger than other steel sections. Now they are manufacturing it exclusively for the Forces. Some of their tubing was built into a water line running across the Egyptian desert. Some of it is doing another vital job nearer home—acting as telegraph and telephone poles to link up Northern Queensland and the Northern Territory. These poles were erected by the American Army.

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Acting off their own bat, with no Government subsidy or guarantee, and in the face of the generally accepted theory of the security of Pacific isolation, the firm ordered shell forging plant in England some months before the outbreak of war. But parts of it were still on the high seas when war did break out.

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IN NEW GUINEA

Novel Use of Air Supply

How Australia contributed something new to logistics (the science of supply and transport) is described in the current number of the Army Educational journal.

In New Guinea we carried the technique of air transport to a new stage.

Jungles do not make for fast supply. New and novel use of the air made Buna and Gona possible. Light planes skimmed the tree-tops looking for level ground for landing strips. These were cleared by helpful native labour. Then came the big planes, landing not only men but materials. Tropical conditions called for new supply and transport techniques. There were no text-book bibles for guidance.

HOSPITAL FLOWN IN.

Soon two million pounds of supply were being landed a week. In one day 519,000 lbs. were landed. This was equivalent to 100 plane loads. A 250-bed hospital, with equipment and supplies for ten days, was flown in. Jeeps, Bofors guns, 105 mm. howitzers, 25 pounders and tractors also came by air. Time taken to load, unload and assemble was scaled down by hours through constant practice. Thousands of men were carried by 16 different types of planes. Even horses and mules went by air to spots in the Papuan jungle.

Supplies are now dropped by air to troops, saving days of weary bush travel. Pilots have learned to drop materials without loss. Wrappings must vary according to the materials. Surprising articles have been dropped by parachute, including wheelbarrows, guns, canned goods, even ammunition.

Much depends on the emplaning and deplaning officers who arrange priorities, loads and co-operation between the Army and Air Force. Emplanting tables have been worked out to a lb. for different types of planes. Transporting a commando company ready for instant action means that ammunition and food for five days must be carried. An infantry battalion not likely to fight at once will have still another emplaning table, and so on.

GROUND TRANSPORT PROBLEM.

Ground transport in New Guinea has its own special problems. In our logistics setup this is the headache of the "Q" men. On the road to Kokoda they had to wrestle with at least five different types of transport until capture of an air strip made their job immeasurably easier.

First stages were covered by 3-ton trucks and then by 15-cwt. vehicles. They were replaced in turn by Jeeps, pack-horses, and at last by hundreds of dependable native carriers.

When Buna and Gona had fallen the "Q" men in control of small craft sent luggers and an assortment of small ships along the coast.

When an invasion landing is planned the Navy steps in, convoying the troopships, bombarding the invasion coast if necessary. General MacArthur's whole logistical problem, whether he attacks by way of Rabaul or Timor, is bound up with effective naval support. While the Jap Navy remains strong, while the Jap Air Force maintains relative equality—at least in numbers—supply and transport cloud the victory trail.

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals.

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a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

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6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
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12.30—Australian News.
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1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.1—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

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DAILY

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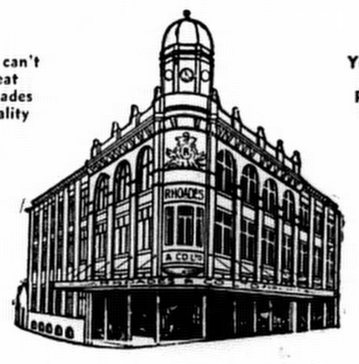

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PASTROLISTS AND FARMERS

Release of Rifles

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) announced that it had been decided that in cases where pastoralists and farmers needed .303 rifles for the extermination of pests that these weapons would be released to them by the Army, together with 500 rounds of ammunition per rifle.

Mr. Forde said that rifles, which would be released on application, would be chiefly single shot Martini Enfield rifles. They would be in a serviceable condition, and would be sold to the farmers at the same price as was paid by the Army on impressment.

Although 500 rounds of ammunition per rifle would be released, it was doubtful whether any further supplies of ammunition would be made available at present.

Mr. Forde said that it was not considered practicable to return rifles to the same persons from whom they were impressed, and only genuine applications by pastoralists and farmers for the issue of the weapons would be considered.

It would be necessary for the police authorities in the districts in which the applicants resided, to ensure that the applications were genuine and in accordance with public security requirements.

It was intended that in respect of the granting of approval of applications made for the issue of rifles, the decision of the General Officer Commanding of the line of communication area, after consultation with the local police, should be final.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
12	2.40	3.40	9.50	9.33
13	3.42	4.52	10.43	10.37
14	4.48	5.55	11.35	11.37
15	5.51	6.47	——	12.21
16	6.44	7.32	12.32	1.05
17	7.30	8.12	1.25	1.45
18	8.14	8.51	2.12	2.24
19	8.56	9.32	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	5.32	5.07
23	11.55	——	6.28	5.57
24	12.28	12.50	7.26	6.55
25	1.20	1.50	8.26	7.58
26	2.17	3.00	9.24	9.10
27	3.22	4.17	10.22	10.20
28	4.33	5.31	11.18	11.28
29	5.40	6.34	——	12.09
30	6.40	7.25	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... May 12
Full Moon ..... May 20
Last Quarter ..... May 26

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	8.15	8.49	2.23	2.18
2	8.57	9.28	3.10	2.56
3	9.37	10.07	3.57	3.32
4	10.17	10.44	4.40	4.08
5	10.58	11.20	5.23	4.47
6	11.40	11.57	6.06	5.27
7	——	12.22	6.49	6.08
8	12.35	1.07	7.33	6.55
9	1.13	1.57	8.19	7.48
10	1.55	2.54	9.07	8.48
11	2.45	3.57	9.55	9.51
12	3.43	5.02	10.44	10.55
13	4.48	6.02	11.34	11.56
14	5.52	6.55	——	12.20
15	6.50	7.42	12.53	1.06
16	7.42	8.28	1.49	1.50
17	8.32	9.12	2.43	2.35
18	9.20	9.57	3.38	3.20
19	10.08	10.42	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	——	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	2.07	1.48

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... June 3
First Quarter ..... June 11
Full Moon ..... June 18
Last Quarter ..... June 25

METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENTATIONS AT BOWEN

Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson

On Monday evening, March 22, in the Parish Hall, Bowen, a large number of Red Cross workers assembled to say farewell to the Chairman of the Bowen branch of the Red Cross Society, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson.

SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.

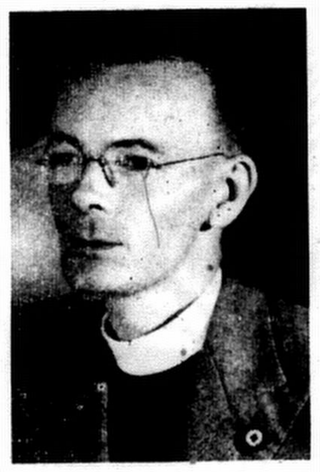
The assembled gathering sat down to a delightful supper arranged by the lady members. Mr. C. Swiss Davies (acting chairman and treasurer) addressed the members and stated that the Society would grievously miss Rev. Phillipson, who had done so much for the Red Cross during his four years in Bowen. Rev. Phillipson was being transferred to Gladstone, which would mean promotion to him, and on behalf of all members he wished him all success and happiness.

LOSS TO BOWEN.

Mr. R. Hogan (hon secretary) supported Mr. Swiss Davies, and stated that Rev. Phillipson had always been ready behind the scenes to do all in his power to assist the Red Cross. As a branch they would miss him very much, and as a friend and citizen his departure would be a loss to Bowen.

A PRESENTATION.

Mrs. R. Hogan (president) presented Rev. Phillipson with an inkstand and a pair of sleevelinks on behalf of the branch, and wished him God speed.



REV. G. T. A. PHILLIPSON

COMPLETE SURPRISE.

Rev. Phillipson, responding, stated that the evening function had come as a complete surprise to him, as he had thought that he was going to attend an ordinary committee meeting. He said that he had been chairman of the Red Cross in Bowen since its inception two and a half years ago, and prior to that had acted as representative at Miowera Camp. He had had no knowledge of Red Cross activities previously, and he now had the firm conviction that the Red Cross organisation was one which needed the support of every man and women in order that suffering among the wounded and distressed might be relieved. He spoke of the great strides the local branch had made during the past two years, and hoped that it would continue to grow in membership and strength through financial support of Bowen citizens.

BOWEN METHODIST CHURCH.

A large gathering assembled in the Methodist Church, when a farewell social evening was tendered to the Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson.

A FRIEND.

The Rector of Bowen, the Rev. R. G. Stephen, spoke of Mr. Phillipson's association with him as a friend, a member of the Ministers' Fraternal, and a friend of Holy Trinity.

PRESBYTERIAN GRATITUDE.

Rev. T. Robertson made reference to the gratitude of the Presbyterian people for the kindly help Mr. Phillipson had given to this church after the Rev. Asboe left, when they had no minister for several months. He felt that he was losing a friend. They had been inseparable companions, and he had once heard them referred to as the Siamese twins.

LOYAL MINISTER.

Capt. Stockwell presented good wishes on behalf of the Salvation Army. He had not known the departing guest very long, but knew he had been a loyal minister of the church. He trusted his ministry in Gladstone would be as successful as it had been in Bowen.

HAPPY FOUR YEARS.

Mr. R. Fischer, representing the officials and congregation, spoke in feeling terms of the happy four years assaciation which they had all had with Mr. Phillipson. The Bowen Methodist Church was a standing memorial to his initiative and devotion to duty. All matters of detail had always been carried out with precision and forethought. The sermons had been the result of much study and preparation, and were always delivered in a polished manner, giving inspiration to all who heard them. The conducting of services, functions and meetings had been on a high level, and his place would be hard to fill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In a neat speech, well delivered, Miss Val Erickson, on behalf of the Sunday School and Band of Hope, presented to Mr. Phillipson a Conway Stewart propelling pencil and pocket companion.

SINCERE APPRECIATION.

Mr. A. Rodney, on behalf of the congregation and friends, presented a wallet of notes as a token of sincere appreciation.

GIFTS AND GOOD WISHES APPRECIATED.

Replying, Rev. Phillipson made reference to the presence of the Air Force men, whom he had always been pleased to see at the church services and social functions. A brief resume of the early history and building of the new church was given. Grateful recognition was made of the fine work of the Ladies' Guild and officers. They had laboured together as a Christian team. His association with the other churches and ministers had been of the most cordial nature. The united services of intercession had brought the churches closer together. The only disparaging thing he could say speaking in general terms, was the somewhat poor congregational singing in Bowen, which in most cases was far too slow and half-hearted; some good improvement, however, had been noted of late. Coming events and reactions to the war would present a challenge to the churches. No doubt, it would become very important in post-war reconstruction. Mr. Phillipson sincerely thanked the friends for the generous gifts and good wishes, and commended to them his successor, the Rev. R. J. Dale.

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GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

HOSPITALS BOARD AND CHARGES FOR WATER

WATER RESTRICTIONS - ZONING SCHEME REIMPOSED

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

ALDERMEN WELCOMED.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) extended a suitable welcome to the aldermen on their return to the Council, which showed that the people must have been satisfied.

DEPUTY MAYOR.

Ald. Tudman, in nominating Ald. Golding for the position of Deputy Mayor, said it was no reflection on Ald. Smith, but Ald. Golding had topped the poll for many years, and in his opinion should be elected to the position.

Ald. Anderson nominated Ald. Smith for the position, and stated he had been returned, and no alteration should be made in filling the position. "It should be as you were," he added.

On a vote being taken Ald. Golding was elected to the position.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then elected:—

Lighting: Aldermen Busteed, Tudman and Anderson.

Water: Mayor Dennis, and Aldermen Tudman and Deveney.

Works: Aldermen Busteed, Smith and Golding.

Health: Aldermen Anderson, Smith and Golding.

Finance: The chairmen of the various committees.

Fire Brigade: Aldermen Busteed and Deveney.

FARMING PROPERTY.

The Premier (Mr. F. Cooper) advised the Council, through the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams), in reference to a deputation that waited on the Premier relative to using for Land Army purposes certain farming property owned by Mr. N. Hellen, and pointed out that the matter had been taken up with the Deputy Director General of Manpower, who advised that in view of the location of the farm it would be of little value to the Land Army as a training centre, as it was situated too far from headquarters.—Received.

WATER FOR HOSPITAL.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, acknowledged letter of April 15 requesting that a copy of the Gladstone Hospital Board's letter protesting against the Council's proposed new water by-laws be forwarded to the Council so that the objection of the Board might be examined.

It was pointed out that the objection to the water by-laws by the Gladstone Hospitals Board was conveyed to this department by the Department of Health and Home Affairs. The objection was that the charges were unduly heavy.

The department had now also received an objection from the Gladstone branch of the A.L.P., voicing an objection to the proposed by-law, on the ground that the proposed by-law was unduly harsh on the Hospital.

The department noted that in the draft by-law submitted by the Council the Hospital was to be charged water rates by meter measurement, the scale of charges being 3/- per 1000 gallons, with a minimum of £25 per annum, whilst manufacturers and industrial enterprises were to be charged 2/6 per 1000 gallons only.

The department would be please to receive advice as to the reasons for differentiation in these charges.

Further, the Council should supply a statement showing the actual cost to the Council per 1000 gallons of water supplied to consumers, setting out the basis upon which the cost had been calculated.

It was further pointed out that as the Crown was responsible for the payment of 60 per cent of the difference between the estimated disbursements and receipts of the Hospital Board, it was incumbent on the Council to show that the charge proposed to be made to the Hospitals Board was fair and reasonable.

DISCUSSION.

Ald. Anderson stated the figures quoted in the letter were definitely incorrect. The motion dealing with the matter had never gone through the A.L.P. in the form contained in the letter.

Ald. Smith asked if the matter had been discussed by the Hospitals Board.

Mayor Dennis stated the question of paying a certain amount had never been discussed.

In answer to Ald. Deveney the Mayor said the Hospitals Board paid £20 for water and consumed about £120.

Ald. Deveney: What are they talking about?

Ald. Anderson said he would like to see the matter cleared up, as their by-laws were being held up, and he moved that the Chairman of the Hospitals Board and another member be asked to meet the Council in regard to the matter.

Ald. Smith: This is going down from one man, and not the Board, and he seconded the motion, which was carried.

MAIN ROADS WORK.

Department of Public Works, Brisbane, notified that the Main Roads Commission had been authorised to undertake additional work, comprising deck wearing surface on the Auckland Street bridge, on the Gladstone-Calliope Main Road; also deck wearing surface to be laid on the Briffney Creek bridge.—Received.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. F. O'Malley, Gladstone, advised that at a largely attended meeting of citizens residing south of Short Street, it was unanimously decided to form a South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association. The Council was asked to recognise the Association, the objects of which were to attend to matters urgently required in this area.—Received.

FIVE REQUESTS.

South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association forwarded the following requests:—

(1) Two waiting sheds for bus patrons, one situated in Toolooa Street off Pier Street, and the other in Toolooa Street off Robert Street.

(2) That vicious dogs were allowed to roam this area, and asked that the by-laws be put into effect.

(3) Attention was drawn to the flood waters in Walsh Street during wet weather, and suggested a main drain through Toolooa Street so as to remedy this complaint.

(4) The same trouble existed in Buller Street, and the grading of a drain on each side of this street was something that was urgently required.

(5) The lack of shade on the beach at Barney Point, and the absence of seating accommodation. The Association asked the Council to erect another row of tree guards, so as suitable trees could be planted for shade purposes, and the committee would guarantee the watering of the trees.

It was decided that the requests be referred to the Works Committee for report.

OPEN SEWER.

Department of Health and Home Affairs, Brisbane, asked when the Council proposed to proceed with the work at the open sewer in the State School grounds.

It was decided to inform the department that the Council would carry out the work early in the new financial year.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

C.W.A. (Gladstone branch) asked that a public convenience be erected in a central position.—To be advised that the Council would take early action to afford temporary relief.

NIGHT SOIL DEPOT.

Department of Health, Brisbane, forwarded a copy of a report relative to the night soil depot.

Ald. Anderson moved that Mr. Hunter be contacted, and asking him to send one of his sons to Gladstone to supervise the sanitary contract, and that a copy of the report be forwarded to him.—Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

After reference had been made to the shortage of manpower in the carrying out of such work, Ald. Anderson moved that application be made to the Manpower Officer, Brisbane, through the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) to have such work brought under "protected industries," and thus safeguard employees being called up in the interests of public health.—Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

Mayor Dennis stated that recently Mr. Hunter had made similar representations to the Army Minister (Mr. Forde), and Ald. Tudman mentioned the difficulty being experienced in carrying out similar work in Brisbane.

Work Report

The Overseer (Mr. R. Tait) reported on the work carried out by the gang during the month.

ROSELLA STREET.

Repairs were carried out to the water channel opposite the entrance to Mr. Burgess' property.

YAROON STREET.

The shoulders of the road were made up along the edges of the bitumen. The bitumen surface was repaired at the corner of Auckland Street, where the drain from the storm water gully had subsided. The concrete surface on the footpath at Mr. Connellan's garage was repaired. This concrete was broken by the Council gang when they were putting in the drain from the new Police Court buildings.

CENTRAL LANE.

This lane has been gravelled between Bramston and Herbert Streets, and all the grass and weeds have been cleaned out of the water channel.

TOOLOOA STREET.

The large opening at the inlet to the pipes at the corner of Eden and Toolooa Streets has been covered with 8" x 2" hardwood.

LITTLE BRAMSTON STREET.

The drain at the lower end of Little Bramston Street was cleaned, but it has been reported to me that there was a lot of stagnant water lying in the railway property where this drain crosses the line.

BITUMEN WORK.

Bitumen repair work has also been carried out on the Maryborough-Gladstone Road, and the Gladstone-Calliope Road.

When the men are doing this work a lot of time is lost and bitumen wasted through not having a proper bitumen kettle. What we have is a 40 gallon drum fitted into a frame, and they can heat only about half a drum of bitumen at a time. It does not take long to use that, then the men are mostly just waiting until the next lot is hot enough to use. I would advise that the Council purchase a small bitumen kettle for repair work of about 100 or 150 gallons capacity.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

I again draw your attention to the appointment of a bomb priority officer, and if you have appointed any person to that position. So far I have not been notified, and apparently the Home Security Department has never been notified of any change, as I still receive correspondence and instructions from the department. It appears to me that the bomb priority officer holds a dual position, firstly as to his duties as bomb priority officer, and secondly as area technical intelligence officer, and is responsible for supplying information to the State Technical Intelligence Officer in respect to defined areas. I have received all the forms for detailing the damage and casualties. Form 1 is known as bomb census, including casualties and bomb damage survey; form 2 is building damage report form; form 3 is shelter report form.

I expect to receive in the near future a pass in the shape of a badge of some sort permitting me to enter on to any property, and certifying my status in this organisation, and additionally in the case of wharves and docks to contact the Local Deputy of Navigation or the officer who issues national security passes, and a permit will be issued. Therefore, I would like to know if you have made any appointment so that I could hand over all papers and forms in connection with the position to the person appointed. Otherwise, if you wish me to retain this position, you will have to appoint some other person to take charge of the essential and emergency services.

In respect of the extra work entailed in civil defence, and Council work also, it is very necessary that I should have my car in good running order. Therefore, I would ask the Council to make application for me to obtain a higher priority on my consumer's license.

Since working on the pipe line the car has not been able to stand up to the rough road, and it has been out of commission since the first of April. The rubber on the back tyres has worn down to the fabric and should be retreaded.

The priority shown on the consumer's license is number nine; therefore it is impossible for me to get anything done with such a low priority.

At the present the car is being overhauled getting new piston rings and the valves ground in, and other repairs which will cost me a few pounds. I charge the Council 7/6 per week for the car when it is on the job, and I do expect the Council to keep it shod, as the car is used practically 90 per cent on Council work.

The report was adopted, and it was decided to make application with a view to obtaining a higher priority for Mr. Tait's car.

BOYNE SCHEME - FIRST SECTION.

The Overseer (Mr. R. Tait) reported on the progress of the work on the gravitation main from 99' peg to 15,000' peg. Since my last report I was able to obtain 50 bags of cement, and this has been used. I expect to receive a small quantity again during the current week. A statement showing the wages costs up to April 29 amounted to £690/11/2.

There are 31 piers completed altogether, and they vary in height from 2ft. to 11ft. The bases are completed for another four piers, and the boxing is partially completed for these piers.

All the earthworks for the excavation of the bases, with the exception of one watercourse, have been completed.

There are only two men and myself on the job at present. J. Nash left on April 22, as he was suffering with rheumatics in the arms and could not do the work.

I have endeavoured to reduce the costs of the work, but shifting the gear from one watercourse to another for the small quantities of concrete required for each place I find is an uphill job.

The report was adopted.

Health Report

The Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne) reported that since last meeting attention had been given to the following matters:—

SANITARY CONTRACT.

The picking up of these services has been maintained in a regular manner, but the disposal work is not as satisfactory, although sufficient trenches are available. The practice at present is to fill the trenches to near the surface. This eliminates a few trenches a week, but instructions have been given to return to the standard method of disposal, which is far more hygienic and in accordance with the contract.

The plant is in fair order and condition. The collection, removal and disposal of household refuse is working to the satisfaction of the community. The sawdust covering has been well maintained during the month. The dump is growing in extent, and the reclaimed portion, if graded and grassed, would give the tip a much better appearance, as well as provide a better approach.

HEALTH REGULATIONS.

House-to-house inspections have been continued during the month. Recommendations made included reference to the disposal of wastes from baths and sinks. Others dealt with included screening of rainwater tanks and defective cabinets.

Some very bad types of drains were encountered, and some were being discharged on to the street. Notices have been served to dispose of this drainage on the premises by soakaway trenches.

The number of earth drains encountered shows that more drainage facilities are a necessity for the town.

A system of deep drainage that would carry away all foul drainage and leave the open concrete channels to carry storm water would make a considerable improvement in the general sanitation of the town. This, moreover, would considerably improve the mosquito menace by eliminating many of its breeding places.

MOSQUITOES.

The position regarding mosquitoes is still very bad in certain localities. There is still a fair amount of dengue fever in the town.

Inspections so far made show that there are a lot of tanks screened on top, but the overflow is invariably without a screen. In a number of instances this has been removed.

The night biting mosquito is fairly prevalent in many parts of the town. This mosquito is breeding in earth drains, and other collection of water lying around. The oiling of these stagnant places would prevent further hatchings. This mosquito is a greater pest than the dengue fever carrier.

In company with Inspector Woodley, from the State Health Department, inspections were made at the various slaughtering houses, and sanitary depot, with regard to fly infestation, and its spread to various parts of the town, particularly around the Hospital.

Rat baits are still being laid at certain sections of the town. There is a fair demand for these baits.

The town is apparently free from infectious diseases that are a charge on the Council, as no notifications have come to hand during the month.

The report was adopted.

Water Report

The Water Foreman (Mr. D. D. Jackson) reported that the following works were carried out during the month of April:—

Reading water meters. Removed fireplug washer at corner of Lord and Rollo Streets.

Repaired burst 3in. castiron water main in Lord Street.

Cut and raised 3in. castiron main at corner of Gondoon and Lord Sts., so as to allow a company to lay their new main. Also cut and raised 4in. castiron main at the corner of Lord and Glenlyon Streets for the same purpose.

Put in 2in. galvanised main in Auckland Street between Roseberry and Yaroon Streets.

Put in 1in. tee and laid 225ft. of pipe to connect a new consumer in O'Connell Street.

Repaired 3in. main in View Street.

Three consumers were cut off pending repairs.

AT THE WATERWORKS.

The suction gas plant was run for 268½ hours, and pumped approximately 2,403,138 gallons, and the electric pump has also run continuously.

The plant has given no trouble and is running satisfactorily.

The rainfall at the Waterworks for the month of April was 62 points. The dam on May 1 was 2ft. 4ins. below the by-wash, being a drop of 1ft. for the month. No. 2 tanks was 4ft. from full on May 1, and pumping was direct.

The report was adopted.

WATER RESTRICTIONS.

Mayor Dennis said he regretted to state that people were definitely wasting water, and he moved that the zoning restrictions be reimposed as from to-day (Wednesday), which would, of course, include unattended hoses.—Seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried.

It was decided that the restriction regarding water be advertised in the "Observer."

GENERAL.

On the motion of Ald. Anderson it was decided that the Health Committee go into the question of a new sanitary site and report back to the Council.

The mayoral allowance was fixed at £100 per annum, the same as last year.

On the motion of Ald. Golding, seconded by Ald. Busteed, it was decided that it be the policy of the Council to remit 50 per cent for the rent of the Town Hall for all patriotic purposes.

Chairmen of the various committees were appointed as follows:—

Water, Mayor Dennis; light, Ald. Busteed; works, Ald. Golding; health, Ald. Smith.

Electric Light Authority

ADDITIONAL PLANT.

Mr. A. E. Axon, consulting engineer, Brisbane, in referring to a circular sent out by the State Electricity Commission, asked the Authority to submit particulars of additional generating plant required. He considered the Authority should again state that it required a 600 h.p. oil engine and 500 K.V.A. alternators to ensure continuity of supply in the event of any of the present plant being out of commission. The difficulties of obtaining plant at the present time were realised, but it was desirable to make application at the present time to endeavour to obtain plant that would enable the supply of electricity to be maintained.

To be advised that the Council would require additional plant after the war, and the actual requirements would be submitted later.

It was decided that the Lighting Committee interview the General Manager of the Port Curtis Dairy Association (Mr. Wilson) with a view to ascertaining the position in regard to their plant and the supply of current under the agreement.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland will commence the sederants of the ninety-sixth session in Brisbane this week.

It is expected that over 100 ministers and elders will take their seats in the Supreme Court of the Church in this State.

The Moderator-elect, the Rev. N. H. Joughin, M.A.B.D., of St. Stephen's, Toowoomba, will be installed in office by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. David Galloway, of Scots Church, Clayfield, at the first sederunt.

Besides the normal business of the Church there are many anxious problems arising out of the critical times through which the nation is passing.

A number of important petitions and overtures of lower church courts will be brought before the House, included in which is an overture from the Presbytery of Rockhampton regarding the syllabus of the Divinity course, and the appointment of a lecturer in Old Testament and systematic theology.

The Gladstone Minister, the Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A., accompanied by Mrs. Saunders, will attend the Assembly. He will resume his ministry at St. Andrew's on June 6. During his absence the Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, of the Methodist Church, has kindly consented to attend to urgent calls in the event of serious illness or deaths.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held at the Fire Brigade Station to-morrow (Thursday) at 7.45 p.m., when a large attendance is requested.

SUPPLY OF MOTOR TRUCKS.

By advertisement in this issue the Deputy Director, Posts and Telegraphs, invites tenders for the supply of motor trucks for use in the Gladstone district.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The raffles, which were on view at the street stall conducted by the Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. on May 6, were a basket of sweets (donated by Mrs. P. Irwin) and won by Mrs. Roy Haack, and the iced fruit cake (donated by Mrs. M. Soppa) went to Master R. Green.

FOR THE AMBULANCE.

The secretary of the Gladstone Ambulance wishes to acknowledge with thanks the sum of £15/0/6 received from Mrs. E. Watt, Nagoorin, being proceeds of a dance held in aid of the Brigade. The committee appreciates Mrs. Watt's action. The cake made by Mrs. Watt and raffled was won by Gunner M. Streeter, North Queensland, with ticket No. 150, and the case of apples was won by H. Kajewski, Littlemore, with ticket No. 84.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., has received the following letter from the Minister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr. E. M. Hanlon): "With reference to your personal representations that additional fire fighting equipment be allocated to Gladstone, I wish to advise that I have approved of the undermentioned appliances being supplied to the Gladstone Fire Brigade Board: 1 only 250 g.p.m. Carter chief trailer pump, and 1 only 500 g.p.m. Chrysler defence trailer pump. These units are being assembled, and will be despatched at an early date."

RED CROSS SOCIETY

BIG FETE FRIDAY

Description of Stalls

Continuing our description of the stalls for the Red Cross fete, to be held on the grounds opposite Friends (Pty.) Ltd. next Friday, we are advised that splendid progress has been made with the organisation of the function, which promises to be a red letter day in Red Cross history in Gladstone.

In addition to the produce, country and cake stalls already detailed, we have the shilling stall in charge of Mesdames Archie Worthington and Clyde Smith. Here will be found a splendid collection of popular articles, and many enticing raffles, including a nice burlat shopping bag. Tickets are selling rapidly.

Mesdames Gollnick and Geo. Phillips, who have the flower stall, report that approximately 40 potted vines, plants and shrubs will be on sale; also an assortment of cut flowers, kindly donated by town supporters.

Mrs. Harbottle (Iveragh) is looking after the country donations for this stall. The organisers are raffling a £2/2/- open order, available for use at any store. Flowers are expected from as far as Brisbane.

Mesdames E. W. Phillips and D. Connellan have the jumble stall, where second-hand clothing, women's shoes, warm coats, woollen pullovers, and many other useful articles will be on sale. The main raffle here will have three prizes—first a nice doll, second a cushion, and third a shopping bag. All of the articles are on display in Friends Ltd. window.

A popular stall is certain to be the ice creams and drinks, in charge of Mesdames Ricketts and Lewis. Here young and old will be catered for with the choicest concoctions.

Last, but not least, is the sweet stall in charge of Mrs. C. Barker. A splendid collection of home-made sweets will be on sale, and in view of the prevailing scarcity of confectionery of any sort, there is sure to be a rush to get supplies from this stall. A basket of assorted sweets will be raffled during the day.

Mrs. Lionel Johnston, who is in charge of the cake stall, asks that purchasers desiring cakes bring their own containers or wrapping. A very large number of cakes are available, and there is a very keen demand for them.

BOYNE RIVER WATER SCHEME

WONDERFUL ASSISTANCE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT

DECISION OF CO-ORDINATOR GENERAL NOWAWAITED

At the Town Council meeting, held on Monday night, the Treasury Department, Brisbane, advised the Council, through the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) as follows:

DEBENTURE LOAN.

"With further reference to your personal representations relative to the subsidised debenture loan of £15,000 obtained by the Council for the construction of a gravitation main between reservoirs 1 and 2 and alterations to the town reticulation, such work being portion of the proposed Boyne River water supply scheme for the town of Gladstone, and to the Council's request for a loan to carry out the full scheme, I am directed to inform you that, in accordance with the practice approved by the Australian Loan Council, the request of the Council was referred to the Co-ordinator General of Public Works for consideration.

FULL SCHEME.

"As you are aware, when the subsidy in connection with the debenture loan of £15,000 was approved, it was also approved that in view of the special circumstances associated with the new water supply scheme, a subsidy on the basis as that granted for such debenture loan, viz., one-third of the annual instalment of interest and redemption for a period of 15 years, would apply to the loan to be obtained by the Council for the full scheme.

AN "A2" PRIORITY.

"The Co-ordinator General advised that, following representations to the Commonwealth Authorities in the matter, advice has been received that an 'A2' priority had been allotted to the project by the Chiefs of Staff Priorities Committee, and the Minister for the Army has requested that the work be commenced at an early date.

£90,000 LOAN.

"A report has been received from the Department of Local Government which indicates that, excluding the filter plant (the installation of which is not regarded as essential at this stage, as the natural quality of the water in the Boyne River is generally good), a further loan of approximately £90,000 will be required to cover the revised estimated cost of the scheme.

COMMONWEALTH CONTRIBUTION.

"It is understood that representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government with a view to securing a Commonwealth contribution of £15,000 to £20,000 towards the cost of the project, and the Council's application has been discussed with the Commonwealth Treasurer by the Minister for the Army, who anticipates that the matter will receive sympathetic consideration.

TREASURER HAS APPROVED.

"In the meantime, in view of the urgency of the work, and the Co-ordinator General's recommendation in the matter, the Treasurer has approved, subject to the Australian Loan Council Co-ordinator's agreement to the loan raising being received, and to subsequent confirmation by the Loan Council of such agreement:—

(a) That the Council be authorised to enter into negotiations for a debenture loan not exceeding £90,000 for the carrying out of the Boyne River water supply scheme, provided tht rate of interest does not exceed £3/12/6 per centum per annum, such rate to be calculated on the net proceeds of the loan after deducting all expenses incidental to the borrowing, apart from the usual legal costs (if any).

(b) That a subsidy of one-third of the annual instalment of interest and redemption for a period of 15 years be paid to the Council.

INTEREST AND REDEMPTION.

The Council will require to pay to the lender the full amount of each instalment of interest and redemption, and the Treasury will pay to the Council on the due dates one-third of such instalment of interest and redemption during the first 15 years.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

"The subsidy is being made available on the terms and conditions set out in the printed memorandum, and the Council should furnish this department with an undertaking to carry out such terms and conditions.

SALE OF DEBENTURES.

"If an offer is approved it will be necessary for the Council to comply with the provisions of 'The Local Government Acts, 1936 to 1943' in accordance with the attached memorandum of procedure, and to obtain an Order in Council authorising the Council to borrow by the sale of debentures. It is desirable that, if possible, an Order in Council authorising the Council to borrow by the sale of debentures be issued before June 30, 1943. In view of the fact that a subsidy is being made available to the Council in connection with the work, the Council may, if it so desires, apply to the Acting Director of Local Authority Affairs for an Order in Council dispensing with certain of the formalities (advertising, etc.), prescribed by such Acts. After such Order in Council is obtained it will be necessary for the Council only to pass at a special meeting called for the purpose a resolution to borrow the loan and to obtain the decision of the Minister for Public Works in regard to the benefited area.

GUARANTEED BY GOVERNMENT.

"Payment of interest on, and repayment of the principal of the loan would be guaranteed by the Government in pursuance of the provisions of 'The Local Bodies' Loans Guarantee Acts, 1923 to 1936.'

ESTIMATES MUST BE APPROVED.

"When finance has been obtained the works should not be commenced until the plans, specifications and estimates of cost have been approved and, following compliance with the provisions of the abovementioned Acts, the necessary Order in Council authorising the Council to borrow by the sale of debentures has been issued. In this connection the Council's attention is drawn to the condition in the memorandum in regard to the submission of tenders, and the awaiting of the approval of the Council's recommendation before a tender is accepted by the Council.

WHEN AN OFFER IS RECEIVE.

"I would be obliged if you would advise the Council to the foregoing effect, and request that the Treasury be informed immediately any offer is received."

WONDERFUL ASSISTANCE.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) said the letter was most satisfactory from a State point of view, wonderful assistance being offered the Council. However, they now awaited the approval of the Commonwealth Co-ordinator General (Sir Harry Brown), both in respect to the loan of £90,000 and manpower and plant. Until his approval was received no definite step forward could be made.

DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

Ald. Golding said it was wonderful assistance, and the gesture on the part of the Premier (Mr. Cooper) was deeply appreciated, and he then moved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams), and the Deputy Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp) for their assistance in the matter.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor and carried unanimously.

REPORT ON INCREASED COSTS.

It was decided to inform the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) that the Council's consulting engineer (Mr. Reinhold) had been asked to prepare a report and estimate relative to the increased costs since the last estimate had been prepared and submitted, and when completed same would be forwarded to him in support of the Council's application for permission to borrow £90,000 and to obtain the necessary manpower and plant.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

£300,000 REQUIRED

Gladstone Donations

Red Cross week appeal throughout Queensland has now been officially launched in Gladstone, and donations will be acknowledged through these columns. £300,000 is required to finance all services. The Gladstone quota must be filled. Pennants will be awarded, and details will be published later.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

	£	s	d
Friends (Pty.) Ltd.	25	0	0
H. C. Moore	5	5	0
Welcome Home Party, per R. S. Wilson, Calliope Station	5	0	0
J. H. Thomson	5	0	0
V. A. Summers	2	2	0
V. K. Smith, Burua	1	1	0
J. J. O'Sullivan	1	1	0
S. Foster	1	0	0

DAIRY ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Directors

At a recent meeting of directors of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd., held at Gladstone, the Chairman (Mr. G. B. Mouatt) presided. There were also present: Messrs. A. Kippen, H. E. Hewitt, C. W. Thiele, R. F. Graham, A. Johnson, N. R. Mullally, W. C. Paroz, G. R. Anderson, W. Lehfeldt, F. Morris, A. H. Bulow, E. Liddell and G. Ellis, the general manager (Mr. C. S. Wilson), the assistant general manager (Mr. R. R. Meldrum), and the secretary (Mr. C. Butterworth).

Before commencing business the chairman extended a welcome to Mr. H. E. Hewitt, the newly appointed representative for the Mackay zone. The general manager reported that weather conditions had affected cream supplies, and indications were that the supply of butter for winter and spring was likely to be much lower than usual.

Mr. W. R. North, the newly appointed chief engineer, arrived on April 20, and had taken up his duties.

Consideration was given to the wholesale purchase of milking machines, and the matter was deferred until conditions became normal. It was decided to instal a new boiler at the Wowan branch, and a butter cutting machine at Monto, and to arrange for the chief engineer to inspect and report on boilers installed in the various factories.

An application from a supplier for the lease of land at Bracewell for the establishment of a piggery was refused.

The Mackay Dairymen's Association wrote in reference to the omission of the Mackay branch when the installation of vacreators was arranged, and the general manager was requested to draft a suitable reply.

The Mungungo Dairymen's Organisation requested the Association to arrange for the purchase of pigs and calves in the district, and the Monto Dairymen's Association asked that no action be taken in that area in this direction until after the next election of directors.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Board in Rockhampton on June 10, when a matter of interest to pig breeders will be investigated.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Corporal E. Robinson has returned north, after spending a week's leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson, of Pier Street, Gladstone.

Lieutenant Alec Taylor, son of Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Roseberry Street, Gladstone, is spending a few days home leave in town. One of the first A.I.F. members to enlist, he went right through the Middle East campaign, winning his commission on the field of battle. He was married on his return from overseas.

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BOWLING

HANDICAP SINGLES

Week-End Games

Bowlers continued play in the handicap singles during the week-end.

P. A. Friend defeated S. C. Wilson 31-20, L. Johnston beat E. Jenkinson 34-21 (44 ends), and A. W. Drewe defeated A. L. Sly 33-23 (36 ends).

In the ladies' fours Mesdames Seivers, Schmidt, Mackay and Hoad beat Mesdames Loveday, Parsloe, Jenkinson and Bycroft 22-19.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Friend, Joyner, S. Wilson, Loveday v. Schmidt, Witty, Pring, Archay 28-20.

Mackay, Dennis, Weiske, Cooper v. Garrett, Coxon, Seaton, G. Wilson 27-15.

Henery, Chapman, Greasley, Busteed v. Dr. Skinner, Browne, Masterson, Dr. Yum 44-15.

Mackay, Dennis, Weiske, Cooper v. Pugh, Buetell, Smith, Barker 35-18.

Garrett, Coxon, Seaton, G. Wilson v. Sly, Jenkinson, Drewe, Johnston 24-20.

Pring, Stevens, Cameron, Jackson v. Bycroft, Chapman, Busteed 29-33.

Joyner, Humphries v. Browne, Dr. Yum 28-10.

Schmidt, Dr. Skinner, Greasley v. A. Friend, Dahl, Loveday 26-20.

Hogan, Smith, Golding v. Comino, Menzies, Jackson 27-26.

Fewster, Bycroft v. Corones, Barker 26-20.

ESSENTIAL WORK CAMPAIGN.

As a result of a more intensive campaign to divert manpower from industry and commerce to war activity it is regarded as certain that more men and women will be called up almost immediately to the services and essential industries. They will come from commerce and industry, including a number of large retail stores.

RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) has made it clear that the recent administrative adjustment by which the field service of the Australian Red Cross Society would function under the direction of the Director General of Medical Services of the Army, affected only Red Cross work at military establishments and in the field. The general administration of the Red Cross Society with its many-sided activities, including work performed by civilians, did not, of course, come under the control of the Army.

SHIPPING CONTROL BOARD.

INTER-STATE STEAMSHIP SAILINGS

CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING

Under Government Instructions, the Sailing Dates of Vessels cannot be advertised.

Shippers and Passengers are requested to communicate with the Agents shown below.

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GLADSTONE.

Postmaster General's Department.

TENDERS are invited and will be received at the Office of the Deputy Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Brisbane, up till noon on Tuesday, 18th May, 1943, for the supply on hire without drivers, as required during period of 12 months commencing 1/7/43, of one Motor Truck for use in the Gladstone District, vide schedule Q.863.

Tender Forms may be obtained at the office of the Postmaster, Gladstone, and the Superintendent of Stores, 212 Mary Street, Brisbane.

J. MALONE.

Deputy Director Posts and Telegraphs.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

APPLICATIONS are invited on or before 21st May, 1943, from gentlemen prepared to contest the Federal Electorate of Capricornia at the next Election, and who desire the endorsement and support of this Organisation.

COUNTRY-NATIONAL ORGANISATION, 179 Eagle Street Brisbane.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL.

RESTRICTION OF WATER.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Gladstone Town Council apprehends that by reason of the prevailing conditions, water will not suffice for domestic purposes unless the supply is lessened or discontinued for other purposes.

No person shall, excepting during the days and within the localities hereunder mentioned, convey water supplied by the Gladstone Town Council through a hose, lawn sprinkler, or other mechanical appliance, for the purpose of watering gardens or other land, or for irrigation purposes, whether the water is supplied through a meter or not.

The days for the watering of gardens within the defined areas are:—

Mondays and Thursdays: That section of the Town south of Tank Street and embracing Fowler Estate.

Tuesdays and Fridays: That section of the Town between Tank and Roseberry Streets.

Wednesdays and Saturdays: That section of the Town north of Roseberry Street and embracing Auckland Hill and West Gladstone.

Sundays: The whole of the Town, from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

This restriction will remain in force until further notice.

Notice is also given that the watering of gardens, lawns, or other land by a hose not held in the hand, or by means of a lawn sprinkler or any other mechanical appliance, constitutes a breach of By-law No. 21.

OFFENDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

(Signed) R. H. GRAYSON,
Town Clerk.

Gladstone, 11/5/43.

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SEED OATS for Winter Planting.—Algerian, Mulgai, Belah and Seedling, just arrived. Price 5/3 bag lots. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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WANTED to Buy.—Gent's Cycle, any condition; also Parrot's Cage. Apply "Cycle," this Office.

WANTED.—Piano. We have buyers waiting. Particulars to Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

WANTED.—Sulky and Harness, or any items of Used Farm Machinery. Please forward particulars to Weiske's.

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WANTED KNOWN, etc.

AUCTION Sale.—Furniture, etc., at the old Wentworth Boarding House, Gondoon Street, next Saturday, 15th instant, commencing at 2 p.m. —Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, May 21st. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organiser, Mrs. C. Chapman.

AUCTION Sale at 2 p.m. next Saturday, 15th instant. The whole contents of the Wentworth Boarding House. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

AUCTION Sale next Saturday, at Wentworth.—Beds, Bedding, Duchesses, Presses, Blinds, Chairs, Tables, Washstands, and Ware, etc. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

BIRKMIRE Top Marquee Tent for sale (almost new), complete with pegs and collapsible poles. Apply G. Bedsor, Glenlyon Street.

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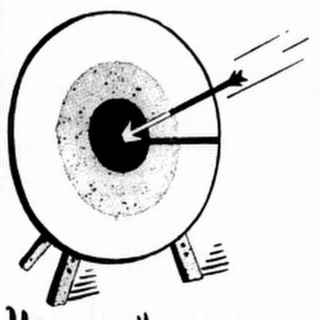

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FOOD FRONT VITAL

More Vegetables Needed

In pre-war days about 40,000 acres were devoted in Australia to the commercial production of vegetables, irrespective of such things as potatoes, tomatoes, etc.

A negligible proportion only was processed, and in the main products from this acreage were sufficient only for urban needs.

Now, with city populations swollen with the growth of war industries, with some hundreds of thousands of members of the fighting forces and others transferred to areas where fresh vegetables are not procurable and the added responsibility of feeding Allied troops in the South-West Pacific, a large expansion of the cultivation area has become necessary.

Including potatoes and tomatoes, it is estimated that 175,000 acres will be required for the Allied Forces alone.

Vegetables are classed as a protective food, because their vitamin content assists in warding off disease and so protecting the health of the community. They are essential to the well being of the fighting services.

The Commonwealth Government is therefore renewing its appeal to all those people whose circumstances will permit to grow as much of their own vegetables as possible. The more the suburban gardener can grow the less will be the demand on the labours of other people.

FOOD FRONT VITAL.

The appeal, however, goes further than this. It should carry to those formers within reach of centres where processing plants are available to make every effort to ensure that the largely increased cultural programme is fulfilled.

The food front has now become of vital importance in Australia, and it calls for every effort on the part of the rural population to make even greater sacrifices than they have already so willingly made.

The stepping up of increased supplies of vegetables and milk is urgent.

The vegetable production programme has been designed in collaboration with the fighting services and the canners, and varying acreages of the different kinds of crops that each canning area can handle have been carefully worked out.

Contract prices have been fixed, and close co-operation between growers and canneries is therefore necessary to the fulfilment of requirements.

PATRIOTS IN FRONT LINE

Branding the Quislings

Many of the Quislings in the occupied countries try to keep a foot in both worlds. They work for the Nazis in secrecy, hoping that they will not be found out by their fellow-countrymen.

Some of them are minor officials and workers, who make it their job to spy on their fellows and betray patriots whose confidence they win. But the names and the addresses of these traitors are known to their Governments in Britain. They are broadcast from time to time in the B.B.C. European service so that the true patriots may be warned against them, and so that all such Quislings may realise that their identity is known.

In a broadcast in French it was stated that one morning in November the few "collaborationists" in a certain small provincial town in France awoke to find that photographs of General de Gaulle had been posted up on the doors of their houses. It appears that the panic which took hold of these people greatly delighted the patriotic residents.

The broadcaster said that one day these people would discover the great truth of which they appeared ignorant, namely, that despite the temporary protection they are given by German machine guns and the police, it is they who are really cut off from the nation and who are watched by the nation, and that they are on the losing side.

"Finally," the speaker went on, "to prove that our files are right up to date, and so that the patriots in the front line of resistance in France may feel that they are being taken care of, here is one more small example.

In the course of a patriotic demonstration at Lyons on July 14, one of the guards dared to strike a woman who shouted 'Vive la France!' Two days after this incident the number of that guard was known to us in this country, and his record in our file was suitably amended.

INFLUENZA

Protection By Immunisation

The Minister for the Army (Mr Forde) said that the scheme for inoculating troops against influenza, which was begun amongst volunteers in Victorian camps last year, had been resumed in this State with the approach of winter.

Mr. Forde said that sufficient work had been done last year to show that the process was rapid. About 2000 men per day had been dealt with by two workers, and there had been no ill-effects whatever on the health of the soldiers inoculated.

The vaccine consisted of a living attenuated strain of the virus responsible for influenza, which was sprayed into the nose, said Mr. Forde. It had been developed by Dr. F. M. Burnet, a well-known authority on virus diseases, who had performed extensive research on influenza.

Dr. Burnet was assistant director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute at the Melbourne Hospital. He had prepared a vaccine from the main viruses which were known to cause influenza. The influenza virus often varied slightly in different countries, and Dr. Burnett had obtained the different types of virus. He had diminished the virulence of the virus by a special process, and in that way had obtained the attenuated influenza influenza virus.

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Even the smallest goods are being called on to do a war job, and countrymen with fences that need repairing know full well that nails and wire have joined the ranks of Australian war workers.

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There is little military equipment which does not call for wire in some form or another. Wire is used for the buckles of Army uniforms, for camouflage nets, for parts of respirators, for Beaufort bomber controls, for reinforcing runways, for field telephone and telegraph wires, and even for corkscrews and tin-openers. Australian-made barbed wire was used in the defences of Tobruk.

Nail wire has been switched to war work too, and instead of building civilian goods, nails are now doing a full-time job in the packing of food and ammunition boxes, in making Army boots, in building service huts, and in a thousand other ways.

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6.45—B.B.C. News.
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9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

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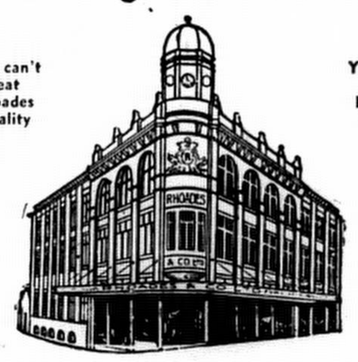

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MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
15	5.51	6.47	——	12.21
16	6.44	7.32	12.32	1.05
17	7.30	8.12	1.25	1.45
18	8.14	8.51	2.12	2.24
19	8.56	9.32	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	5.32	5.07
23	11.55	——	6.28	5.57
24	12.28	12.50	7.26	6.55
25	1.20	1.50	8.26	7.58
26	2.17	3.00	9.24	9.10
27	3.22	4.17	10.22	10.20
28	4.33	5.31	11.18	11.28
29	5.40	6.34	——	12.09
30	6.40	7.25	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

First Quarter	May 12
Full Moon	May 20
Last Quarter	May 26

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	8.15	8.49	2.23	2.18
2	8.57	9.28	3.10	2.56
3	9.37	10.07	3.57	3.32
4	10.17	10.44	4.40	4.08
5	10.58	11.20	5.23	4.47
6	11.40	11.57	6.06	5.27
7	——	12.22	6.49	6.08
8	12.35	1.07	7.33	6.55
9	1.13	1.57	8.19	7.48
10	1.55	2.54	9.07	8.48
11	2.45	3.57	9.55	9.51
12	3.43	5.02	10.44	10.55
13	4.48	6.02	11.34	11.56
14	5.52	6.55	——	12.20
15	6.50	7.42	12.53	1.06
16	7.42	8.28	1.49	1.50
17	8.32	9.12	2.43	2.35
18	9.20	9.57	3.38	3.20
19	10.08	10.42	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	——	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	2.07	1.48

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First Quarter	June 11
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Japan Imitates Goebbels

Strength through Joy, the slogan of a movement which promised the German people so much which they never received, is now a thing of the past. The new Nazi motto is "Strength Through Gloom."

The "back-to-the-wall" theme recently introduced into German propaganda, finds something of a parallel in Tokyo's new trends.

On January 15 Goebbels wrote in Das Reich, "We are faced with incomparably more difficult tasks in this the fourth year of war. In the East we are fighting against a system which has brought total war to the highest level of barbaric cruelty."

Inaugurating in January the campaign to impress upon the Japanese the demands it must make, Tojo observed: "The great East Asian war has now emerged from its first stage, which was full of surprise attacks and blitzkreigs. It has now become a long-drawn-out affair in which conditions are quite different."

What is also interesting is that, broadly speaking, enemy propaganda east and west has reached this stage by the same route.

At Munich in October last Goebbels was still telling his audience of the loot that was and would be theirs, the oil of the Caucasus, the wheat of the Ukraine, the coal and iron of the Donetz Basin. But already the defensive theme of the "European Fortress" was being worked up. Goering had declared that "if anybody in Europe is going to starve, it will not be the Germans."

From the notion of conquest and loot to that of impregnable defence was a gradual but well defined process. From that of impregnable defence to that of a defence which demands the last ounce of effort and sacrifice from all the descent has been swifter.

Japanese propaganda has had to pass through similar stages. Not only domestic broadcasts but Domei messages throughout last June, July and August described every territory in Japanese occupation as a "treasure house." Moreover, there were detailed schemes for long-term exploitation similar to those implicit in Germany's "New Order," and in August, Manila radio announced that "trade of all countries within the East Asian co-prosperity sphere will be conducted by barter, the same as is being done in Germany."

In August, chiefly to impress an India believed to be vacillating, Tokyo was still prophesying further conquests, and even a meeting with the Western Axis somewhere in the Middle East. But at the same time we were being told of "the impregnable position, vast conquests and abundant available resources within South-East Asia sphere."

Next came the "build wooden ships" campaign, with its implications of crisis, and the exceedingly lame reply to America's vast armament programme that "production is not everything."

More perilous speculations are now permitted. "Ohere will be," says Mr. Sugida in a recent issue of the Japanese magazine Kaizo, "the full danger of 50,000 American planes bombing Japan in 1943."

If a United Nations spokesman had said that we should call him unduly optimistic. But in Germany and Japan planned pessimism—the "backs-to-the-wall" motif—is becoming the order of the day. In both cases the object is the same—to extract maximum effort from the Axis peoples by holding over them the threat of defeat.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

COMPULSORY BILLETING

WORK OF BUILDING SOCIETIES

Reply to Mr. Dedman

"Mr. Dedman has admitted that he's a socialist, so any movement he supports presumably would have socialisation as its objective," said Mr. W. Frith, M.L.A., the Country Party member for Lismore, in discussing the compulsory billeting scheme outlined last week by the Minister for the War Organisation of Industry.

"Housing will always be a problem of major importance," Mr. Frith continued, "and no government could do better than carry on with the three housing schemes which were instituted during the Stevens-Bruxner Government. These schemes provided houses for people on the lowest range of income and for the average wage-earner. The three schemes were the Unemployment Housing Trust, the Co-operative Building Societies' Movement, and the Rural Bank's scheme.

"Under the Unemployment Housing Trust homes were provided for £180 to £250. These could be purchased by a rental of from 6/- to 8/- a week. This scheme was, and still is, most successful, and the repayments have built up a fund for perpetuity for the continuance of the scheme.

"The Co-operative Building Societies Movement in New South Wales advanced some £18,000,000 in about five years, and they are to-day comfortably accommodating more than 100,000 people.

"I am sure that no better medium than these classes of building societies could be provided for the post-war reconstruction period, always provided, of course, that the interest rate is kept within reasonable bounds.

"No one would support a straight out policy by the Government for home construction involving Government ownership. Past experiences have proved unsuccessful, and comparison between what has been achieved by the three schemes already mentioned and Government housing projects gives overwhelming evidence in favour of non-Government schemes.

"And," concluded Mr. Frith, "one of the beauties of co-operative building movements and similar schemes is that they have already proved as valuable to country districts as they have to metropolitan areas."

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Patricia M. Menzies

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Anniversary Social in C.W.A. Hall on Monday at 8 p.m. Come along and join in our celebrations.

In Memoriam

COASE.—In loving memory of our dear Father, James, who passed away May 13th, 1941.

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In God's own time we will meet him again.

Always remembered by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Mabel and Bill.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

STATE'S SURPLUS.

Queensland had a credit balance of £5,246,556 on April 26, according to a statement issued by the Premier (Mr. Cooper) on Thursday.

INVALID AND OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

Invalid and old age pensioners are advised that income and property statements are being issued at the Post Office. Each pensioner should obtain one, and return it completed to the Postmaster.

MORNING RAID ON RACECOURSE.

A manpower raiding squad made an early morning swoop on Ascot Racecourse, Sydney. Officers demanded the production of identity cards, and directed about 100 men and two women to report to the National Service Office for further interview.

GOLF OPENING FIXTURES.

Golfers are reminded that the opening fixtures for the season will commence on the links to-day (Saturday), when the first rounds of eclectic competition will be played. Associates will also play their 9-hole eclectic. The greens and fairways are in splendid order, and visitors are welcome.

BRITAIN'S BLITZED HOUSES.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, in reply to Mussolini's squeals about damage to houses in Italy, reminded the Duce that there had been some damage to houses in this country. We didn't squeal. Two million seven hundred and fifty thousands houses have been damaged by the Luftwaffe in this country—one million one hundred and fifty thousand in the London region alone in nine months. In two raids on Sheffield eighty-five thousand houses were dagaged."

MONEY HOARDING.

The Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) stated he did not belive reports that people were hoarding large sums of money. Some business people attempted to evade taxation by cash transactions without book entries, but inspectors usually caught up with these when investigations were begun. Undoubtedly there was much more ready cash in people's pockets than normally, and the disturbing feature of this from the Government's point of view was that it gave a temptation to unnecessary spending.

Q.C.E. DEFIED.

Alderman A. D. Murgatroyd, secretary of the original Hermit Park branch of the A.L.P., Townsville, stated that the branch had not been dissolved. Despite attempts by certain Q.C.E. officials to disband the branch it still was actively functioning, as the result of the Townsville municipal elections amply demonstrated. Its members have no intention of joining any other branch that may attempt to operate in the Hermit Park area.

STOCK PRICES.

An indication that stock prices would be fixed if necessary to keep retail meat prices stabilised has been given by the Prices Commissioner, Prof. Copland. Addressing a meeting convened by the Master Butchers' Federation, he said there was no intention to alter the general level of wholesale and retail meat prices, except to meet any increased costs to the producer because of scarcity of feed. If this scarcity occurred it might be necessary to fix stock prices. Traders should know that when they paid higher prices for stock they would not get relief from higher retail prices.

HARBOUR BOARD

MONTHLY MEETING

£1000 To Treasury

The monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. A. W. Drew), and Messrs. W. R. Golding, J. F. Donovan, C. W. Macfarlan, C. S. Schache, R. S. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

The annual report and financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1942, were received and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An order was placed with the Civil Defence Organisation for 306 feet of 2½-inch canvas fire hose.

The Gladstone Town Council, and the Calliope and Miriam Vale Shire Councils notified the results of the Harbour Baord elections held on May 1.

FINANCE.

Payments amounting to £2159/7/1 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £104/11/2 passed for payment.

It was decided to make a further remittance of £1000 to the Treasury Department on account of interest and redemption.

PORT OF GLADSTONE

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

A Debenture Loan

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.) has been advised by the Queensland Co-ordinator General of Public Works (Mr. J. R. Kemp) that in response to his representations in the matter of additional improvements at the port of Gladstone, priority for construction might be secured, provided the proposal is approved by the Minister for Supply and Shipping, with whom the matter has been taken up by the Board.

Should such approval and priority be obtained the question of securing authority for the Board to raise a debenture loan to cover the estimated cost of the work could then, subject to the agreement of the State Treasurer, be taken up with the Loan Council Co-ordinator (Sir Harry Brown).

In the meantime, the Board is to be requested to furnish particulars as regards the estimated cost, and the manpower and materials necessary to provide for a reasonably rapid completion of the project.

PATRIOTIC COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, May 21.

The convenor, Mrs. Chapman would appeciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenor, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry.

MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE

GLADSTONE CENTRE

The following is the report of the Gladstone Maternal and Child Welfare Centre and sub-centres for the month ended April 30:—

Attendances during the month: Gladstone 204, Calliope 17, Miriam Vale 18, Mt. Larcom 63.

Number of newborns notified by registrar, 22.

Number of babies visited in hospital, 16.

Number of subsequent visits paid, 14.

Number of new cases attending for the first time, 26.

Number of children 2 to 5 years of age attending for advice, 47.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Various Matters Dealt With

The President of the C.W. Association (Mrs. E. W. Phillips) presided over the monthly meeting, and there were also present: Mesdames Geddes, Beale, Soppa, Irwin, Fleetwood, Gerber, Norton, Bauer, Baynton, W. Chapman, D. Lewis, Ricketts, Leadbetter, Hughes, Wallace, and the Secretary (Mrs. Burnham). Apologies were received from Mesdames Robinson, Hassall, Macfarlan and Dennis.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the reciting of "My Creed," followed by a two minutes silent prayer for our fighting forces and those bereaved.

MOBILE MEETING.

Included in the correspondence was a letter from Mrs. Chandler, D.V.P., suggesting that Gladstone have a mobile meeting in the early part of June.

This was agreed to by members, the date to be arranged when train arrangements could be gone into.

GIRLS' HOSTEL.

Mesdames Farmer and Baldock wrote regarding the purchasing of a service girls' hostel in Brisbane.

After some discussion it was decided to run a function in August to celebrate the 21st birthday of the Q.C.W.A., and to borrow the national flags from the Executive. Definite arrangements will be gone into later, and the nett proceeds will go to the hostel fund and Executive.

EUCHRE EVENINGS.

Mrs. Irwin resported that euchre players were having very pleasant evenings, and asked if anyone had packs of playing cards she would be glad to receive them as donations.

Mrs. Geddes promised to donate some cards.

YOUNGER SET.

Mrs. Chapman, supervisor of the Younger Set, reported that during the month the Younger Set arranged a small social evening, and hoped to be able to have these evenings often.

NO DISTRESS CASES.

There were no distress cases.

TRAVELLERS' AID.

Mrs. Hughes reported having met an elderly lady and forwarded a telegram to her people advising them of the time of her arrival.

HOSPITAL VISITING.

Hospital visiting has been attended to by Mesdames W. Chapman, Phillips, and Burnham, and Mesdames Ricketts and Baynton agreed to carry on the work of visiting during the month of May.

"HAVAREST."

"Havarest" is occupied, and everything is in good order.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

The convenor (Mrs. Burnham) reported that several camouflage nets were ready for despatch, and Mrs. Ricketts had agreed to again take over the supervision of Mr. Comino's shop on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Mrs. Lewis on Monday and Friday, and Mrs. Phillips will assist both supervisors.

ARMY CLOTHING.

The remaking of Army clothing into children's garments was discussed, but this was left in abeyance for further discussion.

ANZAC WREATH.

Mrs. Phillips thanked members who so kindly went along to make the Anzac wreath, which was composed of silver and blue leaves and flowers. Mrs. Lewis, V.P., presented the wreath that was placed on the Honour Board.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

The mystery parcel (donated by Mrs. Phillips) was won by Mrs. Ricketts, who very kindly offered to donate the next parcel.

AFTERNOON TEA.

A very dainty afternoon tea was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Fleetwood and Gerber.

Hostesses for next meeting will be Mesdames Irwin and Hughes.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

The strength of the police force at Gladstone has been augmented, and Second-class Sergt. H. V. Sjostedt, of Brisbane, has arrived in town and commenced duty.

SIMPLER TAX FORMS.

Tax return forms for personal deriving income solely from salaries, wages or pensions are to be simplified to one sheet only, showing only the source and amount of income and such deductions as taxpayers are entitled to. Simplification of forms will be a boon to new taxpayers who have come into the field with the reduction of the level to £104 a year.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PRISONER OF WAR COLLECTIONS

Average £120 a Month

The joint organisers (Messrs. V. A. Summers and D. J. Connellan) advise that with the organisation of the town nearing completion prisoner of war collections have reached a new high which compares very favourably with those in much larger centres. For the three weeks, April 23 to May 13, collections amounted to £84/16/-, which would average approximately £120 per month, or an annual total of nearly £1500. It is anticipated that this goal will actually be reached when the long stretches of Toolooa Street are completed this week-end.

This splendid result has been achieved with a minimum of collectors. The small band of original collectors (Mesdames Watson, Elliott, Hallam and Ricketts, under Mrs. S. Coppin) were joined by Mesdames F. Johnstone, Hartley, C. Smith, M. Tait, W. Lodder, and Miss M. Hill. Then Mesdames A. Funk, D. Linnane, A. Ellingson, Geo. Phillips, E. Masterson, and Miss Liddicoat volunteered to assist.

Newly authorised collectors include Mesdames C. Steed, V. Summers, P. Lewis, W. H. McCray, and C. D. Cooper, who have taken over books for various streets. These ladies have greatly assisted others who had too much to do each week.

When Mrs. Hallam left recently difficulty was experienced in placing her West Gladstone books, but Miss Perkins came to the rescue and took over the collections for the time being.

It will thus be seen that the heavy collections are handled by twenty-three ladies, who receive some assistance at week-ends from Scout volunteers. The bulk of the collections are, however, being done direct by the ladies mentioned, and there is little doubt that the success of the scheme in Gladstone is in no small measure due to their efforts.

When the scheme commenced it was thought by some that Gladstone's contribution would reach around £500 per annum. That this has been exceeded by 200 per cent should prove very gratifying to the organisers and collectors.

The town is now responsible for the supply of nearly 30 weekly parcels to prisoners in enemy camps.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. LLOYD-JONES.

A well-known and respected citizen in the person of Mr. Arthur Joseph Lloyd Jones, after a long illness, passed away at the Gladstone District Hospital at the age of 59 years.

Born at Rockhampton, he served for 22 years in the railway department, principally as guard on the northern and north coast lines.

Owing to ill-health he retired in 1933, and lived in Gladstone, where his family conducted a business for some years.

Deceased married Bridget Agnes O'Donnell, at Barcaldine, in 1907, and there is a grown-up family of five sons, Leslie Arthur, Joseph, John Edward (A.I.F.), Ernest William (New Guinea) and Vincent Charles, and two daughters, Lily (Mrs. D. A. Curran) and Myrtle Jean. There are six grand children.

Messrs. C. F. Lloyd Jones (shire chairman, Barcaldine), David (Brisbane), and Edward (Longreach) were brothers of deceased, and a sister (Mrs. Davies) resides at Canberra.

The late Mr. Lloyd Jones was a keen fisherman, and spent a good deal of his time on the Gladstone harbour. He was a member of the Foresters' Lodge for many years.

The funeral was largely attended, the Rev. Father McSherry officiating at the graveside.

MR. W. YOUYEH.

A very old resident of Gladstone and district, Mr. William Youyeh, died at his home, Rocky Glen, at the extreme age of 90 years, after a very active life. A South Sea Islander, deceased came to the district when a young man, and worked for many years for the late Miss B. Wyndham, Boyne Island. He was later employed by Messrs. Mann Bros., Benaraby. He followed the occupation of farming, and he and his sons were splendid athletes. He is survived by a wife and four sons, Bob, Dan, Bill and Peter, and three daughters, Cissie (Mrs. Winitong), Ivy (Mrs. Miller), and Myrtle (Mrs. Allen).

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

SEASON OFFICIALLY OPENED

Canadian Mixed Foursomes

The members and associates of the Gladstone Golf Club who worked so hard during the past months to get the course ready for play were rewarded on Saturday by an excellent attendance for the opening fixture.

Over twenty players took part in the Canadian mixed foursomes, whilst several others played friendly rounds with partners. The fairways were in excellent order, and the greens and approaches were first class.

The event was very keenly contested. Mrs. Craig and partner actually returned the best score early, but a penalty relegated this pair to third position. Then R. F. Power and Mrs. Jenkinson (winners of several events in the past) were in the lead with a card of 68 nett.

Late in the afternoon, however, two limit markers in Leo Collins and Miss Alma Joyner came in with another 68, and on a count back this pair succeeded in gaining the trophy.

The low markers, Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Sing and Mr. and Mrs. Moore, had the best gross scores of the day with rounds of 45-43-88 each.

Details:—

L. C. Collins-Miss Joyner	99	31	68
R. F. Power-Mrs. Jenkinson	90	22	68
D. J. Connellan-Mrs. Craig	94	25	69
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore	88	18	70
W. H. Hall-Miss Jenkinson	101	51	70
Mr. and Mrs. O'Sing	88	16	72
F. Clifford-Mrs. Fitzgerald	99	25	74
E. W. Phillips-Mrs. Burnham	102	25	77
R. Elliott-Miss McGahan	103	25	78

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the club was held immediately following cessation of play. The report and balance sheet presented drew favourable comment from members and associates, and a tribute from a visitor, Mrs. Quodling, of the Miriam Value Club.

On reduced revenue the club had improved its finances. All of the club's assets had been invested in Commonwealth war bonds and Liberty loans.

The retiring hon. secretary (Mr. H. O'Sing) was commended for his splendid services during the year.

Reference was made to the large number of members who had joined the fighting forces, and the death of two popular golfers in Messrs. W. Milne and R. Groeben.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President, Mr. D. J. Connellan; vice-presirdent, Mr. J. O'Donnell; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. L. Elliott; captain, Mr. Frank Peardon; committee, Messrs J. Bliss, D. Joyce, and H. O'Sing.

GENERAL.

Members were asked to keep their golf balls in play as long as possible, as the club's supply was very limited. Associate members served afternoon tea. Several new members, including Rev. Father Cullen, have joined the club, and there is every prospect of a satisfactory season.

W.N.E. LEGION

Presentation to Members

At the conclusion of the monthly meeting of the Women's National Emergency Legion and Youth Movement at the Legion rooms, an evening was held in honour of Miss E. Bruce, who is to be married shortly to Mr. C. Moran, of Dalgety & Coy., Ltd., Rockhampton branch, and previously of Gladstone branch for a number of years. The function was also in honour of Miss Bunning's forthcoming marriage to Mr. Frank Preston, R.A.N., of Perth, W.A.

Supper was served, after which the Commandant (Miss E. L. Bunning) presented Miss Bruce with a set of cake forks.

Mrs. Hando, vice-president, endorsed the remarks, and referred to the great assistance Miss Bruce had given the Legion as assistant secretary and secretary.

Opportunity was also taken to present Miss Bunning with a similar gift.

Mrs. Hando wished Miss Bunning every happiness, although, unlike Miss Bruce, she does not intend resigning her position for some time yet. Her marriage date is indefinite, but Legion members wished that a joint evening be given. The secretary (Miss M. Barker) ably attended to all arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

(To the Editor.)

RUMOURS CONTRADICTED.

Sir,—May I encroach a little on the valuable space of your paper to definitely contradict rumours that I am not returning to Gladstone, which I understand are circulating in the district.

Nothing is further from my mind, but on the contrary I shall be returning to my practice at Gladstone as soon as a victorious peace is won.

In the meantime I am pleased to be able to assure my clients that my practice will be carried on under the supervision of Messrs. Daniel P. Carey, solicitors, of Rockhampton.

Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing this denial, I am, etc.,

V. A. J. BYRNE.

CHILDREN OF SICK MOTHERS

Sandgate Home Taken Over

War conditions have created the need for a new social service which the State Government has decided to provide. It is the care of children of mothers entering hospital for confinement or because of illness.

For this purpose the building at Sandgate previously used by the Hospitals Board as a convalescent home will be utilised by the Government.

The Maternal and Child Welfare Service, which will conduct the Sandgate home, already has done similar work at the Djamantina Home at Wooloowin, where the accommodation has become overtaxed.

The reconditioning and furnishing of the home at Sandgate is now in hand, and it is expected that within a few weeks arrangements can be made to take in children.

WEDDING BELLS

MOSSMAN-DAHTLER.

The marriage took place on Tuesday, April 27, of Pearl, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dahtler, Nagoorin, and John Henry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mossman, "Colinwood," Ubobo.

The scene of this quiet but pretty wedding was Our Lady Star of the Sea R.C. Church, Gladstone. The Rev. Father McSherry officiated.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, looked very attractive in her street length frock of dushy pink "grandstand," featuring a fully smocked bodice and short sleeves lightly smocked. The gored skirt was smartly finished with two smocked pockets. A white shoulder posy, small white hat, white shoes, and a single string of pearls, together with a bouquet of eucharist lillies, white chrysanthemum and bridal trail tied with white satin ribbon, completed the bride's toilette.

Mrs. J. Muir, sister of the bridegroom, and herself a bride of only a few months standing, attended the bride as matron of honour. She wore a frock of green printed souile, featuring a tucked bodice and gored skirt. She also wore white accessories and carried a bouquet of mixed flowers and bridal trail tied with white ribbon. Both bouquets were the gift of Mrs. E. Tucker, junr., aunt of the bride.

The duties of bestman were carried out by Mr. Colin Mossman, brother of the bridegroom.

The reception was held at the Geisha Cafe, the bride's mother receiving the guests, wearing a black costume with white vestee and shoulder posey. She also wore a smart black hat, and was assisted by the mother of the bridegroom, who wore a black frock, small black hat, and beige edge-to-edge coat, showing extended shoulders, and a shoulder posey of black and grey felt.

The tables were tastefully decorated with bowls of flowers, the centre of attraction being the beautiful three-tiered wedding cake, which was made and iced by Mrs. Booth, Nagoorin.

Father McSherry, as chairman, read several congratulatory telegrams.

After the reception, at which about thirty guests were present, the bride donned a box coat of rose "cameltix," and the bridal party were driven to the railway station, where the young couple boarded the mail train for Bundaberg, where the honeymoon was spent.

Many nice presents and cheques were received.

The future home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mossman will be "Fairfield," Ubobo.

AUSTRALIAN NURSES

An Urgent Call

If sufficient qualified nurses do not volunteer for urgent hospital vacancies, it will be necessary to use the Manpower Directorate's powers of direction.

The Director General of Manpower (Mr. Wurth) said that sufficient progress had been made with examination of nurses' registration forms to indicate that there were sufficient nurses in Australia to cope with all ordinary civilian nursing needs, provided there was correct placement and distribution of such nurses.

Many trained nurses at present were not occupied in nursing, and they were urged to offer their services without delay at the office of the Deputy Director General of Manpower in the State concerned, or at the nearest national service office. The nursing position in hospitals was still acute.

Nurses who were sent to distant and perhaps inconveniently situated country hospitals would receive every consideration. After a period of service in such a hospital a nurse could apply for transfer to a more favourably situated hospital.

A nurses' advisory committee in each State was always ready to consider representations made to manpower authorities by any nurse.

CANNED MEAT

For Services and Export

Every can of meat in Australia's 100,000 ton production programme this year will be for the services or for export.

Importance of carrying out the programme has been emphasised by the Defence Foodstuffs Deputy Controller (Mr. W. T. Sumner).

He said that it was required for the services in the South-West Pacific, American troops in the South Pacific, and to the order of the British Food Ministry for Middle East troops, and for consumption in Great Britain.

A meat member of the United Kingdom Food Mission in Australia had told him that the British meat ration of 1/2 worth a week for adults and children over five years, and 7d worth for children under that age, could no longer be fulfilled. It had been necessary to supplement fresh meat stocks from the canned meat reserve held in the United Kingdom for the forces and for use in extremity.

The amount of canned meat which Australia had guaranteed to supply to the United Kingdom during 1943 represented only 2d worth of meat a week for two weeks for the people of Britain.

PRISONERS OF WAR

No Details From Japs

The Federal Government is participating with other Dominions in making strong protests to Japan against failure to furnish the United Nations with details of prisoners of war in custody. The protest is being sent to Japan through the Red Cross.

It is pointed out that although large numbers of Australians have been prisoners of war for 15 months, up to date only 3670 names have been officially conveyed by the Japanese to the Red Cross.

TAXI DRIVERS.

Two thousand taxi-cab and hire car owners and drivers in Sydney and Newcastle will soon be called on to fill in manpower questionnaires. Those capable of doing other work may be directed to do so.

MALARIA IN NEW GUINEA.

Investigation into the incidence and treatment of malaria among the forces in New Guinea reveals that the death rate from malaria among Australians is abnormally low. Deaths are lower than in any other army in any malarial district.

MANUFACTURE OF ALUMINIUM.

After a searching investigation lasting more than a year, experts of the Department of Supply are satisfied that aluminium can be manufactured from Australian bauxite deposits. A recommendation has been made by the Minister for Supply (Mr. Beasley) that the industry be established forthwith.

W. HENDERSON
SADDLER
FORMERLY of Blackall and Rockhampton, has commenced Business. Counterlining a speciality.
Sufficient Address:
MAKOWATA, N.C. Line.

Notice to Cane Cutters

ALL cane cutters, excluding those in the Armed Forces, but including those engaged in the Civil Construction Corps, in addition to supplying the information required by the Deputy Director-General of Man Power (Q.), who desire employment for the 1943 crushing season, are advised to watch for press advertisements and wireless announcements as to commencement date of crushing in various areas, and as to dates and places fixed for signing on.

All such cane cutters are required to contact their prospective employers and/or employer's agent and/or their union officials, and make necessary arrangements to report on suitable dates. Cane cutters can then proceed to such employment unless prevented by an individual direction by the Deputy Director-General of Man Power (Q.), instructing them to proceed to some other specified area, or unless prevented by National Security Regulations.

Any cane cutter in doubt as to his position should make enquiries from National Service Officers, A.W.U. officials, or representatives of the cane growers and sugar millers.

AUTHORISED by the Australian Workers' Union, Queensland Cane Growers' Council, and Australian Sugar Producers' Association.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

MR. V. A. J. BYRNE desires to emphatically contradict any rumours circulating in this District that he is wanting to sell his house, or that his Practice is to be discontinued. On the contrary, the Practice will be carried on as usual, and he will return to Gladstone as soon as practicable.

To the Electors of No. 2 Division Shire of Calliope.

I WISH to Thank all Electors of No. 2 Division who voted for me at the recent Shire Election. It is gratifying to me, after ten years' service as a councillor, to be again placed at the top of the poll.

In the past I have attended to all reasonable requests from electors, and when money and plant have been available, have tried to distribute the work as fairly as possible all over the area, and will continue to do so in the future.

Again thanking the Electors,
H. NEILL BALLANTINE.

SHIPPING CONTROL BOARD.

INTER-STATE STEAMSHIP SAILINGS

CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING

Under Government Instructions, the Sailing Dates of Vessels cannot be advertised.

Shippers and Passengers are requested to communicate with the Agents shown below.

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CITIZENS' PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

THE CANDIDATES of the above Party, who contested the recent Municipal and Harbour Board Elections, desire to express their appreciation to the Electors of Gladstone for the magnificent vote accorded them; also to members of the opposing teams for the spirit in which the Election was fought.

W. R. GOLDING,
On behalf of the Citizens' Candidates.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL.

RESTRICTION OF WATER.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Gladstone Town Council apprehends that by reason of the prevailing conditions, water will not suffice for domestic purposes unless the supply is lessened or discontinued for other purposes.

No person shall, excepting during the days and within the localities hereunder mentioned, convey water supplied by the Gladstone Town Council through a hose, lawn sprinkler, or other mechanical appliance, for the purpose of watering gardens or other land, or for irrigation purposes, whether the water is supplied through a meter or not.

The days for the watering of gardens within the defined areas are:—

Mondays and Thursdays: That section of the Town south of Tank Street and embracing Fowler Estate.

Tuesdays and Fridays: That section of the Town between Tank and Roseberry Streets.

Wednesdays and Saturdays: That section of the Town north of Roseberry Street and embracing Auckland Hill and West Gladstone.

Sundays: The whole of the Town, from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

This restriction will remain in force until further notice.

Notice is also given that the watering of gardens, lawns, or other land by a hose not held in the hand, or by means of a lawn sprinkler or any other mechanical appliance, constitutes a breach of By-law No. 21.

OFFENDERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.
(Signed) R. H. GRAYSON,
Town Clerk.

Gladstone, 11/5/43.

OUR Southern Buyer helps us to maintain our stocks, procures those almost unprocurable parts whether it be Motor or Cycle. You can look for the very best effort on your behalf. If you have not succeeded elsewhere, try Port Curtis Motors To-day.

PLYMOUTH Utility, 1939 Model, small mileage (12,000), in first-class order throughout. This is the type of job for a dairyman or anyone wanting to cart light loading in passenger car comfort. Terms to right man, or will trade on old vehicle as deposit. See Port Curtis Motors today.

RAZOR STROPS.—A few Strops arrived. Sharpen up the Blade Razor. Prices from 8/6 each. P. M. Jones, Stationer, etc.

RAZOR BLADES last longer by using the right Sharpener. Get one while stocks last, only 1/4 each. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

SANDFLY LOTION, Antiseptic, soothing and healing. Relieves the irritation, 2/9 bottle. P. M. Jones, Stationer, etc.

SEED OATS for Winter Planting.—Algerian, Mulgai, Belah and Seedling, just arrived. Price 5/3 bag lots. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

STOCKINGS are hard to get. Use the Wonder Stocking Cream, Glaide. It's good and easy to use. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

WANTED to Buy.—Gent's Cycle, any condition; also Parrot's Cage. Apply "Cycle," this Office.

WANTED.—Piano. We have buyers waiting. Particulars to Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

WANTED.—Sulky and Harness, or any items of Used Farm Machinery. Please forward particulars to Weiske's.

WANTED use of Piano by ex-music teacher, permanent resident Gladstone. Every care taken. Terms and particulars to "Piano," c/o "Observer" Office.

YATES' H.R. Lucerne Seed. A large consignment just to hand. A1 quality. Price 2/6½. Barley 5/6 bushel. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

YOU can now obtain First-class Fruit from Griffiths' Cafe, Gladstone, at reasonable prices.

YATES' SEEDS.—3000 Packets Yates' New Season's Seeds, Flower and Vegetable, just arrived. Eschallot Bulbs, 1/6 lb. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, May 21st. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organiser, Mrs. C. Chapman.

AFTERNOON in Watt Memorial Hall, Wednesday, 19th May, at 3 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Guild. In aid of the Linen Stall.

AUCTION Sale.—Furniture, etc., at the old Wentworth Boarding House, Gondoon Street, To-day, Saturday, 15th instant, commencing at 2 p.m. —Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Red Shield Committee will be held on Monday next at 8 p.m. in the Salvation Army Hall. All members are requested to attend.

AUCTION Sale, 2 p.m. To-day, Saturday, 15th instant. The whole contents of the Wentworth Boarding House. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

AUCTION Sale To-day (Saturday) at Wentworth,—Beds, Bedding, Duchesses, Presses, Blinds, Chairs, Tables, Washstands, and Ware, etc. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

BIRKMIRE Top Marquee Tent for sale (almost new), complete with pegs and collapsible poles. Apply G. Bedsor, Glenlyon Street.

BUSTEED'S for Batteries, Car or Truck, of first quality only sold. Make your application To-day.

BUSTEED'S (the Tyre People) will pay highest prices for Second-hand Tyres and Tubes, all makes, all sizes. If your car is laid-up, sell us your Tyres for essential users.

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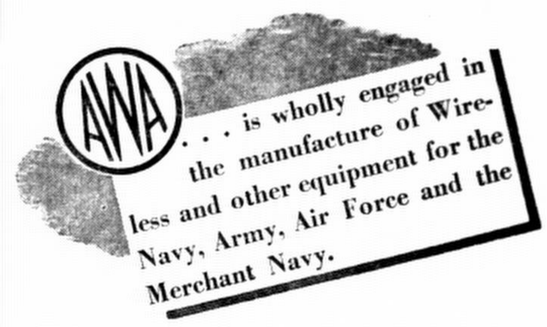

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HOUSING TO BE REVISED

Post War Plan

Most Australian house types are based on English models. But the Australian climate varies from English temperatures to the heat of Equatorial Africa.

Careful consideration of climatic conditions may revise a too orthodox outlook, says a former Australian architect, now a member of the A.M.F., in an Army Educational journal.

We have to consider if we should not provide more shade through verandahs, as was done in the early years, if we should not insulate more carefully against temperatures (particularly roofs), if we should not be more careful to get draft in summer and equal heating in winter.

A well inculated flat roof may be preferable to a high-pitched tiled roof, which is superfluous in countries without snowfall, and only absorbs and accumulates heat.

We shall further have to consider a law for preservation of natural beauty, embracing private property, to prevent people cutting down old trees in whose existence the community has every interest.

Although Australia after the war will have to remember the experience of other countries which have undergone similar changes, Australia's special conditions will always have to be the first factor to be considered.

HOUSES OR FLATS?

Pride in the possession of house and land is deeply rooted in tradition, he adds. The single family house offers greatest privacy; you are not disturbed by neighbours above or below, and you enjoy your garden as part of your daily life.

The flat misses all these advantages, but offers much greater economy in building by saving land, foundation and roof. If large enough it can, by standardisation and centralisation, offer facilities at a rental never possible in detached houses.

If flat construction increased sufficiently to make mass production of certain commodities profitable, flats could be fitted with comforts which, up to the present, have been considered as luxuries, such as automatic laundries, central heating, refrigeration, garages, including service, air-conditioning (cooling), servery lifts providing meals if desired, etc., and all these for a comparatively cheap rental. This has been done in some countries.

But if you still prefer a house of your own, it has to be a proper one; the block of land has to be large enough to allow a sufficient number of well-lighted and ventilated rooms. Frontage and area of blocks should not be cut down, nor a missing room added by an amateurish contraption in the back yard.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

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The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

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Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

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SUNDAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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9.00—B.B.C. News.
11.0—B.B.C. News.
11.15—State News.

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GERMANY AND JAPAN

Hitler's Boast

An announcement from General MacArthur's headquarters heralds what may be the opening of a new phase of war in the Pacific.

"The enemy," says General MacArthur, "has launched a submarine attack in some force in the waters east of Australia."

It is to be assumed that so high an authority has definite and serious evidence upon which to base such a statement: and when the publication of this evidence can prove of no use to the enemy, it will doubtless be made known to the people of Australia.

Hitler boasts that the U-boat is his most powerful weapon against the Allies. On our side it has been said that we must overcome the U-boat menace to achieve victory.

Here in Australia, much of our vital equipment and war supplies come by sea from America. Despite the wide expanse of the Pacific Ocean, the sea lane approaches to our land bases are restricted and well defined.

As in Britain, the sea not only forms a natural line of defence against invasion, but also a vulnerable link in our lines of communication. We must, therefore, expect the enemy to concentrate against it.

It might be pessimistic to expect the Japanese to attain the skill and dangerous efficiency demonstrated by the German under-sea fighters. They have neither the experience nor the tradition of their Axis partners, and so far have shown no indication of an equal skill; but it would be foolish to imagine that a ruthless, patient and cold-blooded enemy like the Jap will not go to extreme lengths to gain his calculated ends.

It must be remembered that not only our defensive strength, but striking power depends upon the steady flow of war material from America.

UNRELENTING FOE.

A million troops are nothing but an encumberance without guns and ammunition, and a thousand aircraft useless without petrol.

For some time the enemy hoped to drain our resources by protracted and costly campaigns in the jungle, and by sporadic though heavy air-raids on our forward bases. Now it seems that he has decided to strike at the roots of our growing strength.

We must accept as inevitable some measure of enemy success, but this must be offset by redoubled efforts on the home front to compensate for sea-borne losses.

Our navy and airforce can be expected to engage this under-water enemy seriously and to good effect; but the fortunes of war are such that we cannot expect to win each and every round.

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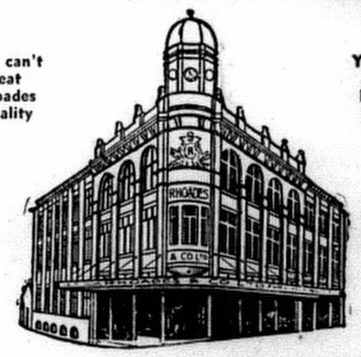

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PARIS POLICE

Waiting for the English

The French section of the B.B.C.'s European service has received a letter despatched from Paris in October, 1942, written in the name of "ninety-five per cent of the policemen in Paris."

It contains an encouraging message about the attitude of the Parision police force. The writer says that all the members of his company agree with him that the public ought to know how disgusted and disheartened the police are with the present position of the Paris force.

"Our bosses, who have been bought, try to coerce us with every means in their power," the letter says, "but they can't make us behave as they want us to towards the people of Paris, who are all truly French. We underdogs, doormats, we've had enough of putting up with all these anti-French orders, not to speak of the indescribable bullying and the 'avalanches' of punishments to make us 'toe the line,' as our chiefs say. I am waiting for the day the English enter Paris."

PORT CURTIS TIDES

MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
19	8.56	9.32	3.00	3.02
20	9.38	10.12	3.49	3.42
21	10.21	10.55	4.40	4.23
22	11.07	11.40	5.32	5.07
23	11.55	.. —	6.28	5.57
24	12.28	12.50	7.26	6.55
25	1.20	1.50	8.26	7.58
26	2.17	3.00	9.24	9.10
27	3.22	4.17	10.22	10.20
28	4.33	5.31	11.18	11.28
29	5.40	6.34	—	12.09
30	6.40	7.25	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... May 12
Full Moon ..... May 20
Last Quarter ..... May 26

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	8.15	8.49	2.23	2.18
2	8.57	9.28	3.10	2.56
3	9.37	10.07	3.57	3.32
4	10.17	10.44	4.40	4.08
5	10.58	11.20	5.23	4.47
6	11.40	11.57	6.06	5.27
7	—	12.22	6.49	6.08
8	12.35	1.07	7.33	6.55
9	1.13	1.57	8.19	7.48
10	1.55	2.54	9.07	8.48
11	2.45	3.57	9.55	9.51
12	3.43	5.02	10.44	10.55
13	4.48	6.02	11.34	11.56
14	5.52	6.55	—	12.20
15	6.50	7.42	12.53	1.06
16	7.42	8.28	1.49	1.50
17	8.32	9.12	2.43	2.35
18	9.20	9.57	3.38	3.20
19	10.08	10.42	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	—	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	11.35	—
28	6.07	7.01	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	2.07	1.48

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Last Quarter ..... June 25

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IN NEW GUINEA

Army-Air Co-operation

The extent to which the new techniques of Army-Air co-operation are being used in New Guinea is revealed by a correspondent in an Australian Army journal.

In the advance to Buna and afterwards, he writes, artillery was flown in by air. Reinforcements arrived by air. Strategy and tactics were largely guided by air photographs.

Targets were pinpointed from the air. Artillery fire was often controlled from the air. Aircraft evacuated many of our casualties and sick. And while aircraft neutralised enemy airfields and aircraft, ground straffing and dive bombing gave direct support to our infantry's advance.

Thus to the Pacific battle area came Army-Air co-operation. Even since R.A.A.F. squadrons began training with field formations in Australia.

This co-operation between air and ground forces has gone ahead. New Guinea, with its special difficulties, such as target identification over jungle, demanded new techniques, different from those worked out in the desert war of the Middle East.

These new techniques are continually being perfected and extended by our pilots and air liaison officers.

At Milne Bay the efficiency of our air liaison officers and the squadron's improvised co-operation were so thorough that they corrected a sticky situation and paved the way for our ground forces' clean-up of the enemy's beach-head.

BUNA-GONA PUSH.

In the Buna-Gona push an Australian Division had an Australian Army Co-operation Squadron working with it in the field.

At times in that advance our tanks were held up by enemy guns. Air reconnaisance photos revealed some of these enemy batteries, and our aircraft directed patrols out to neutralise them. This done, the tanks went through, and our losses were cut to a minimum.

For this co-operation work in New Guinea we used Wirraways. With Zeros about, and under fairly constant ack-ack fire, it was a crazy game for the air crew concerned.

Often they deliberately exposed themselves at haystack range to ack-ack, to draw fire from undiscovered batteries. Their success—under conditions where we had a considerable margin of air superiority—does not mean that the Wirraway is an ideal plane for Army purposes.

WIRRAWAY AS DECOY.

Clear proof of that superiority was the enemy's reaction to a lone circling Wirraway. At first Jap ack-ack would open up, disclosing their batteries' position. Taking evasive action, the pilot called up our waiting guns over the two-way R.T. Australian 25-pounders opened fire, and getting the range almost instantaneously, wiped out the enemy batteries.

The Japs got so windy, in fact, that when a Wirraway came snooping over, their ack-ack remained silent, fearing the sudden, uncanny accuracy of our guns.

All authorities agree that an offensive strategy involving land operations by our troops will need air support of army.

To this end, preparations have been going on, which, if our co-operation successes in recent months are any indication, can give us new confidence in our power to win victories.

WAR USED POLITICALLY

Socialistic Dangers Ahead

"It is easy for Mr. Ward to say what will be done in the way of socialisation of industry if the present Government is returned at the next Federal elections," said Mr. Mair, leader of the opposition in N.S.W. in an interview with Industrial News Service, "for from what one hears from all parts of the country there is not much chance of their being returned.

"In fact," he continued, "many usual Labour supporters are not only disappointed in the activities of the Federal Government, but are angry that the Government should have used the war crisis for the furtherance of its political activities."

Mr. Mair was commenting on a statement in Perth a few days ago by Mr. Ward, Minister for Labour, that if Labour had a majority in both Chambers after the next Federal elections that banking and insurance should be nationalised. This statement was made in Mr. Curtin's own electorate, in spite of the fact that the Prime Minister has always asserted that the Labour Government would not take advantage of war conditions to further Labour's own ends or to foist socialism on Australia.

"The progress of the Empire," said Mr. Mair, "has been based on rugged individualism, initiative, and the encouragement of private enterprise, and experience has proved that wherever the governments have attempted to run commercial activity it has been a lamentable failure, because general inefficiency is the order of the day under socialistic enterprise. On the other hand, private enterprise must, under competition, bring forward all the efficiency possible and create the full development of the individual's initiative to ensure a success of its enterprise.

"Whilst admitting certain regimentation is necessary in war time, there is a general suspicion that the Federal Government has carried this regimentation to excess, merely taking the war as an opportunity for the furtherance of Labour's own policy of socialisation."

Mr. Mair continued emphatically: "It behoves people of this country who cherish individualism and believe in private enterprise to decide here and now that whilst submitting in war time to regimentation for patriotic reasons, they will be up and doing to protect their interests and remove the restrictions to trade at the earliest possible moment when peace has been declared."

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MR. A. H. WILSON and Family desire to thank all friends who sent messages and other tokens of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

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BREACH TRANSPORT REGULATIONS

GLADSTONE RED CROSS SOCIETY

OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF MONSTER FETE

ANTICIPATED GRAND TOTAL WILL EXCEED £500

Despite the adverse weather, heavy showers falling throughout the day, the monster fete organised by the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society to initiate Red Cross week in this town was an outstanding success, and set a new record for such functions. It is estimated that when some small receipts still outstanding are accounted for the grand total will be over £500.

It is a tribute to the splendid work of the ladies, assisted by the Secretary (Mr. V. A. Summers), who really acted as general organiser, that this remarkable total was achieved.

The day previous to the function it was realised that some provision would have to be made against the weather, and thanks to the generosity of tent and marquee owners, and the energy of the ladies on the various stalls, the Red Cross grounds were converted into a veritable canvas village in preparation for the arrival of the commodities and articles for the various stalls. The result should put Gladstone well in the running for the Statewide pennant competitions for Red Cross Week.

THE STALLS.

Sweet Stall: The convenors were Mesdames Charles Barker and A. Buckley. The sum of £7/16/6 was realised from the sale of home-made sweets, and £7/10/- was obtained from the box of sweets raffled, the winner being Miss Del Lindley, Kent Street, with ticket No. 138. The total nett proceeds were £14/7/6.

The flower stall, conducted by Mesdames A. Gollnick and Geo. Phillips, with Mr. and Mrs. Harbottle (Iveragh) as country organiser, brought in a magnificent collection of pot plants, flowers, etc. The total receipts, including donations, amounted to £41/6/1.

Keen interest centred in the raffle of the open order of £2/2/- by this stall. The winner (Mr. J. Southard, of Swifts Pty. Ltd.) generously redonated the amount to the stall.

Cake Stall: The convenor (Mrs. Lionel Johnston) was assisted by Mesdames Masterson, McCray, Cooper and N. Smith. Cakes were sold by the score, and a brisk business resulted in the stall contributing the satisfactory amount of £39/14/10 to the fete. The iced fruit cake was won by Janice Cooper, Gondoon Street, with ticket No. 45.

Produce Stall: Mrs. W. H. Hall, assisted by Mesdames Golding and Hando, were in charge here in continuation of their monthly Paddy's maret organisation. Again, the splendid total of £42/1/10 was realised. The green woollen blanket (donated by Friends Pty. Ltd.) was won by Miss Anne G. O'Brien, Central Lane, with ticket No. 76.

Jumble Stall, with Mesdames E. W. Phillips, M. Tait, J. Schneider, J. Rigby and R. Quodling in charge, had a large assortment of wear apparel, etc., on sale. The proceeds here reached £20/1/6. Raffles conducted by this stall were: First prize, a cushion, won by Mr. Holse, of Quantas Ltd., with ticket No. 92; second, a doll, won by Miss June Connellan, Yaroon Street, with ticket No. 383, and third, a shopping bag, ticket No. 22, held by Mrs. J. Waterson, Off Lane. The green doll was won by Master Ian Cameron, Commercial Bank, with ticket No. 81, and the bride doll, ticket No. 22, by Mr. T. Warry, Mt. Larcom.

Refreshment Stall: Mesdames R. Ricketts and R. Lewis. Conditions were against this stall, the demand for drinks, etc., being very subdued. The nett receipts were £2/0/11.

One Shilling Table: Mesdames Archie Worthington, Clyde Smith and R. Elliott. This stall did wonderful business, the total receipts reaching £33/9/-.

The star article raffled during the day was undoubtedly this stall's shopping bag, which brought in £15/17/6, and was won by H. Howkins, Auckland Street, with ticket No. 283.

The golliwog was won by Mrs. Phillips, Auckland Street.

Last, but not least, was the Country Stall, with Mrs. J. R. Shaw (convenor) and Mesdames Campbell Bell, Les. Bartlett, and Misses Bebe Menzies and Lorna Stirratt assistants. As usual, this stall was the financial highlight of the fete, the receipts totalling the magnificent amount of £190/10/6.

DONATIONS.

Donations included the following:—J. A. Shaw & Sons £50, J. D. Stirratt £26/5/-, W. S. and P. F. Gill £20/12/11, H. Buss £10/10/-, Miss R. Stirratt, H. Ballantine, A. Stirratt, Alan Chapman, Ted Stirratt, W. A. F. McDonald, P. A. Friend, £5 each; Dick Wilson £3/3/-, Les. Pownall £2/2/-, Mrs. M. North £2/2/-, Mesdames A. D. Thomson, H. Pownall, Les Pownall, Miss E. D. Sitrratt and R. E. Geddes £1/1/- each, and Miss E. McDonnell £1.

Results of this stall's raffles were: Shopping bag won by Mrs. E. P. Colyer, Boyne Island (111); picture, Mrs. Bob Shaw, Wycheproof (147); Vase, Mrs. Sewell, Littlemore (8); and fruit cake, Mrs. Sewell, Littlemore (213).

The members of the Gladstone Voluntary Aid Detachment did their bit by selling flags, and raised £11/3/- for the fete, and donations apart from those included in the stalls amounted to £76/14/. Still to come are collections by V.A.D's. at the picture theatres this week, terminating on Saturday night, and a collection by V.A.D's. at Swifts Ltd. gate this Wednesday.

THANKS.

In expressing thanks for the splendid result the joint hon. secretaries (Mrs. Browne and Mr. Summers) expressed the appreciation of the branch to the stall-holders and assistants, patrons, and various donors, tent owners and carriers, for loan and cartage, V.A.D's. for selling flags and taking up collections at picture shows and Meatworks, the Press for publicity, and all others who assisted in any way.

MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE.

The response by town and country donors to the branch appeal was magnificent, said Mr. Summers, and patronage by the public under the circumstances showed that they certainly appreciate the noble work of the Red Cross. It took a considerable amount of pluck on the part of the ladies to even come out last Friday, and they might well be credited with the breaking of the drought in more ways than one. In any cae, the financial drought has been relieved so far as the Red Cross is concerned.

A report of the fete will be made officially at the nmothly meeting of the branch this Wednesday night.

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR FETE.

	£	s	d
Sweet Stall	14	7	6
Flower Stall	41	6	1
Cake Stall	39	14	10
Produce Stall	42	1	0
Shilling Table	33	9	0
Refreshment Stall	2	0	11
Jumble Stall	20	1	6
Austerity Dance	3	14	3
Country Stall	190	10	6
Sale flags by V.A.D.	11	13	0
Donations not included in above stalls	76	1.	0
Total	£475	12	7

To come: Collections at picture theatres Monday to Saturday this week by V.A.D's., and collections by same members at Swifts gate this Wednesday.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

The King's Birthday holiday will be observed in Queensland on Monday, June 7, which is the Monday following the Wednesday on which it will be observed in England this year.

NEW RATION BOOKS.

A new card, to be known as CR7, and designed to bring the civilian register up to date, must be completed before June 5 and 6, when the new ration books will be issued. It is proposed to take advantage of the issue of the new ration books to bring the civilian register up to date. It is imperative that the civilian registration should be kept current, and by co-operation with the Rationing Commissioner and the electoral officers, the manpower authorities will ensure that the requirements of Regulation 30 regarding changes of address are carried out. These changes of address should be notified to the Commonwealth electoral officers before the date of issue of ration books. The CR7 cards will be available at all post offices and at the ration book issuing centre. The issuing officer will require the production of the old ration book and the new CR7 card, and will sign the identity card of each person before a new ration book is issued.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

NEW PARTY FORMED

To Help "Middle" People

"We are out particularly to further the interests of the 'small man'—men and women in business on their own account, and those working for employers who haven't the money to put into big political fights," said Captain H. K. White, M.C., one of the two sponsors of the new Liberal Democratic Party in Sydney, in an an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service.

The other sponsor is Mr. S. S. Crick, former Lord Mayor of Sydney. Both men are emphatic in stating that they are not looking for political power for themselves. A committee to organise the new party will be elected at a meeting of members to be held in the Sydney Town Hall in two or three weeks' time.

Already applications for membership are coming in from all sections of the community, including many business men and women, employers and employees in country districts, bank clerks, small business men, the personnel of an R.A.A.F. station, and servicemen generally. The annual subscription is two shillings.

"In ordinary, everyday business," Captain White went on, "there are so many men and women who are not represented by 'big business' interests nor yet by the unions. They are the 'middle' people we are seeking to help; people who want to be allowed to do a good war job without over regimentation.

And speaking of regimentation," he added, "one of our first aims will be the immediate cancellation of all National Security Regulations which are not now specifically necessary for the winning of the war, and the removal of other Security Regulations as their necessity is finished."

Captain White and Mr. Crick are at present preparing statements drawn up by experts ("not politicians," Captain White added with a smile) on such problems as immigration, post-war reconstruction in all its branches, housing, and many other problems which will directly affect the 'small' man in the post-war world.

PATRIOTIC COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, May 21.

The convenor, Mrs. Chapman would appeciate donations of jam, fruit, cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

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GLADSTONE HOSPITALS BOARD.

"THE HOSPITALS ACT OF 1936."

Election of Contributors' Representative (One Required).

NOTICE OF POLL.

THE following Nominations have been received for the position of Contributors' Representative on the Gladstone Hospitals Board:—

SHORT, Leonard James Elliot
WILSON, John Range

As the number nominated exceeds the number required, a Poll by Postal Ballot will be taken, closing at 1 p.m. on the 31st May, 1943.

J. BURROWS, Returning Officer.

LAND FOR MARKET GARDENING.

APPLICATIONS, giving particulars of qualifications, financial and material, are invited and will be received at the Land Office, Gladstone, up to 12 noon on Saturday, the 29th May, 1943, for an area of five (5) acres of Camping Reserve, R.5, parish of Milton, as a Special Lease for a term of 5 years at a rental of £1 per annum: a Market Garden to be established on 2 acres during the first year, and a further 2 acres in the second year; thereafter no less than 5 acres to be maintained as a Market Garden. Deposit of £1 to be lodged.

Further particulars on application.

J. P. LUCY,
Land Commissioner.

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AFTERNOON in Watt Memorial Hall, Wednesday, 19th May, at 3 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Guild. In aid of the Linen Stall.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

A NEW BOOK.—"A Thousand Shall Fall." A soldier's story of the first year of the war. Waiting, fighting, retreating, and a bold escape from a Nazi prison camp. Price 12/6. P. M. Jones, Bookseller.

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National Security (General) Regulations (Regulation 71)

Heating and Cooking Appliances (Retail Sales) Order

MANUFACTURERS, Wholesale and Retailers, carrying New and/or Second-hand Stocks for sale of any items listed in the Schedule hereunder, are required to submit details of stocks at 28th April, 1943, to the Deputy Director, War Organisation of Industry, 4th Floor, City Mutual Building, 307-9 Queen Street, Brisbane, on or before May 24th:—

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Cooking Stove (includes all appliances consuming wood, coal, coke, oil or spirits, used for the purpose of cooking).

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COLIN CLARK,
Department War Organisation, Queensland Branch.

Notice to Cane Cutters

ALL cane cutters, excluding those in the Armed Forces, but including those engaged in the Civil Construction Corps, in addition to supplying the information required by the Deputy Director-General of Man Power (Q.), who desire employment for the 1943 crushing season, are advised to watch for press advertisements and wireless announcements as to commencement date of crushing in various areas, and as to dates and places fixed for signing on.

All such cane cutters are required to contact their prospective employers and/or employer's agent and/or their union officials, and make necessary arrangements to report on suitable dates. Cane cutters can then proceed to such employment unless prevented by an individual direction by the Deputy Director-General of Man Power (Q.), instructing them to proceed to some other specified area, or unless prevented by National Security Regulations.

Any cane cutter in doubt as to his position should make enquiries from National Service Officers, A.W.U. officials, or representatives of the cane growers and sugar millers.

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It is important to remember that no national plan of benefits can, by itself, provide *security* for the individual. It can never do much more than provide the minimum of shelter, food and clothing without which human beings cannot live as human beings. Additional provision against the misfortunes of life (and for comfort in old age) must continue to be made by the citizen himself. Of course, the majority of people *do make* such provision, but many people do not realise the extent to which voluntary thrift exists through Savings Banks, Life Assurance Societies, Trades Unions, Friendly Societies, and the purchase of War Bonds or War Savings Certificates.

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POTATO DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Established at Rockhampton

Regional control of potatoes grown in the area extending north of Avondale and south of St. Lawrence, including Many Peaks and Dawson Valley branch lines, is to be placed under the Rockhampton and District Potato Distribution Committee, which has been established at Rockhampton.

This action was taken as a result of the recent visit to Rockhampton of the eputy Potato Controller (Mr. E. Brabiner).

The committee will consist of Messrs. Thos. Brown & Sons Ltd., Dalgety & Co. Ltd., Denham Bros. (Rockhampton) Pty. Ltd., R. M. Gow & Co. Pty. Ltd., J. M. Headrick & Co. Pty. Ltd., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd., and Walter Reid & Co. Ltd., and Mr. C. Freeman, of Denham Bros. (Rockhampton) Pty. Ltd., will be the distributing manager for the committee, who will be responsible for the handling and distribution of potatoes within the area.

Mr. Brabiner said that regional control was calculated to provide better service for growers in many ways, and particularly in respect of payments to growers.

Whereas the control and handling of the last Southern Queensland crop of potatoes from Rockhampton south was handled by one central organisation in Brisbane, the same territory will now be covered by four such bodies.

Mr. Brabiner expected that under the new scheme there would be no difficulty whatever in making prompt payment to growers.

The Committee was established under National Security Regulations, and it was compulsory for all potato growers to dispose of their crop as directed by the committee.

The chief objects in establishing regional committees were:—

1. To ensure that the full requirements of essential services were met.

2. To provide for an equitable distribution throughout the State of all potatoes available for civil consumption.

3. To obviate unnecessary rail transport.

Mr. Brabiner said that it was intended to appoint receiving agents at all main centres in the area to accept potatoes from growers on behalf of the committee. Growers in smaller centres where there were no agents would send their potatoes to other centres as directed by the committee.

This control of the handling and distribution of potatoes would operate immediately.

All farmers whose area of potatoes exceed 1/2 an acre must register with the Deputy Controller of the Australian Potato Distribution Committee, 369 George Street, Brisbane, and those who have not registered as potato growers are requested to do so immediately. Application forms may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture and Stock, Rockhampton, or Mr. C. Freeman, distribution manager of the Rockhampton and District Potato Distributing Committee, Box 96, Rockhampton.

Mr. Brabiner pointed out that it was illegal for growers to trade potatoes with other than registered agents.

Growers are, however, permitted to supply potatoes to storekeepers in their own district subject to first having obtained permission in writing from the distribution manager, Rockhampton, and District Potato Distributing Committee, Box 96, Rockhampton.

All consignments of potatoes are to be railed or delivered to the distribution manager of the Rockhampton and District Potato Distributing Committee, Rockhampton: and in order to regulate supplies coming forward to avoid over supply when the bulk of local crops are being marketed, growers must consult the distribution manager before making delivery.

The indications are that there will be a ready market for all potatoes that can be grown. The Australian Potato Committee desires that as many potatoes as possible should be grown in Queensland, thereby obviating the necessity of bringing them from Southern States.

VEGETABLE GROWING.

Because the situation might grow worse if positive action is not taken soon, detailed plans for expanding vegetable growing will be considered by the Federal Cabinet next week.

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DEHYDRATION OF FOOD

Consumer Acceptance

One of the main hurdles barring progress in the dehydration of food—an industry which has been struggling for recognition over the past twenty years—has been to overcome consumer reluctance to try anything new. But war time shortages have forced housewives to become less conservative, and they are now participating in a revolution which will affect the food industry for all time.

Shortage of tin meant switching goods which were formerly canned to glass or paper containers, and notwithstanding that paper containers were not generally acceptable by housewives (who liked buying their goods in familiar containers) their prejudice has been forcibly broken down, and the dehydrating industry is now going to have ample opportunity to prove itself.

The switching over from tin to paper containers in itself meant the development of entirely new processes of food preparation—the two most widely used at present being quick freezing and dehydration. So the encouragement of consumer acceptance of new packings demands also the consumer acceptance of new food processes, and now that the initial prejudice has evaporated, the "consumer horizon" (as it is so graphically described in the States) has widened to a point where planting, buying and cooking of food will offer more and more variety as time goes on.

Eggs, milk, fish, fruit and vegetables are amongst the foods which are already familiar to Australians in dehydrated form. In the States they are sold in packages, as well as dehydrated meat. Coffee and flour are next on the list for dehydration and compression to save weight and space. And as these goods—all of them in packages—will be competing with prepared cereals, custard powders, jellies, gelatine, and other packaged goods already well known to housewives, a new field in advertising is opening up as well as new fields in food processing.

Food is the largest single industry in the world. Shortages and makeshifts will continue long after the war, for starving Europe will have to be fed, and every advance and every research undertaken with food processing now will affect our domestic economy for many years to come.

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

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SUNDAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.

p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.

p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

(Relayed from No. 2 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals)

p.m. DAILY
9.60—B.B.C. News.
11.0—B.B.C. News.
11.15—State News.

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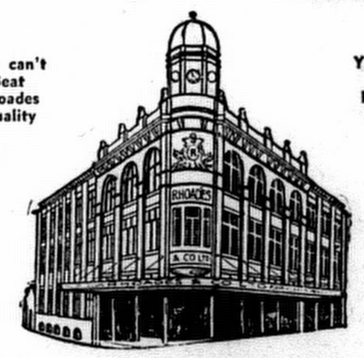

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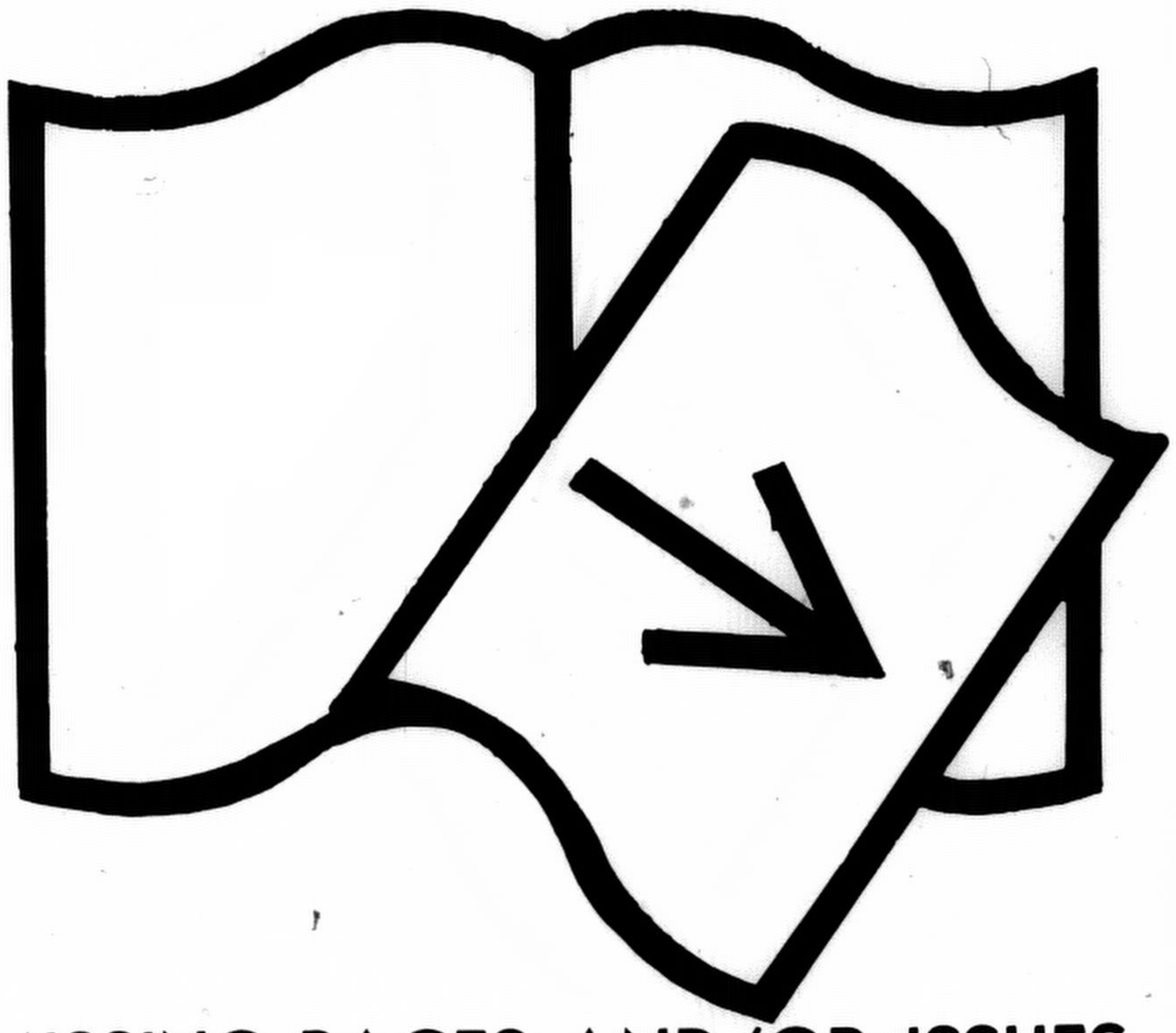

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LABOUR MOVEMENT

Moderates Defeated

The bitter fight being waged in New South Wales between the Communists and the Moderates in the Labour Party was advanced another stage last week when the Communists virtually established control of the New South Wales Labour Council.

The voting on the question of full co-operation with the Communist Party was 119 to 92.

After the meeting the Moderates expressed grave concern at the growth of the Communist Party since the ban on its activities was lifted by the present Labour Government.

They fear that at the present rate the Communists will soon be strong enough to take over the trade union movement throughout Australia.

Control of the trade union movement virtually means control of the Labour Party.

In the course of the debate Mr. O'Neil, representing the Australian Railways Union, said that the very people who were now seeking unity in support of the Curtin Government had previously done all they could to prevent the Curtin Government being returned to power.

They had somersaulted time and time again in their attitude to the war, and they could not be regarded as sincere in their present overtures, he said.

Mr. R. A. King, M.L.C., secretary of the Council, said that the Communists had viciously opposed the leaders of the A.L.P., who were now supposed to turn the other cheek and allow them to get into a position where they could dominate the whole Labour movement, which was the real purpose behind their proposals for a united front.

Mr. E. Boland, Boilermakers' Union, said that the United Front proposals would do a great disservice to the Australian Labour movement.

WORK OR FIGHT

"Words But No Action"

"It's about time industrial hold-ups received more than 'consideration' from Mr. Curtin," said Mr. Percy Spender, U.A.P. member for Warringah, commenting to "Industrial News Service" on Mr. Curtin's statement in Melbourne recently, that the problem of industrial hold-ups was 'receiving his earnest consideration.'

"Unless I'm calling on my imagination," Mr. Spender went on, "we have heard this story for the past twelve months. The first form it took was 'Work or Fight.' Then it was 'Work, or else——!'

"I don't know what form the slogan takes now, but the facts remain the same—words but no action."

Stoppages in the mines, on the wharves, and in factories are continually dislocating Australia's war effort.

Mr. W. Orr, miners' representative on the Coal Commission, said in Sydney last week that one million tons of coal have been lost this year through various industrial disagreements. Now Sydney and Melboune householders and factories are being asked to economise with gas and electrical consumption to save coal stocks.

This appeal appears in Sydney metropolitan papers in the same issue as Mr. Curtin's appeal for an all-out war effort. The Prime Minister made his appeal during a "victory bells" broadcast to celebrate the Allied success in Tunisia.

"Our hearts have been uplifted, but there is still much more to do. It shall be done: done on the battlefields, done in the workshops, done in the mines, done in the factories, done on the wharves," said Mr. Curtin.

That's good!

AVIATION AND SHIP-BUILDING

Australian Industries

The Empire conference to discuss civil aviation, which has been suggested in London, would be of vital interest to Australia, for with the ever increasing range of transport and passenger planes, Australia will soon no lonegr be on "the other side of the world," but only a matter of three or four days away from London itself.

Australia's own aviation industry has grown up with the war, just as her shipbuilding industry has expanded into a full sized industry with the demand for more ships and speedy repairs.

The launching of an 8000 ton ship by Lady Gowrie the other day focussed attention once again on the growing fleet of Australian built merchant ships. The number of employees in the industry is now three times as many as in 1936, and Australian shipyards are repairing more than one million tons of shipping a month. There are the foundations here for the development of an industry of lasting importance, and the fact that Australia supplies the cheapest steel in the world means that the country has been given a flying start in the expansion of this virile industry.

Speaking in Canberra recently, the Minister for Munitions and the Navy (Mr. Norman Makin) said: "For our munitions factories and the equipment of the fighting forces, steel has been supplied by the B.H.P. Company at cost price," adding that millions of tons of steel had been made available by the company at prices below that of steel in other countries.

Mr. A. S. McAlpine, a member of the Australian Shipbuilding Board, also had a comment to make. He said: "If Australians only knew what the steel people are doing they would be very proud."

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

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TRAINEE NURSES

In Short Supply

Health and hospital authorities are greatly perturbed at the ever decreasing number of applications from girls to undergo training as nurses. In many country training centres there is no waiting list, while even in the large metropolitan hospitals that specialise in nurse training, waiting lists are dwindling rapidly.

In urging girls to take up nursing as a profession the Director General of Manpower points out that not only will they be giving immediate and effective war services, but they are also safeguarding their future. Whatever industrial changes may take place after the war there will always be an assured demand for nurses.

Consideration is now being given to a suggestion that a scheme could be devised to give girls of, say 16 to 18, preliminary instruction in nursing before they enter upon their course of training.

The Director Generals of Medical Services, Army and Air Force, have informed Mr. Wurth that Army and Air Force nurses will be available for emergency civil nursing needs provided the needs of the services are safeguarded.

It has also been decided by the Man Power Directorate that where nurses have commenced a course of training in obstetrics or other branches of nursing outside their own State application for permission to return to their home State at the completion of their training will receive sympathetic consideration.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

MAY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
26	2.17	3.00	9.24	9.10
27	3.22	4.17	10.22	10.20
28	4.33	5.31	11.18	11.28
29	5.40	6.34	——	12.09
30	6.40	7.25	12.32	12.57
31	7.30	8.08	1.30	1.40

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... May 20
Last Quarter ..... May 26

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	8.15	8.49	2.23	2.18
2	8.57	9.28	3.10	2.56
3	9.37	10.07	3.57	3.32
4	10.17	10.44	4.40	4.08
5	10.58	11.20	5.23	4.47
6	11.40	11.57	6.06	5.27
7	——	12.22	6.49	6.08
8	12.35	1.07	7.33	6.55
9	1.13	1.57	8.19	7.48
10	1.55	2.54	9.07	8.48
11	2.45	3.57	9.55	9.51
12	3.43	5.02	10.44	10.55
13	4.48	6.02	11.34	11.56
14	5.52	6.55	——	12.20
15	6.50	7.42	12.53	1.06
16	7.42	8.28	1.49	1.50
17	8.32	9.12	2.43	2.35
18	9.20	9.57	3.38	3.20
19	10.08	10.42	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	——	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	2.07	1.48

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... June 3
First Quarter ..... June 11
Full Moon ..... June 18
Last Quarter ..... June 25

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CURRENT TOPICS

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS.

At the Council meeting on Monday night Ald. W. R. Golding was appointed chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) the Council's representative on the Hospitals Board.

COUPON CASE AT WARWICK.

Fines and costs totalling over £119 were imposed in a coupon prosecution case at Warwick on Edith Johnson and Roland Johnson, trading as W. G. Johnson & Son, general merchants, who were charged with supply a pyjama suit for seven coupons instead of 13, and with not having issued a docket for the sale.

HOSPITAL TO HOUSE 10,000

A military hospital which will house 10,000 people has been built by the Allied Works Council in four months. Constructed "somewhere in Australia" for the United States forces, the hospital consists of 477 buildings, with a floor area of 102,194 square yards, and covers an area of more than 200 acres. The hospital is divided into two 1000-bed and three 750-bed units, and has complete accommodation and services for staff.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

£300,000 REQUIRED

Gladstone Donations

Red Cross week appeal throughout Queensland has now been officially launched in Gladstone, and donations will be acknowledged through these columns. £300,000 is required to finance all services. The Gladstone quota must be filled. Pennants will be awarded, and details will be published later.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:—

	£	s	d
J. A. Shaw and Sons	50	0	0
J. D. Stirrat	26	5	0
P. A. Friend	25	0	0
Friends (Pty.) Ltd.	25	0	0
W. S. and P. F. Gill	20	12	11
H. Buss	10	10	0
A. H. Besch	10	0	0
H. C. Moore	5	5	0
Welcome Home Party, per R. S. Wilson, Calliope Station	5	0	0
J. H. Thomson	5	0	0
H. Ballantine	5	0	0
Miss R. Stirrat	5	0	0
Mr. A. Stirrat	5	0	0
Alan Chapman	5	0	0
Mr. Ted Stirrat	5	0	0
Anonymous	5	0	0
H. Page	5	0	0
Mrs. P. A. Friend	5	0	0
Mr. Dick Wilson	3	3	0
V. A. Summers	2	2	0
Mr. Les. Pownall	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Paxton	2	2	0
J. Southard	2	2	0
Mrs. Mabel North	2	2	0
A. Ward & Sons	2	2	0
F. W. Butler	1	2	6
V. K. Smith, Burua	1	1	0
J. J. O'Sullivan	1	1	0
W. R. Golding, senr.	1	1	0
Mrs. A. D. Thomson	1	1	0
Miss E. D. Stirrat	1	1	0
R. E. Geddes	1	1	0
Mrs. H. Pownall	1	1	0
Mrs. Les. Pownall	1	1	0
Mrs. W. R. Golding senr.	1	0	0
S. Foster	1	0	0
O. Christiansen	1	1	0
Mrs. O. Christiansen	1	1	0
Mr. John Campbell	1	0	0
Miss Ellen McDonnell	1	0	0
Mrs. G. Wyatt, senr.		10	0
Mr. Jackson Boyle		10	0
The following donations were received through the produce stall:—			
Walter Ferris	5	5	0
F. M. Hickson	3	3	0
Mrs. M. E. Hickson	1	1	0
Mrs. H. F. Waddell	1	1	0
Through Cake Stall—			
Mrs. A. J. Jenkinson	1	0	0
Through Shilling Table—			
Mr. Archie Worthingfon	1	0	0

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

A.C.W. Esmae Bauer, W.A.A.A.F., who has been spending leave in Brisbane, and with her parents in Bramston Street, returned to her unit on Monday.

A.C.L. Alec Wassell, wireless operator with the R.A.A.F., has returned to his unit in the south after spending a few days' leave with his wife in Glenlyon Street. Alec attended the Airforce School at Pt. Cook for seven months, and topped the final examination with honours.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

SIR. H. BROWN APPROVES OF THE BOYNE SCHEME

ALD. GOLDING DEALS WITH PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

INTEREST AND REDEMPTION.

Treasury Department, Brisbane, submitted a statement showing interest and redemption due on June 30, amounting to £2836/5/6.—Received.

APPROVED.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, notified its approval of an additional fee of £2/2/- for the auditor (Mr. L. S. Johnston) in connection with war damage insurance work for the current financial year.—Received.

SCHEME APPROVED.

Commonwealth Co-ordinator General (Sir H. P. Brown) wrote as follows:—

"The matter of the Boyne River water supply scheme, as represented to me in your letter of May 11, has been the subject of investigation and discussion with the Co-ordinator General of Public Works, and towards the end of last month he was notified that approval had been given for the raising of the necessary funds and making available sufficient labour and material.

"Presumably some time is likely to elapse before the necessary pipes will be available on which the completion of the job will be dependent. In regard to labour and plant, I suggest you communicate with the Co-ordinator General of Public Works, Brisbane."

Ald. Golding stated that Mr. Tait had a list of men, which he had perused, and it included a number of waterside workers whom he knew personally, and they were good workers and capable of carrying out the job. Local men, whenever possible, should be employed in preference to outsiders.

Ald. Smith and Anderson agreed that local men should be employed, and at the highest rate possible.

Ald. Golding agreed with Aldermen Smith and Anderson regarding the rate of pay, and he would bring the matter up in general business.

COMMONWEALTH GRANT.

Following telegram was received from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) through the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams):—

"Your telegram regarding a grant for the Gladstone water scheme received. Have been constantly in touch with the Treasurer on the matter, but in view of the large number of similar applications received for grants from the Commonwealth Government and the refusals that have been given in other similar cases throughout Australia, he finds it extremely difficult to justify a grant in this case, unless some further information can be adduced.

"Understand from the Queensland Premier, in a recent interview, that the estimated cost of the scheme will now be in the vicinity of £120,000. If this is so, and if the Queensland Government can state definitely that the scheme probably would not have been proceeded with by the Gladstone Council had it not been for urgent defence demands, the Treasurer will probably be able to justify making a grant to Gladstone which will not involve him in making grants in hundreds of other cases throughout Australia.

"Have taken up with the Queensland Premier on the matter, and have requested him to write me fully as soon as possible, when I will make further representations to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

"You may rest assured that everything possible is being done to expedite finality in this matter."

The Town Clerk (Mr. Grayson) read the letter setting out the Council's application for a grant, which was based on national importance, and the letter contained all relevant facts and figures. The telegram was received.

PATROL GRADER.

Calliope Shire Council advised it was prepared to hire the patrol grader with the operator to level off the salt pan if released by the C.C.C., on the usual conditions, provided there was no danger of damage to the machine while carrying out the work.—Received.

ISOLATION WARD

Gladstone Hospitals Board asked the Council to appoint a delegate or delegates for the purpose of discussing the installation of better equipment in the isolation ward. It was pointed out that the equipment at present in use was very antiquated, and badly needed replacing.—The Mayor (Ald. Dennis) and Ald. Golding were appointed the Council's delegates.

WATER WANTED.

Mr. A. C. Draper, Glalstone, made application to have the water laid on to his property.—The matter was referred to the Water Committee for report at next meeting.

SLIT TRENCH.

Mr. H. Raynor, Gladstone, drew attention to a slit trench on private property, which was half full of water and grass, and was built right up against his dividing fence, which was falling into the trench. The trench, he claimed, should be filled in as it was not in a suitable place. He had to fill his own trench in on account of the water and sides falling in — It was decided that the matter be referred to the owner of the property.

FLIES AT HOSPITAL.

Mayor Dennis said he had visited the sanitary depot, and found it was clean and tidy, and there was a complete absence of flies. On the other hand, he had visited the Hospital, and saw more flies at the back of these premises than he had ever seen at the sanitary depot, and he intended to bring this matter up at the next meeting of the Hospitals Board.

PROTECTED INDUSTRY.

In reference to employees engaged in sanitary work, the Town Clerk, Mr. Grayson, stated that the Commonwealth Government had taken action, and it was now a protected industry.

INTERESTS OF HEALTH.

Mayor Dennis stated that during Mr. Forde's recent visit to Gladstone Mr. Hunter had stressed on him the urgent necessity in the interests of health of having such work declared a protected industry, and evidently Mr. Hunter's representations had done good.

£5/15/- PER WEEK.

Ald. Golding moved that the men to be employed on the Boyne River water supply scheme be paid £5/15/- per week of 44 hours, and that A.W.U. conditions be observed, payment to commence when the machinery starts operating on the job.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried unanimously.

SECURING PLANT.

Ald. Golding, speaking in regard to machinery, said he had had a good look round, and had been successful in securing some plant, including a caterpillar tractor. However, it would be necessary to purchase a scoop, which would have to be reduced in size so as to reduce the size of the trench to a minimum. He suggested that the Works Committee be empowered to purchase a rooter plow if the one now used by the Council was not able to do the job.

IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

Ald. Busteed said Ald. Golding had gone to a lot of trouble with a view to expediting the work, and he should be commended for doing so, as it was a move in the right direction.

WORKS COMMITTEE.

Ald. Golding said with a view to pushing the work ahead a small sub-committee should be appointed to carry out the details of the water scheme, based on the Council's policy, and the committee could report back to the Council.

Ald. Golding then moved that the Works Committee carry out the construction part of the water scheme. Seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried unanimously.

A 15-INCH PIPE.

Ald. Golding reported that in company with Ald. Busteed he had met the executive officers of the Buffalo Lodge, and inspected the drain adjoining their property, and they recommended that a 15-inch concrete drain pipe be placed from the corner of the building to the sand flat. He moved a motion accordingly, which was seconded by Ald. Tudman and carried unanimously.

COAL ON ROAD.

Ald. Golding said at the last meeting Ald. Deveney had reported in regard to coal lying on the Meat Works road. He had made an inspection, and moved that the Council take the matter up with Swift Australian Company (Pty.) Ltd. holding that company responsible for any further coal found on the road.—Seconded by Ald. Anderson and carried.

RENTON'S DRAIN.

Ald. Golding said he had made an inspection of Renton's drain in company with the Foreman (Mr. Miller), and had found it satisfactory, and it would remain so provided it was flushed out regularly.

WOULD COST £800.

Ald. Golding then brought up the requests received at last meeting from the South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association. He had made an inspection, he said, of Derby Street, and the Council would have to consider putting down a concrete drain, which would cost about £800, but as this had not been budgeted for the work could not be entertained this financial year.

WAITING SHEDS.

In regard to the waiting sheds, Ald. Golding went on to say he had taken the matter up with Mr. Roulston, and that gentleman was prepared to make a donation towards the cost. The Council could give early consideration to this particular request in the new financial year.

A DONATION.

Dealing with the request for shade trees at Barney Point, Ald. Golding said if the Association was prepared to supply the labour, the Gladstone Sawmills would supply the timber for guards as a donation.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

Ald. Deveney at this stage asked if the Council would be prepared to furnish the necessary money to see that the waiting sheds were completed.

Ald. Golding said the Council would supply the money early in the next financial year.

WATER ON SUNDAYS.

It was decided that consumers be allowed water all day on Sundays, but apart from this the zoning restrictions would remain as at present.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

Ald. Golding moved that the public organisations be informed that satisfactory progress was being made in regard to the Boyne River water supply scheme, and a meeting was not necessary at present. Seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Ald. Golding said the question of suitable public conveniences had been discussed for years, and recently the C.W. Association had written to the Council in regard to this important matter. The delay had been caused through the difficulty in securing suitable land centrally situated. He had taken the matter up with Mr. A. H. Friend, who had informed him that he was not prepared to sell the land opposite their business premises for the erection of public conveniences, and he (Ald. Golding) had informed him that the Council could take the land over under the "Public Utility Act." Everyone would agree that the land opposite Friends was the most suitable for a park with all the necessary conveniences—rest room, parcel room, bathrooms, etc.

SCHOOL OF ARTS.

Proceeding, he said, the old School of Arts was languishing for the want of support, and the Council should give full consideration to embodying a School of Arts and reading room in the proposed building to be erected on the site opposite Friends, the remaining portion of the land to be turned into a park.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

The whole scheme, said Ald. Golding, would cost between £5000 and £6000, which would be very near self-supporting. They had to remember they were building for the future. He suggested the Council should write to Mr. Friend, asking him to place a price on the land, and if suitable the Council should acquire it and erect the buildings on it when possible.

Ald. Golding thought it would be possible to arrange with Mr. Friend to pay him interest on the purchase price until such time as loan money was available. He then moved that the Council take the matter up with Mr. Friend with this object in view.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor (Ald. Dennis).

A GOOD MOVE.

Ald. Anderson said it was a good move on the part of Ald. Golding. They must have a central park with public conveniences, as it had cost many councils thousands of pounds to resume land, and they did not want that to happen in Gladstone. "The idea put forward," added Ald. Anderson, "is a good one."

ACCOUNTS.

Following accounts were passed for payment:—General £889/6/-, water £343/6/-, and water debenture loan £8,515/5/8.

Electric Light Authority

LIGHT AND WATER.

Mr. H. Padget, Gladstone, made application to have the light and power connected to his residence, and he was prepared to pay half the cost in connection with the water. The matter was referred to the Engineer and Committee for report at next meeting.

HELD OVER.

Messrs. Anson Motors, Gladstone, made application to have electric current connected to the West Gladstone Store, and a switchboard erected for the power.—It was decided to hold the matter over, and the Committee to table a report at next meeting.

ACCOUNTS.

Following accounts were passed for payment:—Lighting £692/17/1, and debenture loan £410/11/7.

RED CROSS SERVICE

INTERESTING LETTERS

A Man Located

Typical of the work of the Gladstone Red Cross is the case of Mr. Jack Foster, who was located by the Society following a request to the Gladstone branch for assistance. The correspondence, as follows, should be of interest to all supporters of the organisation:—

From Mrs. H. Browne (joint hon. stcretary, Gladstone branch) to Miss K. Weller, Red Cross Bureau, Brisbane:—

"I have been requested to find the whereabouts of the person listed below:

"Mr. Jack Foster, aged about 36 years, ship's carpenter, working on cargo ships for Americans. Left Brisbane about January 1943; ship was lost, but he evidently swam ashore somewhere about Milne Bay or Port Moresby. His father has had letter presumably since (but not certain) sinking. Address cut off, also lot of letter censored.

"Will you kindly do your best for us in the matter and advise immediately on receipt of any information. Mr. Foster's parents are very anxious to get in touch with their son. Any cost will be borne by this branch."

Letter from Miss Weller to Gladstone branch:—

"In reply to your letter we have been making inquiries, and finally gained quite a lot of information from Burns Philip & Co. Ltd., who, we understand, are agents for certain lines. The gentleman to whom we spoke knew quite a lot about Mr. Foster, and told us to let his parents know that he is at present working in an out of the way place, from where it is rather difficult to despatch mail. He stated that Mr. Foster is doing a good job, and that recently he had an opportunity to return this way, but volunteered to stay on in the position which he now occupies.

"The whole report was very heartening, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster can rest assured that their son is well, and although mail may be irregular, this will be due to the fact as mentioned above.

"We know the parents will be pleased to have this report, which should relieve their anxiety. The representative spoke highly of the work Mr. Jack Foster is doing, and for the information of the parents, future mail should be addressed, Mr. J. A. Foster, c/o small ships section, A.P.O. 928."

From Mrs. Browne to Mrs. S. Foster:—

"With reference to recent query re your son, Mr. Jack Foster, we have much pleasure in attaching copy of letter received from the Red Cross Bureau. We are most happy to be able to bring you this good news, and rejoice with you that he is doing such a splendid job."

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

ECLECTIC COMPETITION

Win For H. C. Moore

Playing splendid golf for so early in the season, one of the club's oldest members, H. C. Moore, ran away from the field in the opening eclectic competition on Saturday. His 81 was the best gross on the day, and his 67 nett was three strokes better than cards returned by D. J. Connellan, R. Elliott and L. Collins.

Details:—

H. C. Moore	81	14	67
D. J. Connellan	92	18	74
R. Elliott	94	20	74
L. Collins	99	25	74
F. Peardon	97	16	81
W. H. McCray	98	16	82

THE ASSOCIATES.

In the associates Mrs. Craig, 51-16-35 led from Mrs. Burnham 55-16-39, and Miss June Connellan 61-18-43.

FEDERAL SESSION.

The coming session of Parliament, which will begin on June 21, will have only a small legislative programme before it, and Ministers expect the session to last about five weeks.

GLADSTONE RED CROSS SOCIETY

INTERESTING SEWING AND KNITTING REPORTS

P.O.W. CONTRIBUTIONS REACH A HIGH TOTAL

Mrs. H. V. Phillips (president) occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society. There were also present: Mesdames L. Golding, E. Johnston, M. Ricketts, N. J. Burnham, L. Rigby, R. Yum, A. Farnsworth, E. Cooper, E. McCray, E. Hall, Misses Bunning and Joyner, Rev. G. Phillipson, Messrs. A. H. Friend, D. J. Connellan, J. W. Rigby, and the joint hon. secretaries (Mrs. H. Browne and Mr. V. A. Summers).

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mesdames Connellan, Hando, A. Friend, Messrs. Drewe and Norris.

SEWING CIRCLE.

Mrs. J. W. Rigby, sewing convenor, reported that over 300 articles, comprising quilts, dressing gowns, sheets, pillow slips, laundry bags, locker tops, tray cloths, washers, theatre covers, bag covers, bed pockets, mattress pockets, milk jug covers, dressing towells, triangles and cushion covers had been completed by ladies and despatched to headquarters.

The Builyan sub-branch had sent in a number of finished articles, which would be included in the packing.

For Red Cross week the depot windows were dressed with finished work. On the day of the fete quite a number of town and country visitors inspected our work at the Red Cross rooms, and comments were very favourable. A bundle of old linen was sent in by Mrs. J. . Stirratt. Several new members, who are most welcome, have joined the circle.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. J. Connellan, knitting convenor, reported that during the month 42 skeins of wool and 4 ozs. knitting cotton was given out. The following persons kindly made the undermentioned articles:—

Mesdames Menzies (Stowe), McDermott and Wheeler (Calliope), 1 sleeveless cardigan each; Mrs. J. O'Neill, 5 prs. socks; Mesdames Norris and Watson, 3 prs. socks each; Mrs. Grenfell, 1 pr. cotton socks.

I wish to thank Mrs. Schneider for carrying on during my illness.

HOSPITAL VISITING.

Mrs. Hilda Woodruff Gollnick reported that from April 27 to May 17, the Hospital Visiting Committee had called on 27 servicemen. The usual fruit and comforts had been distributed. Weekly papers are being delivered regularly, and Matron had taken the responsibility of placing the papers in the ward. The following Red Cross members are now serving on the regular visiting committee: Mesdames Hando, Hall, Geo. Phillips, C. Barker, Clyde Smith jr., Quodling. The Auxiliary Committee include Mesdames P. Friend, A. Friend, L. Johnston, Golding jr., Taylor, Thompson, and Easterby.

P.O.W.

Reporting on behalf of the P.O.W., Mr. D. J. Connellan tendered a report which showed that Gladstone contributions had reached the splendid total of £84/16/- for three weeks, April 23 to May 13, an average of approximately £120 per month, and aproaching an annual figure of £1500. On a per capita basis, Gladstone now ranked very high in Queensland P.O.W. lists. Newly authorised collectors included Mesdames C. Steed, V. Summers, D. Lewis, W. H. McCray, C. D. Cooper, C. Stitt, and Miss Perkins (West Gladstone).

Several Gladstone and district P.O.W. had acknowledged with gratitude receipt of parcels of food, clothing, and medical supplies from the Red Cross. Several letters had been typed for relatives for transmission to their sons who were prisoners in Malaya, etc., and one (Mrs. Flannagan) had received the welcome news that her son, Gunner Pat Flannagan, was safe and well.

V.A.D.'s.

Reporting on behalf of the V.A.D.'s, Miss Alma Joyner (commandant) said that membership stood at 21. Three members, including the Superintendent (Mrs. Farnsworth) had resigned. The detachment would miss her services, as they were now carrying on without a trained nurse. Mesdames Joseph and Friend were granted one month's leave of absence. Members attended the memorial service in the Town Hall on Anzac Day, and a wreath was placed on the Honour Board.

V.A.D.'s sold flags on Flag Day for Red Cross week, and collected £11/17/-. Further collections for Red Cross week were, picture shows £9/0/8, Swifts plant £11/10/-, or a grand total of £32/7/8.

Thanks were tendered all who contributed, Mr. Roulston, who conveyed collectors to and from the Meatworks, and Messrs. Coase (superintendent) and Hutcheon (bearer) for interesting first-aid lectures, which were held every Tuesday night.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

The Supervior Junior Red Cross, Mr. F. C. Thompson, reported instruction in first-aid and hygiene was continued, also the making of toys from scrap metal. Patients at the Gladstone District Hospital were visited at weekends and handed gifts of books and flowers. A wreath was placed on the Honour Board. Miss B. Grundy (leader) and Miss B. Bath (assistant leader) have carried out their duties enthusiastically.

BENARABY SUB-BRANCH.

Miss D. M. Colyer, hon. secretary, reported that the Benaraby sub-branch had met and arranged several functions, including the raffle of a trophy donated by Mr. F. Pike. Next dance was listed for May 29, and tennis May 30. A charge of 5/- is to be made for the sub-branch's accordeon for certain functions.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

Mr. B. Norris, on behalf of the Entertainment Committee, presented a statement showing a profit of £11/14/- from a dance at the Trocadero.

MILITARY WARD.

In acknowledging with thanks the Red Cross offer to provide daily newspapers and a radio for the military ward, the Gladstone Hospitals Board advised that it would assist with the selection of the wireless set.

RODEO.

Replying to the branch's letter asking that the Prisoners of War Fund be included in the list of beneficiaries in connection with the rodeo on June 5, the Gladstone Show Society advised that although it was too late to alter the list of beneficiaries in this instance, members appreciated the importance of the P.O.W. Fund, and if the Society staged any further benefits this particular fund would receive sympathetic consideration.

COMFORTS FOR SICK SOLDIERS.

Miss G. Richardson (general secretary) advised that every effort would be made to forward cigarettes, tobacco, stationery, etc., for sick soldiers in the military ward at the Gladstone Hospital. Such goods would be a charge on Field Force, and not one for the Gladstone Red Cross. The actual number of patients being serviced weekly was required.

BUNDABERG BRANCH.

Miss Amy Wallace, hon secretary, Bundaberg branch, acknowledged receipt of a telegram from Gladstone seeking assistance in connection with diet for a sick soldier. Unfortunately, owing to the telegram being delivered the next day the Bundaberg branch was unable to contact, although they generously had a meal of fish and milk prepared in readiness.

COUPON FREE.

Miss K. C. Bird, divisional rationing officer, advised that sailors and seamen who had lost their belongings through enemy action could be provided with second-hand or new clothes The Stipendiary Magistrate had authority to issue to the Red Cross permits to purchase coupon-free garments for these people.

RED CROSS UNIFORM.

The application of Mrs. L. M. Tait, P.O.W. street collector, was approved of for an issue of service coupons to cover Red Cross uniform.

BUILYAN SUB-BRANCH.

Mrs. L. Muspratt, hon. secretary, Builyan sub-branch, forwarded cheque for £16, result of a dance held at that centre. A jumble stall and dance is to be held for Red Cross week on June 5 next.

In acknowledging this with thanks, the joint secretaries advised having despatched one bag sugar for jam making, sweets, etc.

DONATIONS.

Letters of thanks were sent to Rev. Father Cullen for donation of 10/- to P.O.W. Fund; Mr. A. W. Crow for theatre donation; Mr. Percy Friend, donation of £20; Mr. C. Cunningham, Wowan, £7/8/-; Mrs. P. A. Friend £5; Mr. J. H. Thomson, Wyalla, £5; Mr. H. C. Moore £5/5/-; Mrs. V. Wheeler, secretary, Calliope C.W.A., £3/3/-; Mr. F. Sport, Gladstone, £1//; Ward & Sons £2/2/-; W. R. Golding sr., £1/1/-; Mr. J. J. O'Sullivan, Many Peaks, £1/1/-; Mrs. W. Golding sr., £1; Miss E. McDonnell, Taragoola, £1.

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED.

At the request of the President (Mrs. Phillips), who referred to the sad loss suffered by the country and the Red Cross, sympathy was expressed with the relatives and friends of those lost through the sinking of the hospital ship Centaur

REV. PHILLIPSON WELCOMED.

The President, in extending a welcome to Rev. Phillipson, said members were very pleased to see him at the meeting. The publicity officer (Mr. Connellan) said that press cuttings sent from Bowen showed that Rev. Phillipson had been president of the Red Cross in that centre for some years, and had rendered sterling service to the northern branch. He suggested that if possible a place should be found for the rev. gentleman on the Gladstone Executive.

It was decided that Rev. Phillipson be elected to an honorary position on the committee until such time as the next general election.

Rev. Phillipson thanked members for their courtesy and assured the branch of his best support.

A welcome was also extended to a new member in Miss Bunning.

Misses Joyner and Bunning, with Mrs. Hall, were appointed a committee to act with the Red Shield representatives (who were present) in conducting a luncheon booth at the Bushmen's Carnival on June 5.

FINANCIAL.

The financial statement showed receipts amounting to £192/8/10, the principal items being P.O.W. street scheme £138/13/-, dances and donations £53/15/10. After payment of accounts totalling £112/14/4, and remittance P.O.W. amounts to Brisbane £239/2/1, the branch had a credit balance of £571/8/6.

GENERAL.

In extending a welcome to the publicity officer, the secretary (Mr. Summers) referred to the outstanding success of the P.O.W. organisation in Gladstone. This had involved a tremendous amount of planning, appointing of collectors, collections, and zoning of streets, etc. The work involved heavy calls on the organisers' time and transit in covering such a large area, and the result was undoubtedly a credit to the 24 ladies who were now in charge of the various sections. He claimed that on a per capita basis Gladstone would actually lead the rest of the State in final collections.

Several members referred to the magnificent success attending the efforts of the ladies and officers in raising over £500 at the monster fete for Red Cross week. In this connection the work of Mrs. H. Browne, joint hon. secretary, was outstanding. It was decided to immediately remit £500 to headquarters for Red Cross week appeal.

The reorganisation of the Entertainments Committee was left in the hands of Miss Joyner. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to the Junior Red Cross for their Anzac Day parade.

BOWLING

Week-End Games

There was a good attendance at the Gladstone Bowling Green during the week-end, when the handicap singles resulted:—

Bycroft 31 v. Garrett 28.
Wilson 31 v. Seaton 16.
Henry 32 v. Dr. Skinner 23.
Dennis 31 v. Dr. Yum 24.
Hogan 31 v. Golding 22.

CHAMPION RINKS.

Humphries, Cameron, Comino, P. Friend v. Wilson, Joyner, A. Friend, Loveday 26-17.

Humphries, Cameron, Comino, P. Friend v. Greasley, Chapman, Henery, Busteed 31-20.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Schmidt, Lodder, Johnston, Greasley v. Hando, Mackay, Weiske, Cooper 29-14.

Brunton, Pugh, Buetell, Dennis v. Fewster, Pring, Masterson, Dr. Yum 32-16.

Ferris, Chapman, Dahl, Golding v. Hixon, Brown, Jenkinson, Busteed 20-19.

Loveday, Bycroft, Ladner, Schmidt v. Haigh, Friend, Ferris, Duff 29-19.

G. Wilson, Browne, Pring, S. Wilson v. Smith, Garrett, Wejske Wilson 28-23.

Fewster Jenkinson Jackson v. Witty Mackay, Johnston 23-14.

RURAL INDUSTRY.

The number of men engaged in the rural industry in Australia has fallen from 500,000 before the war to about 350,000, while the number of women has increased from 20,000 to about 45,000.

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING

President, Mr. W. R. Golding

The President (Mr. M. A. Busteed) presided over the annual meeting of the Gladstone Bowling Club. There was a large attendance.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The President (Mr. Busteed) presented the following annual report:—

It gives your committee much pleasure to present the third annual report of the club's activities for the year 1942-43.

MOST ENCOURAGING.

Our last report expressed the hope that the international situation would have cleared and allowed us to resume our normal life prior to the presentation of this report, but unfortunately such is not the case. It is felt, however, that the news at present is most encouraging, and the road to ultimate victory is now being travelled on.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership at the commencement of the season was 73, but during the year several members left us, and with the new members coming in, left us with a total of 69 at the close of the year. Several gentlemen have expressed their intention of joining us in the coming season, and taken all round the membership question must be considered satisfactory. Mention must be made at this juncture of the loss of a very valuable playing member in Mr. D. C. Jackson, who was forced to leave the district for health reasons.

FINANCE.

The Treasurer's financial statement, which will be read in conjunction with this report, will show that we have had another successful year, and that it has been possible to further reduce our overdraft by £206.

TROPHIES

L. Humphries won the champion singles, and W. R. Golding and J. Henery the pairs. J. Comino won the district representative singles, and H. Loveday, G. Wilson, A. Joyner and J. Comino the district rink. The President's trophy for the singles handicap is still in progress, also the rink championship.

PENNANT MATCHES.

During the year the club met representative teams from Rockhampton and Athelstane on our green, and succeeded in winning both matches. Later these teams journeyed to Rockhampton to meet Mt. Morgan in two matches. We were successful in one match and beaten by only a small margin in the other.

DISTRICT MATCHES.

At Easter a representative singles, pairs, and rink players journeyed to Rockhampton to meet other clubs. Our rink defeated a strong R.B.C. team, and were most unlucky to lose the final to Mt. Morgan by one point after a brilliant game. The pairs and singles players were defeated, but not by any means disgraced. The standard of play shown by our pennant and district representatives, and in fact, that of the entire club, compares more than favourably with the majority of country clubs.

DONATIONS.

At the commencement of the term we received a handsome donation of £50 from the Ladies' Club, and I take this opportunity of thanking them for this gesture, and also to express our appreciation of their splendid services given whenever called upon, especially in providing afternoon tea every Sunday. We also received a splendid donation of £10 from Mr. S. Corones, to be competed for as the club thinks advisable.

OBITUARY.

Early in the year we lost a highly esteemed member in the person of Mr. V. Stratigos, who passed away after a short illness.

LADIES' CLUB.

The Ladies' Club, which had been formed during the previous year, was officially opened in December last, and we have been privileged to play a few mixed bowls with them. The ladies' standard of play leaves nothing to be desired.

VALUABLE SERVICES APPRECIATED.

I would be failing in my duty if I did not refer to the valuable services rendered by Mr. Loveday and Mr. Henery in attending to the green and the club house on Sunday mornings. I take this opportunity to thank my committee for its support during the past year, as it is only by the committee's working in harmony that clubs prosper. I feel sure that all members will grant the same excellent support to the incoming president.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Mr. W. R. Golding; vice-presidents, Dr. H. B. Skinner and Mr. A. W. Drewe; secretary, Mr. E. W. Barker; treasurer, Mr. P. A. Friend; auditor, Mr. L. S. Johnston; committee, Messrs. H. V. Loveday, L. B. Cameron, C. D. Cooper, J. Henery, and R. J. Mackay; selection committee, Messrs. H. V. Loveday, L. B. Cameron, and A. W. Drewe.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

HOSPITAL BOARD ELECTION

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—As President of the Trades and Labour Council I would like to explain the reason for our nomination of Mr. Len Short as subscribers' nominee in the forthcoming election for the Hospital Board.

For many years there has been apathy regarding all these minor elections in Gladstone.

It is of no use complaining of the way a town is run unless the residents of that town show a lively and intelligent interest in the election of its governing bodies.

It is our firm conviction that Mr. Len Short will bring a fresh outlook to the Board meetings, and being in close touch and in harmony with all industrial sections of the community, will keep their interests to the fore.

We trust that every voter will do his utmost to see that Mr. Short is returned as the subscribers' representative.—Yours, etc.,

DAVE LEWIS,
President T. & L. Council.

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THE MEMBERS of the Church of England Women's Guild desire to sincerely thank all those who contributed with donations in cash or kind to their last Monthly Street Stall. The assistance rendered was much appreciated.

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All such cane cutters are required to contact their prospective employers and/or employer's agent and/or their union officials, and make necessary arrangements to report on suitable dates. Cane cutters can then proceed to such employment unless prevented by an individual direction by the Deputy Director-General of Man Power (Q.), instructing them to proceed to some other specified area, or unless prevented by National Security Regulations.

Any cane cutter in doubt as to his position should make enquiries from National Service Officers, A.W.U. officials, or representatives of the cane growers and sugar millers.

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It is important to remember that no national plan of benefits can, by itself, provide *security* for the individual. It can never do much more than provide the minimum of shelter, food and clothing without which human beings cannot live as human beings. Additional provision against the misfortunes of life (and for comfort in old age) must continue to be made by the citizen himself. Of course, the majority of people *do make* such provision, but many people do not realise the extent to which voluntary thrift exists through Savings Banks, Life Assurance Societies, Trades Unions, Friendly Societies, and the purchase of War Bonds or War Savings Certificates.

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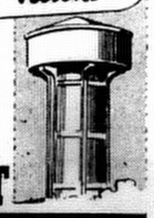

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7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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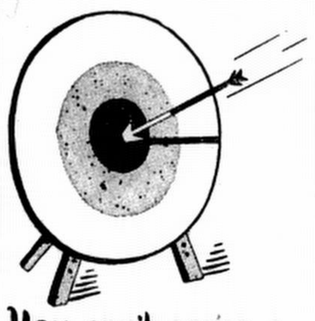

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TUNIS AND BIZERTA

Populations Rejoice

Reports from correspondents in North Africa have been coloured with descriptions of enthusiastic celebration on the part of the local populations of Tunis and Bizerta. Such manifestations of joy and relief are an offset to the grimness of the struggle on the other battlefields of the world.

As the great Allied armies press on across Europe and Russia towards the black heart of Nazism, other peoples will rise up in gladness from the shadow of oppression and despair. For them, the climax of these dreadful days of war will have been reached, both materially and emotionally, and the end of their suffering will be in sight.

For us in Australia these tremend ous events can only be happy auguries of final victory on a world-wide scale. We can share, in spirit, the joy of Allied success, but there is no assurance in the coming twelve months of any such relief on our grim battle fronts.

We have not yet reached the stage where our accumulated might can be launched as an irresistible battering ram against the enemy.

Two long years elapsed before our Allies could turn from their precarious defence to confident offensive action; two years of unremitting and concentrated toil; two years of unrelenting labour and determined perseverance. To-day the fruits of the labour are rapidly ripening.

When the peoples of Europe have been freed, we can expect a powerful measure of help from our friends in the West, but we should be deluding ourselves if we thought for a moment that the victory in Tunisia would immediately release a substantial proportion of strength for use on the Pacific front.

The battles for North Africa have been great and severe, but so must be the battles to come. A writer, referring to the war in Europe, has expressed it in this way: The bitterest part of the struggle is over, but the hardest part is to come.

Britain and America will need every plane, every ship, and every man to crush Hitlerism; in the meantime we are expected, justly, to prepare for the day of our own advance.

That day is not fixed by arrangement with anybody but ourselves. It depends on our own labours, our sacrifices, and our determination.

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The Americans have proved themselves comrades at the battlefront. This comradeship must not end with the war, either on the other side of the world or here.

The future of mankind depends upon our standing together in a brotherhood of free peoples in the re-making of the world.

POTATO PRODUCTION

New Contract Prices

The Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. Scully), has announced that it had been decided to continue the system of growing potatoes under contract for the coming ear, 1st November, 1943. to 31st October, 1944.

Cabinet had approved of the following prices:—

Victoria, £12/10/- per ton, c.i.f.

Sout Australia, £12/10/- per ton, c.i.f.

Tasmania, £12/10/- per ton, f.o.b.

West Australia,h £12/10/- per ton c.i.f., or f.o.b. if for export.

N.S. Wales, £14 per ton c.i.f.

Queensland, £15 per ton c.i.f.

The above prices apply to the No. 1 grade of top quality variety in each State, and other varieties will be at appropriate lower rates.

He stated that the new agreements to be offered to growers differed from the 1942-43 contract in so far that the 1942-43 contract guaranteed the grower a minimum price, with the advantage of the market price, if the latter were higher than the former, whereas the new agreement was at a flat price throughout the year.

This figure will give growers an increased price which will enable them to contract for the increased area needed, with an assurance of reasonable returns.

Mr. Scully said that he had decided upon the foregoing following discussions which had taken place between growers' representatives on the Federal Potato Advisory Committee and the Australian Potato Committee.

Mr. Scully said that the foregoing prices would be paid to growers throughout the year, at a steady and reasonable figure.

It was anticipated that, at the prices mentioned, which are an increase over those being paid under this season's contracts, and with the valued assistance of the Agricultural Departments of the various States the target acreage of production for 1943-1944 should be attained.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

Deposits in savings banks at March last totalled £336,111,000, compared with £274,275,000 at June last year.

FEDERAL ROLL.

An increase of 24,675 electors is shown in present enrolments for the Federal divisions in Queensland compared iwth those at the time of the 1940 election.

DAIRYMEN AND UNION COUNCIL.

At the annual district conference of the Queensland Dairymen's Organisation it was decided that the State Council be instructed to co-operate with the Trades and Labour Council with a view to creating a better understanding between the two bodies.

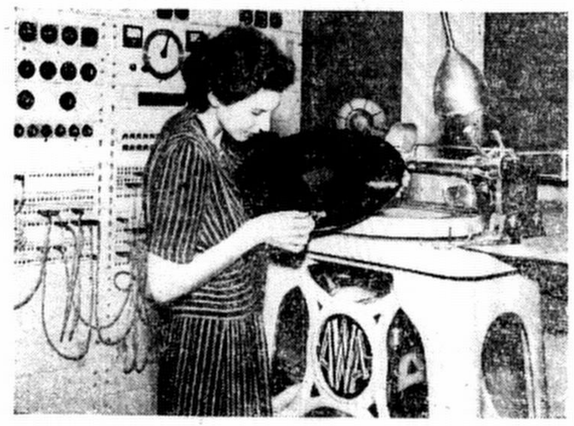
PETROL RATION TICKETS.

June petrol ration tickets will be issued from Monday, May 31. The Chairman of the Liquid Fuel Control Board (Mr. J. C. Lamont) stated that the issue of May ration tickets at the Boads office would cease from the close of business on Saturday next, and at Post Offices on Friday.

A SPLENDID GESTURE.

In South Australia the Country Women's Association takes a very special interest in the Australian Women's Land Army. Wherever a girl is being sent to the country, headquarters of the C.W.A. writes to the local branch, gives the Land Army girl's name and place at which she is to work, and asks the local branch of the C.W.A. to look after her. Mr. Wurth, Director General of Man Power, commenting upon this, said it was a splendid gesture worth copying by other associations.

SYDNEY GIRL ENGINEER



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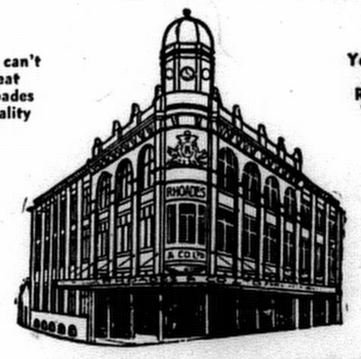

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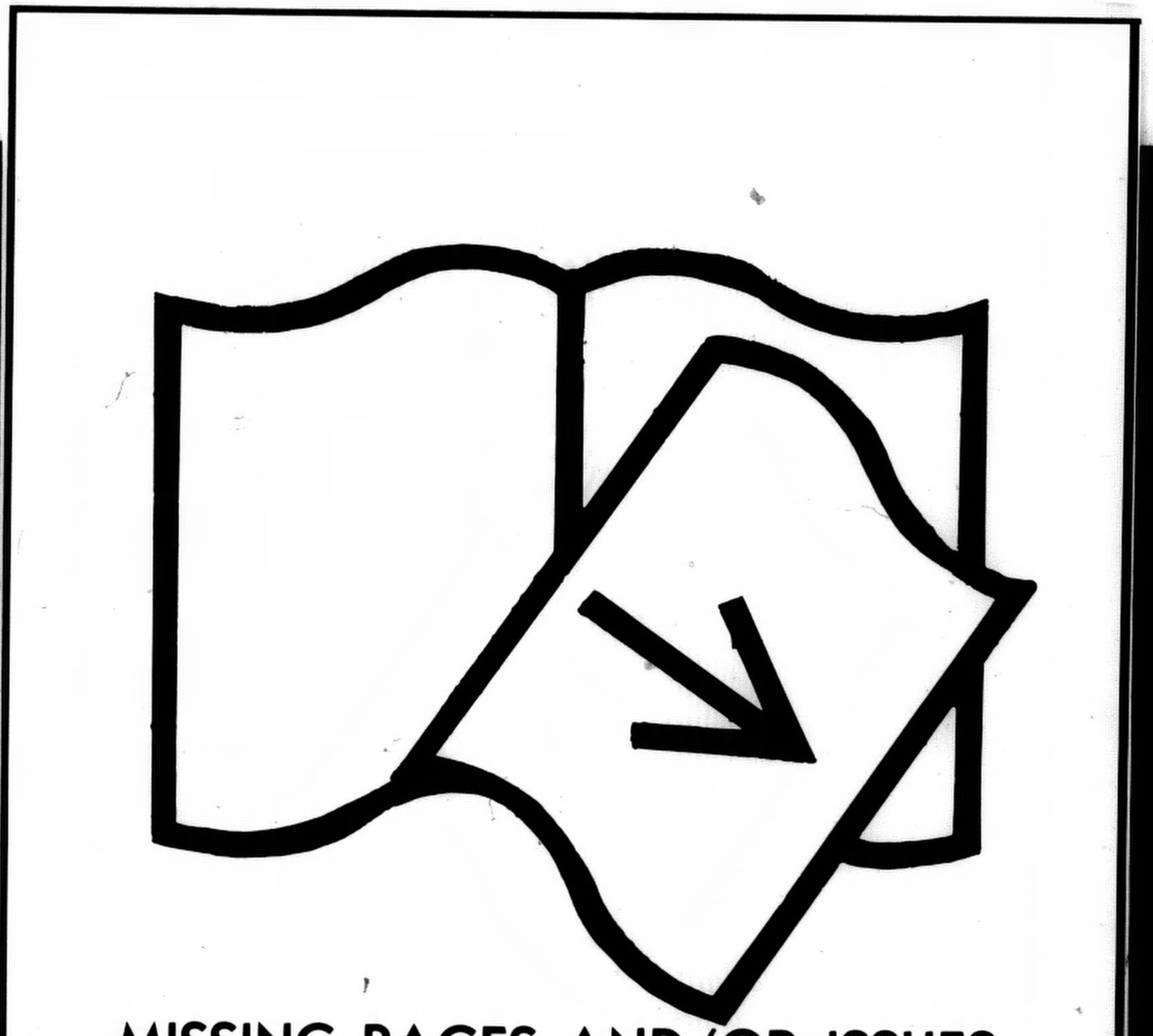

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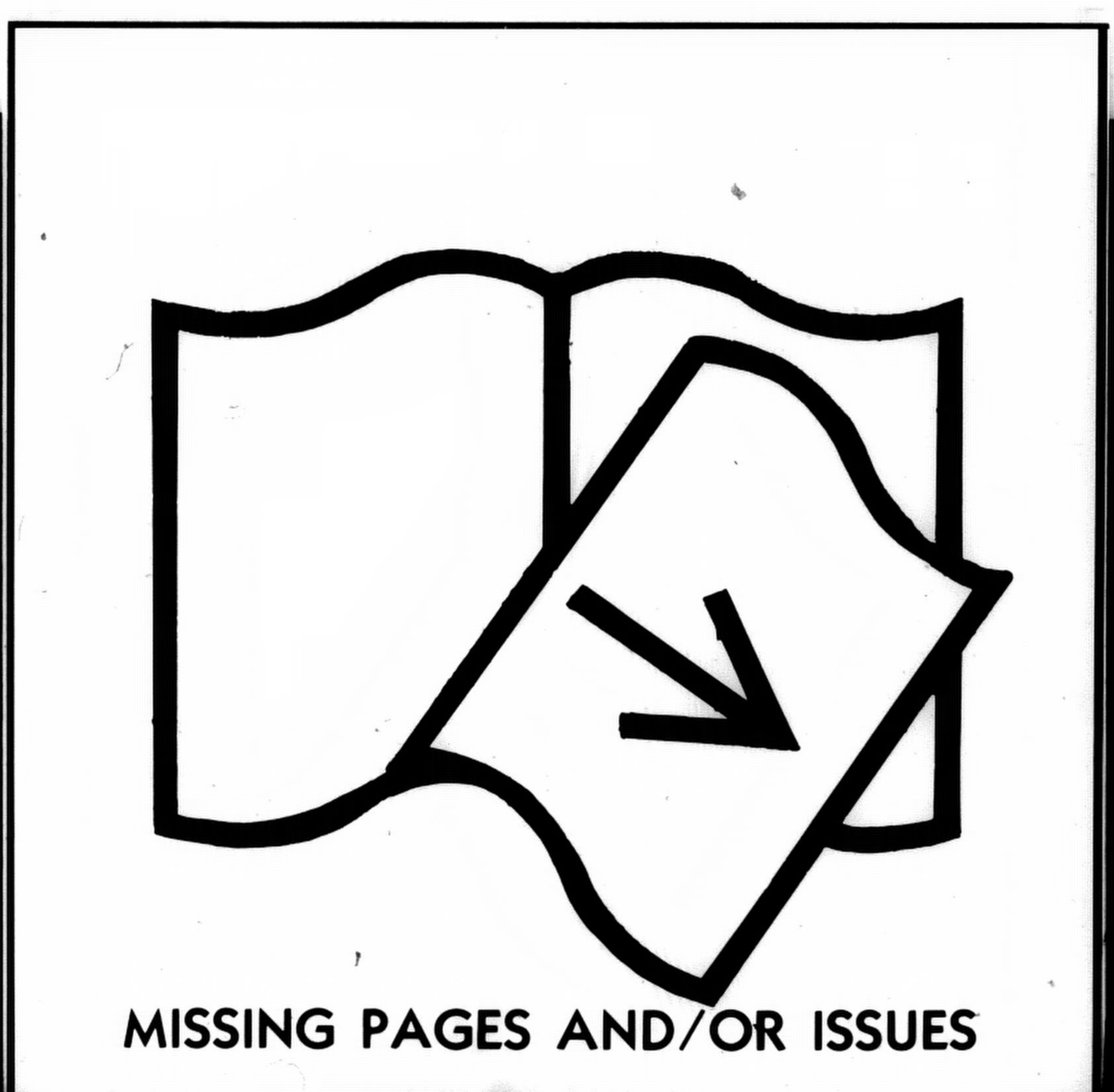

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JUNE 5 and 6

WHERE? The issuing centres will be the same as last year, wherever practicable. The exact locations of the centres are advertised in this paper today or tomorrow.

This advertisement concerns you. Cut it out for reference.

WHEN? Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. continuously on Saturday, 5th June, and Sunday, 6th June.

3 THINGS TO REMEMBER

To obtain a Ration Book at any Issuing Centre each British Subject Civilian, 14 years of age or over, or Alien Civilian, 16 years of age or over, must produce either in person or by an agent each of these 3 things:

(1) Civilian Identity Card or Alien Registration Certificate; and
(2) Card C.R.7 duly completed (Card C.R.7 is obtainable at post offices); and
(3) Old Ration Book. (See below if unable to produce old book).

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(a) The Civilian Identity Card (or Alien Registration Certificate) of parent or guardian;
(b) The Child's Old Ration Book (and, in the case of an Alien Child of 14 years of age or over, a form C.R.7 duly completed in respect of such child).

No parent's or guardian's declaration form is necessary.

Wherever practicable, Ration Books of children under 14 years of age should be collected by their parents or guardians.

Where this is impracticable (e.g., children in institutions, etc.) the new Ration Book may be obtained by the head of the institution, etc., upon production of the child's old Ration Book.

BABIES: In the case of a young child for whom an ordinary 1942 Ration Book has not been obtained or in respect of whom a special red covered Ration Book with sugar coupons has been issued, the parent or guardian should apply on Form Rg. 1 (obtainable at post offices) to the Deputy Director of Rationing for the new Ration Book.

COLLECTION (By agent): Where it is inconvenient to attend personally at a Ration Book Issuing Centre, a Ration Book may be collected by agent. An agent must produce on behalf of the person for whom he or she is acting:

(1) Civilian Identity Card (or Alien Registration Certificate);
(2) Form C.R.7 duly completed;
(3) Old Ration Book.

No form of authority for agent is necessary.

The Civilian Identity Card and the new Ration Book must be handed by the agent to the owner as early as possible.

COLLECTION (By post): If on account of being an invalid, seriously ill, or approaching maternity, or living more than 5 miles from the nearest Issuing Centre, you are unable to personally attend an Issuing Centre and are unable to arrange for collection of your Ration Book by agent, you may apply by post to your Divisional Returning Officer for your Ration Book.

Application must be made on Form Rg.6, which is obtainable at post offices, and the application must be accompanied by:

(1) Your Civilian Identity Card;
(2) Form C.R.7 duly completed; and
(3) Your old Ration Book.

IF YOU CANNOT PRODUCE YOUR OLD RATION BOOK

If you cannot produce your old Ration Book, you must complete a Form Rg. 5 (obtainable at Issuing Centre) and present this form completed to the Ration Book Issuing Officer when applying for your Ration Book.

IF NO IDENTITY CARD:

If you have no Identity Card or have lost it, you must apply immediately for same to your Divisional Returning Officer. If you are an Alien and have no Alien Registration Certificate, or have lost same you must apply immediately to your nearest Police Station.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have changed your address other than temporarily, and have not completed a Form C.R.4 in relation thereto, you should immediately obtain a Form C.R.4 from any Post Office and complete same. An Alien Civilian should inform the nearest Police Station as to change of address.

REMEMBER

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Dismissal Confirmed

The Industrial Court, sitting at Brisbane, with Messrs. Ferry and Riordan on the bench, dismissed an application by the M.I.E.U. for an order to the Central Queensland Meat Export Coy. Ltd. at Lakes Creek to re-employ a worker in the boning section, whose dismissal had been upheld by the Manpower Appeal Board.

At the outset Mr. T. Lewis, for the company, objected to the application on the ground that the Court had no jurisdiction to deal with the matter, as it had already been dealt with by the Manpower Appeal Board. He claimed that the men in the boning section of the works were carrying on an unauthorised strike by refusing to work overtime.

For the union Mr. A. J. Neumann submitted that the decision of the Appeal Board had been based purely upon the man (Stafford's) actions as a union delegate, and that this should not prejudice his position merely as a worker. The company had admitted that he was a good worker. The union was now asked to supply labour while this man was unemployed. The workers at the plant were not prepared to accept non-union labour while a good unionist worker was unemployed.

Mr. Lewis said that on Monday and Tuesday last the men in the boning section had refused to work overtime. It was because Stafford had not been re-employed. This meant that the company would have to store meat and canning would have to be curtailed by 30 per cent. Two hundred men were affected. On Monday last the killing gang had been increased from 12 to 15 butchers, and no doubt the men in the boning section had taken this opportunity to cause dislocation and force the company's hand when it was more important than ever that the output of the boning section should be maintained.

Dismissing the application, Mr. Ferry said that in view of the decision of the appeal authorities under the National Security Regulations, the Court thought it had no jurisdiction. In any case, the position was that this employee already had had three hearings before different authorities, which had opportunity of listening to witnesses: in the first case before the superintendent of works, in the second before a national service officer, and in the third before the appeal authorities under the National Security Regulations. The charge against him was serious misconduct, and his dismissal was confirmed on the appeal. It would be foolish to think that the Court should intervene in those circumstances.

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Thanks.

MR. D. D. JACKSON and Family wish to thank Dr. Skinner, Matron, Sisters and Nurses of the Gladstone Hospital, the Gladstone Ambulance; also Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Sing, Mr. and Mrs. H. Huepeden, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, and all kind friends and relatives for their assistance and floral tributes, telegrams, letters, and cards of sympathy in their sudden sad loss of a loving wife and good mother.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

MR. and Mrs. J. J. O'SING wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for messages of sympathy in the sad loss of their daughter.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

ROLL OF HONOUR

SMITH.—In sad and loving memory of our darling Brother and Uncle, Sergeant A. J. Smith, who died of wounds received at Tobruk on the 4th June, 1941.

No one he loved was by his side
To hear his last faint sigh,
Or whisper just one loving word
Before he closed his eyes.
We never knew the pain he bore;
We never saw him die.
We only know he passed away,
And never said good-bye.

(Inserted by his loving sister, brother-in-law, neice and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lesina, and Ron and Joyce.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

BEER AND SMOKES.

Increased excise duties on tobacco and liquor will probably be considered by the Federal Government in preparing its next budget.

RAILWAY REVENUE.

Treasury returns for the eleven months ended May 31 show the railways earned £15,385,706, a rise of 57 per cent, compared with eleven months last year, when the receipts were £9,140,903.

RURAL AWARD.

Senator Gordon Brown, who recently visited the Maryborough district with Senator B. Courtice, stated that many farmers had said they would welcome a rural award, as it would help to stop the drift of farm labour to the cities.

OWEN GUN PATENTED.

The official journal of the Patents Office announces the issue of a patent to Evelyn Owen to cover the Owen sub-machine gun. This gives the inventor legal right to collect royalties on his invention.

NEW COUPONS ON MONDAY.

Although new ration books will be issued on Saturday, coupons cannot be used until Monday. One new provision is that tea coupons will not expire at the end of the month, as previously, but may be used until three months after they become available.

EMPIRE CASUALTIES.

Casualties suffered by all ranks of the armed forces of the British Empire in the first three years of the war up to September, 1942, totalled 514,993. Australian casualties to the end of March were 67,191. These figures comprise killed, including died of wounds or injuries, missing, wounded, and prisoners of war.

C.W.A. AND HOUSING.

A unanimous decision not to assist with the taking over of any existing boarding establishment was made by members of the metropolitan branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association at their monthly meeting this week. The branch felt that the housing problem would not be alleviated by the taking over of such places.

JUDGE WEBB.

The Premier (Mr. Cooper) refused to see a deputation from the Queensland Trades and Labour Council seeking the removal from the Industrial Court bench of the President (Mr. Justice Webb). Mr. Cooper said the Government was fully acquainted with all the facts leading up to the request, and he was of the opinion that no good purpose would be served by his receiving the proposed deputation. The Council's request for a deputation arose from remarks made by Mr. Justice Webb about meatworkers.

RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Despite the magnificent response to Sir Leslie Wilson's appeal for Red Cross month, in which Gladstone and district put up a record by contributing over £500, funds for local services have to be maintained, and supporters are asked to continue to be generous in their assistance to Paddy's markets.

"NOSEY PARKER" DANCE.

The President of the Red Cross branch (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) advises that the proceeds of the "Nosey Parker" dance to be held at the Trocadero to-night, following the patriotic rodeo, will go to the Prisoners of War fund. This should be an additional incentive to dancers to patronise the function.

WEEK-END GOLF.

Play on the Golf Club's links over the week-end will be for monthly medal, which is a stroke round, and scores will also participate in points for Mr. R. Elliott's trophy over the full season. Associates will also play for their monthly medal. The course is now in splendid order, fairways showing a nice growth of green grass, the result of recent rains.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The members of the Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. return thanks to all those who donated gifts to their recent street stall; also to the friends at Yarwun who kindly donated the fruit, which was sold that day. The winners of the raffles were:—Doll (donated and made by Mrs. L. M. Walker), Miss Ruth Hill, Glenlyon St.; iced cake (donated by Mrs. Farnsworth), Mrs. D. F. Boyle, Auckland Street.

ORANGES £25 A TON.

Processing of oranges for juice for the Services will begin this month. Prices to growers for all varieties have been fixed at £25 a ton, plus £1/5/- a ton freight. The open market ceiling price for oranges till the end of October had been fixed by the Prices Commissioner at 21/- per case. Retailers would be allowed to add 25 per cent to this figure. For the greater part of the season oranges of average size should sell at 2d to 2½d each.

PADDY'S MARKET.

The convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) advises that the monthly Paddy's market organised by the ladies' committee will take place at the Red Cross grounds next Friday. Town and country supporters are again asked to forward usual donations of fruit, vegetables, cakes, sweets, home manufactures, etc., to Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in time for the opening of the function that day. The Gladstone branch of the society relies to a great extent on its Paddy's market revenue for its general funds and purchases of material for the knitting and sewing circles, and also to finance its hospital services to sick and wounded locally.

THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

On Thursday, in the Court of Petty Sessions, before the Acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan), Vincent Patrick O'Dwyer (Mt. Larcom) was charged with falsely pretending to Percy Stanley Bensted, of Friends (Pty.) Ltd. that a cheque drawn on the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Mt. Larcom branch, for the sum of £8/10/-, dated 30th April, 1943, and signed T. B. Brady in favour of M. Cooper or bearer, was good and valid, and obtained from Bensted goods to the value of £1/15/5, and a sum of money amounting to £6/14/1, with intent to defraud. O'Dwyer elected to be dealt with summarily, and pleaded guilty to the charge, and was convicted and fined £11/9/6, to include £8/9/6 restitution, in default three months' imprisonment in Brisbane Gaol. Sergt. S. Coxon prosecuted.

AIR RAID DRILL TEST.

An air raid drill test will be held in Gladstone on Saturday, June 12, and will take place in the No. 4 division, which includes that portion of the town on the north side of the sand flat, including Coney Island, and that portion of No. 2 division south of Tank Street, and a portion of No. 3 division. The posts which will be worked are Schneider's, Fowler's, Schmidt's, Smith's bakery, and Eggstein's. Wardens who do not belong to these posts are asked to assist in this test. Those who are attached to the Police Station post must report to Schneider's post, and those attached to the State School and Otty's posts are asked to report to Fowler's post. Those attached to Eggstein's post must report to Mr. Owbridge at Smith's bakery. All wardens are asked to be at their sections at 2 p.m. Messages will be delivered by motor vehicle, and other services will take their instructions from their own organisations.

SALVATION ARMY

LIEUT. COMMISSIONER HAREWOOD

To Visit Gladstone

More than ordinary local interest centres in the visit to Gladstone on Friday, June 25, of Lieut. Commissioner and Mrs. Harewood and staff.

A special address, "The Imovable Foundation," will be given by the Commissioner in the Salvation Army Hall, Herbert Street, at 8 p.m.

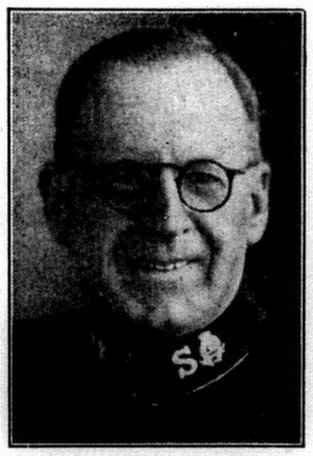
Lieut. Commissioner Earnest J. Harewood is an Australian, having entered the Salvation Army service from Leaderville, W.A., in 1908. He is well known in the two States of Eastern Australia, having been stationed at the Salvation Army territorial headquarters in Sydney for some years in an administrative position. When candidates' secretary and private secretary to the Territorial Commander he travelled nearly 36,000 miles in the two States.

The Commissioner's first overseas appointment was as training college principal in New Zealand. Later he was transferred to officers' training work at the great International College in London.

During the great war he served three years in England and France as Salvation Army military secretary with the troops, before being appointed chaplin with the 5th Division A.I.F. in the Villiers Brettoneaux section. Mentioned in dispatches by Sir Douglas Haig, his name was included in the King's birthday honours, June 3, 1919, being appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire, military division.

Commissioner Harewood was chief secretary of the Salvation Army, southern territory, prior to receiving his present appointment.

Commissioner Harewood is one of the Army's youngest territorial commanders, and has been richly endowed with many gifts.



LIEUT. COMMISSIONER HAREWOOD.

Fervent, intensely spiritual, apt to teach with a burning passion for the salvation of the people, and has been used by God as a great soul-winner. Many of his potentialities indicate the suggestion of speed. He is as provocative of repose as a lighted fuse attached to a mine.

The Commissioner is doing a tour from Cairns to Bundaberg, coming from Longreach to Gladstone.

Salvationists and friends, as well as many old diggers, will anticipate the visit with pleasure, and afford him a warm characteristic welcome.

At the outbreak of war Commissioner Harewood launched the Red Shield activities in the military camps of Southern Australia, and has shown great interest in all Red Shield camp operations in Queensland and New South Wales.

Mrs. Commissioner Harewood was a woman's social matron of high standing, whose first appointment had been to a circle corps in Queensland, and who later was transferred to the rescue home, Brisbane. Appointments, as matron of Salvation Army homes and hospitals in Auckland, Christchurch, and Wellington, New Zealand, followed, and returning to Australia she was for ten years the matron of the Haven, Melbourne.

By her genial salvationism Mrs. Harewood has won many friends throughout Australia, and other parts of the world. She will accompany the Commissioner on his tour of Queensland, and other members of the party include Major Hubert Scotney, Territorial Young People's secretary, and Brigadier Terricini, divisional commander.

Commissioner and Mrs. Harewood will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Auckland Street, during their stay in Gladstone.

CALLIOPE

C.W. ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

At the monthly meeting of the Calliope branch of the Country Women's Association, held on May 25, there were present: Mesdames Chandler (president), Armour, Ferguson, McKean, Whitney, Simpson and Wheeler. Apologies were received from Mesdames Waddell, Menzies, Dickenson, Aldous, Bentley and Streeter.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the recitation of "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer for all on active service.

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED.

Sympathy was expressed for Mrs. N. Dickinson, who is in hospital, and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mesdames Menzies, Hodder, and Waddell.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

It was reported that six nets are being made, four at Taragoola and two at Calliope.

HOSTEL APPEAL.

The President read and discussed two letters from Mrs. Baldock, in connection with the hostel appeal fund, and gave a very interesting talk on reconstruction.

GROUP MEETING.

A group meeting has bene arranged to take place in Gladstone, and members were asked to try and attend.

PENNY FUND.

The sum of 3/- was collected from the tin.

DONATIONS.

Donations of £3/3/- each were sent to the Prisoner of War Fund and the Calliope Send-off Committee, and £5 to the Emergency Housekeepers' scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

O'MARA AWARD.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In your issue of Wednesday, June 2, an article headed "Travel Time" states that under the O'Mara award members of the Civil Construction Corps receive 3/- per hour travelling time from their suburban homes to work. This is not quite correct, for under the O'Mara award workers are only paid for travelling time after they have travelled two hours per day in their own time, whereas under the old award they were paid for all time spent in travelling.—Yours, etc.,

V. J. WILLEY,
Secretary A.S. of C. and Joiners, Gladstone Branch.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Sergeant Kevin Joyner, of the R.A.A.F., has completed his training in Canada, and has now arrived in England.

FISHING INDUSTRY.

The establishment of a co-ordinating authority for the fishing industry in Australia has been decided on. It is to be set up in the form of a committee which will serve the forces as well as the civilian population.

ARCHBISHOP WAND.

Archbishop Wand advised the committee of the Anglican Diocese that the date of his resignation would be July 31. The election of a new Archbishop will be decided as early as possible after that date. A public farewell be extended the retiring prelate.

NEW RATION BOOKS.

Any person who has not got a ration book to hand back when new ration books are issued to-day and to-morrow, can complete application form RG5 at the issuing centre and receive a new book. Stating this, the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) said that as three things were needed to obtain a new ration book—identity card, completed registration form CR7, and old ration book—provision had to be made for those unable to produce an old ration book; that is, persons whose ration book has recently been lost, stolen, destroyed or defaced, and has not yet been replaced. Any British subject 14 or over who has not got an identity card should apply for one immediately. Application form can be obtained for this purpose at any post office.

IN NEW GUINEA

AN OLD GLADSTONITE

Sergeant Frank Hill

Sergt. F. V. Hill, who is serving with the Army in New Guinea, writes:

"Much water has flown under the old historic bridge since I was in Gladstone. You will recall I left the old town on a trip to Samarai some years ago.

"As you will percieve, I am now in the same, shall I say, locality, having been in this sphere for nine months or so. Time up here flies, and the atmosphere is more or less changeable in many ways.

"I have recently had sent to me some editions of the 'Observer,' and these are the first I have had since I left.

"I must really admit I received quite a shock. Gladstone, by all accounts, is still on the map, and still making itself felt in the general trend of events, as the war effort demands.

"I must pay a tribute to Goddy Crow and his latest sport, to wit, his opponent in the novel; yet, marvellous response Gladstone in general gave to this much needed Liberty Loan.

"As yet I have not received the final figures of this monetary effort of the public of Gladstone, but I look forward with pleasurable anticipation to doing so.

"I also read with interest the progress of the Gladstone Town Council, and note with pleasure that Mr. Dennis has the responsible position of the 'chair,' and also that Mr. Golding is still giving his experiences as an alderman to the public.

"Regarding myself, well, to say the least, since I left I have become a much travelled man. As may be imagined, in the Army, one gets mostly everywhere. Quite apart for the fact that I was just about sick of getting around the world, when I first came to Gladstone, I still seem to 'get places.'

"I am glad to say that I'm in good health; lost some weight, but that is a natural state of the human in New Guinea.

"I am enclosing a copy of our Army paper, published daily, but Sundays a supplement is added. This will, no doubt, interest you, and perhaps many other public minded persons in the old town. How well I recall my many efforts to supply the sporting public in Gladstone with accounts of swimming, boxing, and also dog racing. Hockey, too, was well in the news during my sojourn there.

"It will interest you to know that on Easter Monday a large swimming carnival was held in our open-air baths. Many interstate champions competed, including Bill Fleming, who is now a lieut., and looks very well—a typical digger.

"At this carnival I was called on to take over the position of starter, which was quite a job. The entries received totalled over 250. Naturally, many heats were needed to swim-off an event. The whole carnival was voted a huge success.

"The same night a boxing tournament was held in what I claim to be the best open-air stadium outside of Brisbane, and all built by Army personnel. At this gathering of sports I was once more called on to handle an official position—that of timekeeper.

"Boxing in this island is of a very high standard, and as you may imagine interest is very keen, not to mention the enthusiasm shown by Allied Forces. We have recognised champions in each division, and they qualify to hold the title champion of New Guinea.

"I would add too, that they have to earn it; very much so. This is no kindergarten, believe me.

"Actually, I could write a very interesting article on sport in New Guinea, but time, at this stage, will not permit.

"In conclusion, may I, as a member of the Forces abroad, be allowed to voice my appreciation of the wonderful effort of Gladstone in responding wholeheartedly to the sporting gesture of 'Goddy' and his unnamed opponent.

"Kindly remember me to all the sporting fraternity."

SECOND-HAND CHAFF BAGS.

Farmers who bought second-hand chaff bags above the fixed price were as liable to prosecution as those who sold them, according to Mr. R. J. B. Muir, of the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor's Office. A survey by the Department of Supply and Development revealed that there is a serious shortage of bags. The maximum price of No. 1 quality second-hand bags is 8/6 per dozen, and No. 2 quality 6/6.

NEW RATION BOOKS

AT THE STATE SCHOOL

To-day and To-morrow

Nearly 10,000 issuing centres throughout Australia, with staff approximating 30,000 persons, will handle over 6,500,000 new ration books when these are issued to the public to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday).

While big metropolitan centres with staffs of up to 60 persons expect to handle 15,000 books for the two issuing days, some centres established for convenience of country people will issue less than 20 books.

All issuing centres will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

The Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) said that the public should profit by last year's experience, and try to collect new ration books early and at "off peak" periods. Last year's rush demand occurred at noon on the the Saturday in city areas, although the suburban demand was evenly spread. Biggest demand on the Sunday was between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Mr. Cumming emphasised that three things will be needed to obtain a new ration book—an identity card, a completed civilian registration form CR7, and the old ration book.

While in some respects the method of obtaining ration books has been simplified by comparison with last year, handling of civilian registration form CR7 for manpower purposes will more than offset any reduction in work for electoral officers, he added.

Issuing officers will be doing a magnificent job in handing out millions of ration books and receiving millions of civilian registration forms, and old ration books in only two days.

In exceptional cases where persons are unable to attend their issuing centre provision has been made for them to obtain the new ration book by post. These persons must first obtain form RG6 from any post office, complete and return it to the Divisional Returning Officer for their Commonwealth electorate.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Fruit and vegetable gardens in the Northern Territory established by the Army has inspired troops to take up gardening on their own behalf, and most units now have garden patches which are beginning to bear tomatoes, beans, cabbages, pumpkins, cucumbers and various sorts of melons.

SPARE PARTS DEALERS.

Traders in automotive spare parts must register with the Department of Supply and give particulars of parts held in stock. A regulation ordering this was issued on Thursday last. Because manufacture has decreased owing to manpower shortage and diversion of manufacture to munitions production regulations have been issued to conserve all available spare parts for essential transport.

NEHRU'S NIECES.

Two nieces of Pandit Nehru, chairman of the All India Congress Party, have arrived in Australia. They are aged 19 and 16. The girls are on their way to the United States to complete their education. Both speak flawless English. They were dressed in their Indian national costume. Both girls admitted they knew nothing about Australia except what they read in history and geography books.

HOMES FOR WAR WORKERS.

Since early in 1941 the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust has supplied or almost completed 2456 permanent and temporary homes for about 10,000 war workers and their families. 1000 of these homes are permanent, and are let at from £1 to £1/12/6 a week, while temporary wartime cottages are rented at from 12/6 to 14/- a week.

BARNES RELEASED.

After the resumption of the Coroner's inquiry into the disappearance of Marjorie Norval on Wednesday, Mr. J. F. Barnes, M.L.A., was released from custody by the Coroner (Mr. J. J. Leahy), following his third appearance in the witness box. When released by the Coroner Barnes said, "I cannot thank you, as you should have done that yesterday."

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Under amended National Security Regulations the only people compelled to work on the King's Birthday holiday next Monday will be those who are directed to do so by a Federal Minister. Holiday rates will be paid to all who work on Monday, whether directed by a Minister or in firms which themselves decide to work. Official celebration of the day has been suspended.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A DANCE will be held at Calliope on Saturday, June 12th, in aid of the Special Red Cross Appeal. A Jumble Stall will be conducted, and donations will be gratefully received by Mrs. P. Mylne, Calliope. Admission (double ticket) 3/-; single, gents' 2/-, lady's 1/6.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

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JUST ARRIVED.—Books by I. J. Thwaites: "Broken Wings," "Shadows of Rangoon," and "The Mad Doctor of Harley Street." P. M. Jones, next P.O.

JUST ARRIVED.—New Stock of Talc Powder, 1/3 and 1/6 per tin; also Face Creams, popular brands. P. M. Jones, next P.O.

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Shortly afterwards it went with him to New Guinea, and was in his pocket when he was killed in action last December.

It was taken from him by a Japanese, who some time later was shot by a Bundaberg soldier.

This soldier, discovering that the photo. bore the name of a Bundaberg studio, sent it to his home town, where the photographer identified it and returned it to the girl at her home in Toogoolawah.

PROCESSED MILK.

Processed milk products for civilian services have been brought under Government control by a National Security order.

LIFESAVING WAISTCOATS.

Amended Navigation Regulations require that special lifesaving waistcoats must be provided by ship owners for each member of the crew of Australian trade ships. Because the waistcoat can be worn at all times its use should overcome the risk of seamen being cast adrift without any aid, but it is not intended as a substitute for the ordinary life jacket, which should be worn in preference to any other form of safety appliance.

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R. H. GRAYSON,
Hon. Secretary.

SEED OATS for Winter Planting.—Algerian, Mulgai, Belah and Seedling, just arrived. Price 5/3 bag lots. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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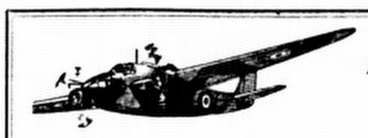

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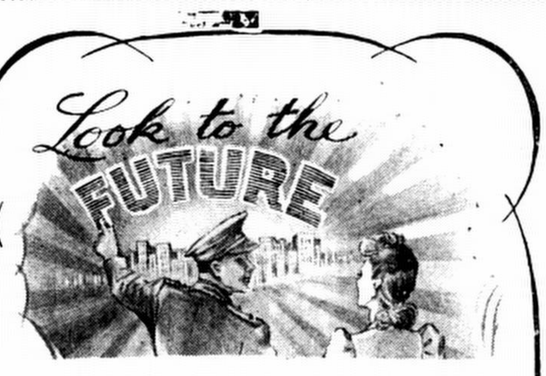

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NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed Elizabeth Isabella Lusk, late of Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, deceased, who died on or about the twenty-fourth day of November, 1942, at Gladstone, in the said State, are hereby required to send their claims to the Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton, on or before the thirty-first day of July, 1943. And that after the expiration of the last-mentioned date the said Local Deputy Public Curator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

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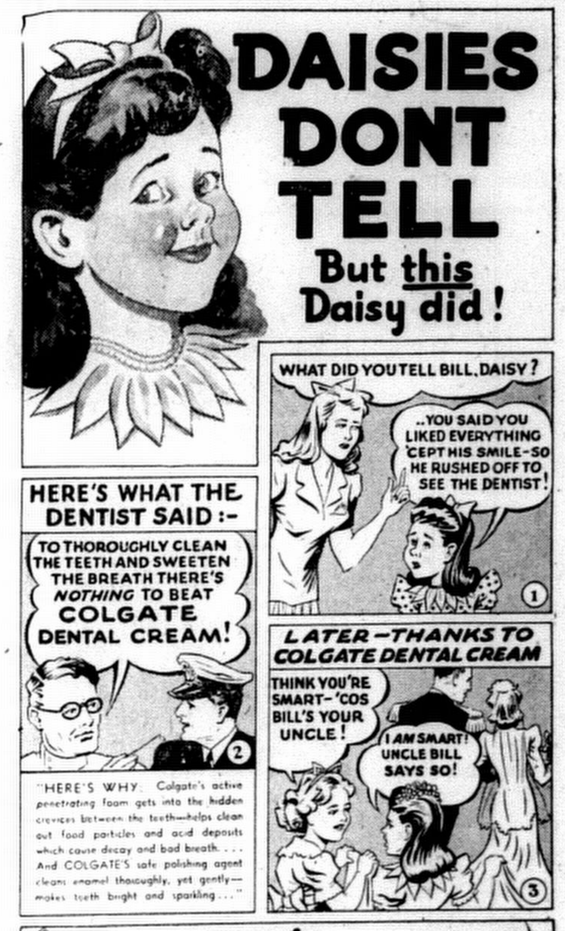

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a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.

p.m.
12.55—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.

p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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GROWING VEGETABLES

DEFICIENCY DISEASES

Diagnosis of Troubles

If the production of vegetables is to reach the dimensions which the present situation demands, it is essential that, in addition to planting large areas, every practicable precaution be taken to protect the growing plants from the ravages of pests and diseases, and from other troubles which tend to depress yields. An increase in acreage alone can easily fail to accomplish the objective if the wastage due to pests and diseases shows a corresponding rise.

The common pests and diseases and the method of combating them, however, are generally known to most of the larger vegetable growers, but there is one class of troubles the importance of which is not fully realised and about which there is still a dearth of knowledge.

This class is made up principally of nutritional disorders which are usually brought about by the inability of the plant to absorb from the soil one or more of the food materials it requires. Such inability may be simply the result of there being a deficiency of a particular material in the soil, but other causes also operate, and a deficiency in the plant can occur even when a particular material is present in large quantities in the soil. Thus, in some soils which contain manganese, plants may suffer acutely from iron deficiency, even though there may be abundant iron in the soil.

These nutritional disorders produce ill effects in two principal ways. Firstly, they may be such as to considerably reduce the size of the plant or its products, even to the extent of virtually eliminating the yield. Secondly, they frequently cause malformations and discolourations which render the vegetables unpalatable and unattractive to the public, and unfit for canning purposes. A third effect, and one which may be scarcely less important than the two mentioned, is that malnutrition quite commonly so weakens the plants that their susceptibility to insect pests and fungous diseases is so greatly increased that normal methods of control become relatively ineffective, or perhaps useless.

It is essential then that vegetable growers be on their guard against these nutritional troubles or deficiency diseases, as they are frequently called.

The symptoms to be looked for vary to a marked extent. Stunted growth, abnormally slow growth, mottling of leaves and stems, failure to blossom and set fruit and discolouration of parts perhaps are the most important manifestations of the troubles.

In the case of the major elements—nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash, inhibited growth and general absence of a characteristic healthy colour are the commonest symptoms.

In view of the present fertilizer position, which may lead to some stinting of the use of these materials, growers should be on their guard against this type of trouble. Generally it is better to feed a certain area adaquately than to attempt twice that area on a starvation ration. It should be noted though that over feeding is sheer waste of valuable fertilizer material.

The diagnosis of troubles due to the lack of elements, such as boron, zinc, manganese, and iron, which are required in but very small amounts, is usually more difficult, but at the same time there is generally some characteristic symptom by which the cause of the trouble can be detected.

Though these so-called trace elements are required in but minute quantities, they are of the utmost importance, and growers whose plants exhibit abnormal discolourations would be well advised to refer the matter to the Department of Agriculture and Stock as early as practicable. There is one very important point in connection with these trace elements, and that is the necessity to guard against the over application of the material required to correct the trouble—e.g., whilst the addition of a few pounds of borax to an acre of beetroot may mean the difference between a good crop and the production of worthless, woody, discoloured beets, if too much borax be added the land may be rendered useless for a considerable time. These are elements of which a trace leads to healthy growth, whilst an excess may be extremely toxic.

If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6. Three insertions 3/-.

HOW TO KEEP PIGS HEALTHY

Construction of Piggeries

By the general practice of hygiene and sanitation in the piggery, coupled with sound feeding methods, the incidence of most pig diseases can be considerably reduced.

Roomy, well ventilated, but draught-proof sties are necessary. The floors should be swept clean every morning, all refuse taken away, and the yards raked over. Correct drainage of sties and yards will avoid the accummulation of water, and help to keep down insanitary conditions.

Moisture is necessary for the free living stages of nearly all worm parasites. In its absence very few of them can survive for any length of time. Therefore, pig keepers who wish to avoid losses from worms must have dry, well-drained sties and yards.

Unhygienic and insanitary conditions are predisposing causes of rheumatism, catarrh, and some of the more serious bacterial infections—such as suppurative otitis and pneumonia. Piggeries should therefore be constructed on high ground, floors should be made of concrete, and the run should be well sheltered from inclement weather.

Correct feeding and watering, together with adequate housing and paddocking, are undoubtedly most important factors in the preservation of the health of the pig.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
5	10.58	11.20	5.23	4.47
6	11.40	11.57	6.06	5.27
7	——	12.22	6.49	6.08
8	12.35	1.07	7.33	6.55
9	1.13	1.57	8.19	7.48
10	1.55	2.54	9.07	8.48
11	2.45	3.57	9.55	9.51
12	3.43	5.02	10.44	10.55
13	4.48	6.02	11.34	11.56
14	5.52	6.55	——	12.20
15	6.50	7.42	12.53	1.06
16	7.42	8.28	1.49	1.50
17	8.32	9.12	2.43	2.35
18	9.20	9.57	3.38	3.20
19	10.08	10.42	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	——	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	2.07	1.48

THE MOON.

New Moon	June 3
First Quarter	June 11
Full Moon	June 18
Last Quarter	June 25

JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	3.19	2.47

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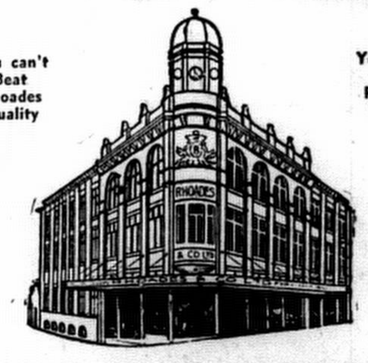

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WINNING THE WAR

Efficient Repair Shop

The repair and servicing of all agricultural machinery, which is incorporated in the new regulations bringing all agricultural machinery under the direction of the Minister of Agriculture, emphasises the fact that good and efficient repairs and spare parts are as essential to the winning of the war as new machinery.

The revision of Australia's shipbuilding programme announced by Mr. Curtin emphasises this also, and in future the industry will concentrate on repairs rather than on the building of new ships. New ships can be massed produced in the States, and Australian shipyards can best aid the Allied sea war by carrying out swift and efficient repairs.

Heavy industry, especially the steel industry, is notoriously hard on equipment, so that one of the secrets of maintaining full production is by maintaining a tremendous supply of spare parts, and a smooth running organisation to eliminate delay in fitting them.

In nearly 30 years' experience engineers at the B.H.P. Steelworks have learnt the wisdom of being prepared, and their supplies of spare parts cover a large area containing everything, from huge ladles weighing tons down to the smallest bearing.

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MAN ON LAND

Arsenic For Cattle Dips

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) has announced that he had received a letter from the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. W. J. Scully), in reply to his communication, drawing attention to the question of supplies of arsenic for cattle dips.

Mr. Scully advised that approximately 60 tons had ben shipped since January last, which quantity has been distributed as equitably as possible against orders in hand.

The suppliers advise that there was a short supply of 84lb. drums, but that reasonable supplies have been obtained. It is therefore expected that shortly sufficient drums will be available to permit the completion of Queensland orders.

Application was being made for shipping space of 30 tons for Brisbane and North Queensland, sponsored by the Commonwealth Controller of Emergency Supplies, Melbourne. Further shipments will follow as packing proceeds and shipping space is available.

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Country Development Planned

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The amenities which a big city could give would thus be made more readily accessible to country residents.

Main points in the reconstruction programme are:—

Reducing marketing problems, developing education facilities effectively, giving greater opportunities for the development of cultural pursuits.

"Generally, this policy, if actively followed over a period, will give greater order and balance to our economic life, and better prospects for the farmer and his family," said the Minister.

"The policy of regional planning will make big demands upon local government authorities particularly.

Already fine community work has been done by Councils and also by War Agricultural Committees operating throughout the Commonwealth.

This is evidence that there are available in country districts the public spirited men who would be required to make regional planning a success.

"The Rural Reconstruction Commission is to visit Tasmania early next month, and later it will take evidence in the three Eastern mainland States.

"In this way it will be able to examine fully the views on regional planning held in all States, in the course of its general inquiries into our rural problems."

CARE OF EGGS

How To Keep Them Fresh

The method of storing eggs often leaves much to be desired. The room in which the eggs are kept should be free from mouldy or musty odours, and while alloking sufficient ventilation, must not be too draughty.

The temperature of the room is another important matter, especially in hot weather, when the eggs should be kept as cool as possible.

Where a cool room is not available the best course to take is to pack the previous day's eggs early the next morning, and after packing, cover the cases over until they are sent to market.

On no account should eggs be allowed to stand exposed to the air during the warm weather, as this leads to rapid evaporation and results in the eggs being rejected as stale.

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SNAPPER SHARKS

Help The War Effort

Snapper sharks from Bass Strait are helping in Australia's war effort, unwillingly perhaps, but nevertheless effectively.

Before the war Australia imported quantities of fish oil, mainly from Great Britain and Norway. Some 80,000 gallons of this imported oil was needed for medicinal purposes, and some 300,000 gallons for various industrial purposes.

Now, thanks to the Bass Strait sharks and Australian research chemists, Australia is producing her own medicinal fish oils, and also exporting some to Britain to help make up the deficiency caused there by the Nazi occupation of Norway.

The snapper shark weighs from 30 to 50 lbs. Its liver makes up 10 per cent of its weight, and the liver is rich in vitamin oil. Some of this oil is used to replace cod liver oil.

Vitamin A is extracted from the rest and used for the treatment of night blindness and other illnesses, for the fortification of all Australian margarine supplied to Britain or to troops in areas where butter would go rancid, and for many other high potency vitamin preparations.

Investigations by the C.S.I.R. revealed that tuna liver oil was the richest in vitamin A among the Australian fish. But tuna fishing has not been widely developed here yet, and as the oil was difficult to extract from tuna anyhow, experiments were carried out with sharks instead.

Shark oil, also manufactured by a private firm in Melbourne, is now being used for the treatment of burns.

Stewarts & Lloyds, in Newcastle, the first of all the heavy industries in Australia to sign on a staff of nursing sisters, has tried it with beneficial results on a man whose face had been badly burnt. It healed without a trace.

And, of course, sharks have a new appeal to fishermen. Instead of being dependent in the fish meat for their profit, they are now guaranteed a good return for shark livers, which they previously threw away.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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From the wives . . .

. . . of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

Olga C Blamey

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In Memoriam

LYONS.—In loving memory of our dear Son and Brother, Len, who passed away June 9th, 1942.

We often sit and think of you
And things you used to say and do
And wonder why you had to die
Without a chance to say good-bye.

(Inserted by his loving Mother, Father, Sister and Brothers and Sisters-in-law.)

LYONS.—In loving memory of our dear brother Len, who passed away June 9th, 1942.

Time may change in many ways,
But one thing changes never:
The memory of those happy days
When we were all together.

(Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, **Mavis and Verney.**)

JONES.—In loving memory of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Ellen Jones, who was called to rest on June 9th, 1941.

To-day brings back sad memories
Of a loved one gone to rest.

(Inserted by her loving son, daughters, and grandchildren.)

LYONS.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear Nephew and Cousin, Lennie, who passed away June 9th, 1942.

A tender chord of memory
Is deeply touched to-day,
And loving thoughts of you dear Len
Will never fade away.

(Inserted by his sorrowing aunties, uncles, and cousins.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

STRAYING STOCK.

The Calliope Shire Council notifies by advertisement in this issue that the impounding of stock straying on roads and reserves under the control of the Council will be strictly enforced after June 16.

RED SHIELD.

Major W. Flockton, State representative of the Red Shield, will conduct a special meeting in the Salvation Army Hall, Gladstone, on Friday, June 11, at 8 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to the public to attend.

NEW RATION REGULATIONS.

Attention is drawn in this issue to advertisements detailing the rationing of butter to half a pound a week per head and the supply of coupons for towels, sheeting, pillow slip and other soft furnishings.

STREET STALL.

A street stall, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild, will be held on Thursday, June 10, in Tank Street, Valley, opposite the Regent Theatre. Donations of jams, cakes, sweets, etc., will be greatly appreciated by the Guild.

WEIGHT GUESSING COM. PETITION.

One thousand tickets were disposed of in connection with the fat bullock weight guessing competition at the patriotic rodeo on Saturday. The beast which was killed at the Meatworks on Monday, weighed 807 lbs., but when going to press the name of the winner was not available.

PRISONER OF WAR DANCE.

The Prisoner of War dance held in the Trocadero on Saturday night attracted a very large attendance, the receipts totalling over £30. The President of the Red Cross Society (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) was assisted by Mr. Bert Norris. Miss Gertie Ward provided the music, and the dancers included many servicemen, who had a most enjoyable evening.

ENOUGH BUTTER FOR HEALTH.

The Commonwealth Nutrition Committee stated that full attention had been paid to the nutritional requirements of the population in fixing the butter ration. Children might be exposed to the risk of deficiency diseases if parents and guardians gave their children clarified dripping to save butter for adults or luxury cooking. Every child should get at least the entire 8 oz. ration.

BUTTER RATION.

A leaflet issued by the Commonwealth Department of Health gives the following suggestions to make the butter ration last longer:—Cream 4 ozs. of butter with 1 oz. milk until all the milk is absorbed, then use it for spreading on bread; allow toast to cool before buttering—hot toast absorbs too much butter and is not easy to digest; half an hour before using remove butter from the refrigerator or icechest, and allow it to soften in room temperature before using it. In winter time leave the butter in a warm place, but do not melt it. Cream it with a spoon or a knife before you use it.

SOUTH GLADSTONE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Report by Mr. O'Malley

A pleasing feature of the recent largely attended meeting of the South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association was the application of new members, and eighteen were accepted. The President (Mr. E. T. Daley) presided over a large attendance.

Letters were received from the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde) and Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., and the Town Council.

Reports were presented by the secretary, chairman and treasurer. The financial position of the Association is sound.

Two auditors were elected, which brought the Association into conformity with the rules decided on.

A copy of the Wynnum rules was perused, and with two deletions will be adopted by the Association.

Several matters were discussed, and three requests will be presented to the Town Council for consideration at its next meeting.

AT BARNEY POINT.

The Secretary (Mr. J. F. O'Malley) presented the following report:—

With members of our committee I approached the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) and pointed out the almost absence of shade and seating accommodation at Barney Point.

The Mayor immediately became interested, and after much discussion regarding the lay-out of the beach, stated he was prepared to present the Association with a cheque for the purchase of suitable trees to be planted for shade, and said he would support any move made by the Council for the improvement of the beach.

POSTAL DELIVERY AND TELEPHONE.

On Wednesday, April 28, I accompanied Mr. E. T. Daley and Mr. P. Vock to the Town Hall, and waited on Mr. Forde regarding an extension of the postal delivery to Barney Point and the installation of a public telephone at Eggstein's corner.

Mr. Forde was sympathetic, and promised our officials his utmost support in presenting our requests to the Postmaster General.

SPEED LIMIT.

Regarding vehicles exceeding the speed limit in Tooloa Street, the Police Department stated it would take the necessary steps to control traffic in this area.

SERVICE PIPE MAIN.

I have secured a copy of the Gladstone by-laws, as requested, and by-law 20, dealing with the service pipe main, can be perused at this meeting.

WAITING SHEDS.

A feature of the last Council meeting was the attention given to our requests by the Works Committee, and as stated by the Chairman, two waiting sheds for the convenience of 'bus patrons will be erected early in the new financial year.

VICIOUS DOGS.

With reference to the complaints that vicious dogs are allowed to roam in this suburb, the Council decided that steps would be taken to remove the menace.

COAL ON ROAD.

Our thanks go out to Ald. Deveney for his assistance in requesting the Council to remove an accumulation of coal screenings from the Toolooa-Meatworks crossing, and thus leave the road in a safe condition.

APPRECIATED.

We appreciated Ald. Golding's generous donation of timber for treeguards, and his general outlook towards our Association.

THANKS.

Thanks is extended to the Mayor for his offer of a cheque to the Association.

PROGRESS MADE.

Summing up, I feel sure you will all agree with me that some progress has been made, and with a rapidly increasing membership, I feel sure that our Association will be of some value to the citizens in the suburb.

The report was adopted.

SAVINGS BANKS DEPOSITS.

The savings of the people throughout the Commonwealth continue to increase as never before in our history. This applies to every State. A summary issued by the Commonwealth Statistician gives the total in all savings banks in Australia as £337,124,000 as at April 30, compared with £264,446,000 on April 30, 1942, an increase of £72,678,000 in the past 12 months. The largest percentage increase over the 12 months was in Queensland, viz., 39.63 per cent.

GLADSTONE SHOW SOCIETY

SUCCESSFUL PATRIOTIC RODEO

Total Receipts £470

The complete success of the patriotic rodeo last Saturday, under the auspices of the Gladstone Show Society, must have been thoroughly gratifying to all concerned, and was in aid of the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund, Gladstone branch of the Comforts Fund, Gladstone Red Cross Society, Calliope branch of the Comforts Fund, and the Gladstone Red Shield Fund.

PROGRAMME ENJOYED.

In the afternoon there was a large attendance, despite the fact that miserable cold weather prevailed, being bleak and sunless, but nevertheless the varied programme was enjoyed, embracing outdoor sport in many forms, besides many side attractions that helped to augment the day's effort.

MAIDEN CAMP DRAFT.

The programme commenced with the maiden camp draft, in which there were thirteen competitors, but owing to the greasy nature of the ground the exhibition was not of a high standard. The total number of points was 100, and E. Aldous won the event, his points totalling 65.

OPEN CAMP DRAFT.

The open camp draft was well represented, and created much interest. In the first round O. Christensen carried off the honours with 83 points, just heading W. Shuck with 80. It was a close and exciting contest.

In the final W. Shuck showed horsemanship of quality in the handling of a fast beast, turning it in a really capital manner, which gained him many points. It was indeed a creditable display, and he was awarded 93 points, histotal being 173, and he thus won the event.

O. Christensen, who also gave a nice exhibition, was second with 83 points in the final round, bringing his total to 166, while P. F. Streeter was third with 83 points, and his total 115.

BULLOCK RIDING CONTEST.

One of the most interesting and amusing events on the programme was the maiden bullock riding contest. There were 17 entries. Some good exhibitions were given, and not a little excitement, and the event was thoroughly enjoyed. F. Owbridge won the contest with 22 points to his credit.

OPEN FLAG RACE.

Several good finishes were witnessed in the open flag race, in which there were four heats and two semi-finals, and W. Shuck won nicely from H. N. Ballantine in the final.

BUCKJUMPING CONTEST.

Good sport was witnesesd in the buckjumping contest, the winner being C. Bateman, with 23 points out of a possible 25.

WIN FOR DESMOND BALLANTINE.

In the flag race for boys and girls two little boys competed, Desmond and Gordon Ballantine, and the event was smartly won by the former.

WALK, TROT AND GALLOP.

The walk, trot and gallop brought out nine entries. The order of this event was once round the track at a walking pace, once round trotting, finishing up at the gallop for the last lap. The winner turned up in K. Bruce, who won by several lengths, with C. Farrell second, and K. Ballantine third.

EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS.

The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr. G. Crow (chairman) and Mr. A. E. Easterby (secretary), and their band of assistants, and the whole proceedings passed off successfully. Mr. E. Jefferis proved to be a most efficient judge, while Mr. A. H. Dahl, of Taragoola, lent valuable assistance in carrying out the programme.

GOOD RETURNS.

The catering arrangements were excellently carried out by the ladies of the Red Cross Society and Red Shield Fund, while the ladies of the Comforts Fund conducted a stall for hot pies, soft drinks and ice cream, and the publican's booth was run by members of the Patriotic Fund, and all showed a good return, as also did the fat bullock weight guessing competition, which was responsible in raising the sum of £50, the work of Mr. M. A. Busteed and Mr. Joe Bensted, in the selling of tickets being praiseworthy.

SPLENDID EFFORT.

All the officials worked well for the patriotic effort, and their most appreciated reward lies in the knowledge that they helped such a deserving object—the war work of the local and district patriotic bodies—with a very handsome sum. The total receipts amounted to £470, gate takings £127, and it is anticipated the five patriotic bodies will each receive a sum in the vicinity of £70.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

At night a successful and enjoyable dance was held in the Trocadero in aid of the Prisoner of War Fund.

MAIDEN CAMP DRAFT.

	Course out	Cut Horse	Work of	Pts.
E. Aldous	—	15	50	65
M. Bills	5	10	45	60
J. M. Bruce ...	—	15	40	55
P. F. Streeter .	—	10	45	55

OPEN CAMP DRAFT.

(First Round)

	Course out	Cut Horse	Work of	Pts.
O. Christensen	5	20	58	83
W. Shuck	—	20	60	80
M. Bills	5	10	50	65

OTHER COMPETITORS.

	Course out	Cut Horse	Work of	Pts.
H. N. Ballantine	—	15	40	55
P. F. Streeter .	5	10	40	55
M. Stanfield ...	—	—	25	25
P. F. Streeter..	—	15	—	15

FINAL

	Course out	Cut Horse	Work of	Pts.
W. Shuck	5	23	65	93
O. Christensen..	5	20	58	83
P. F. Streeter ..	—	15	45	60

TOTAL POINTS.

W. Shuck	173	1
O. Christensen	166	2
P. F. Streeter	115	3

MAIDEN BULLOCK RIDING.

F. Owbridge (22 points)	1
J. Wright (19 points)	2
K. Bruce (18 points) 3.....	3

OPEN FLAG RACE.

First heat, P. F. Streeter; second heat, H. N. Ballantine; third heat, W. Shuc; fourth heat, K. Bruce.

Semi-final, H. N. Ballantine 1, P. F. Streeter 2.

Semi-final, W. Shuck 1, K. Bruce 2.

Final, W. Shuck 1, H. N. Ballantine 2.

BUCKJUMPING CONTEST.

C. Bateman (23 points)	1
P. Peterson (13 points)	2
K. Lindley (12 points)	3

FLAG RACE.

Des Ballantine	1
G. Ballantine	2

WALK, TROT AND GALLOP.

K. Bruce	1
C. Farrell	2
K. Ballantine	3

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

President Mr. J. W. Rigby

The father of the sport in Gladstone, Mr. J. W. Rigby, presided at the annual meeting of the Hockey Association, and there was a good attendance of members, showing that keen interest is still being displayed in keeping the game that grows alive.

The financial statement disclosed a satisfactory position.

During the 1942 season all gate proceeds were donated to patriotic bodies, £5/5/- was handed to the patriotic Xmas hamper fund for the fighting services, and £20 was invested in war savings bonds, leaving a credit balance of £32.

Six teams have already registered for the current season, which promises to be very successful.

The following officers were elected for 1943:—

Patron, Ald. W. R. Golding; president, Mr. J. W. Rigby (who has held the position since the initiation of the game in Gladstone); vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Hopper, L. George, J. Onions; secretary, Miss Nancy Rigby; treasurer, Mr. J. Onions; hon. auditor, Mr. H. Hallam.

A.M.P. SOCIETY

Annual Report

The annual report of the A.M.P. Society discloses new ordinary business figures comprised 39,326 policies, assuring £17,808,638.

In the industrial department 81961 policies were issued, assuring £5,267,985.

Claims by death amounted to £4,488,577, as compared with £3,566,548 last year.

Endowment and endowment assurance policies matured amounted to £1,934,149, compared with £1,858,780 last year.

The accumulated funds of the ordinary and industrial departments has been increased by £5,797,240 to £135,432,786.

Investments in loans amount to £90,211,143, and there is a surplus of funds over liabilities in the ordinary department of £1,962,566, out of which £1,791,984 is to be allotted for distribution among the participating policy-holders.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

MONTHLY MEDAL COMPETITION

Win for Leo Collins

There was an excellent attendance at the Gladstone Golf Links over the week-end, when members played stroke rounds for the monthly medal. The winner was Leo Collins, who has been playing consistent golf since the season opened. His 69 nett was one stroke better than a card returned by D. Joyce.

The committee has decided to allow members to take out cards over any week-end in any competition. Thus golfers unable to turn up on Saturday afternoon can compete the following day.

Details:—

Leo Collins	94	25	69
D. R. Joyce	92	22	70
D. J. Connellan	90	8	72
H. C. Moore	88	16	72
J. W. Bliss	98	26	72
M. Clifford	92	20	72
F. Peardon	92	16	76
D. R. Joyce	100	22	78
R. Elliott	100	20	80
J. Bliss	112	26	86

THE ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. J. Starmer played good golf to lead a small associate field in their monthly medal. Her 48 was the best gross of the day, and gave her a nett 34. Other cards were Miss L. Burrows 37, Mrs. Starmer 37, and Mrs. Moore 41.

FOUR BALL.

An interesting four ball was played on Monday, when Father Cullen and the club President defeated ex-Secretary Harold O'Sing and Ted Phillips in a low scoring contest.

Father Cullen was the best of the quartette, some of his shots being really brilliant. When he masters the approaches to the local sand greens he will trouble our best scratch markers.

BOWLING

Week-End Games

HANDICAP SINGLES.

The handicap singles continue to be the main attraction at the Gladstone Bowling green, and four matches contested over the week-end were keenly contested, with only a few points separating opponents.

The highlights of the day were the Humphries-Johnston and Mackay-Joyner games. The singles title holder had to give of his best to defeat Lionel Johnston, the margin being 31-26 in a fluctuating match.

R. J. Mackay had a great tussle with Arthur Joyner, eventually winning 31-22, but the winner went down in a subsequent contest, when C. D. Cooper emerged victor 31-24.

George Dennis's recent mayoral success did not carry undue weight with host Joe Hogan, and the town's first citizen went down 31-22.

Hogan is a strong tip for the final, but he has yet to meet the country champion, Charlie Chapman, who is in fine form.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Social games resulted:—

Pugh, Seaton, Joyner v. Young, Hixon, Bycroft 23-16.

Joyner, Wilson, Quodling, Cameron v. Pring, Browne, Ritchie, Masterson 28-13.

Ferris, Fewster, Chapman, Golding v. A. Friend, Menzies, Drewe, Weiske 22-16.

Sly, Smith, Dr. Skinner, Busteed v. Garrett, Ladner, Jenkinson, Archay 19-15.

Duff, Witty, Dr. Yum, Loveday v. Schmidt, Hando, Bycroft, Jackson 23-17.

Pring, Drewe, v. Barker, Jenkinson 27-18.

Weiske, P. Friend v. Browne, Humphries 20-19.

S. C. Wilson, Schmidt, A. Blake v. Buetell, J. Smith, A. Blake 24-15.

Comino, Johnston v. A. Friend, Busteed 19-11.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

A scheme for the employment of Italian and German prisoners of war has been extensively developed by the Department of the Army during the past two years. At present more than 1500 prisoners of war are engaged in growing vegetables and other crops under specialist direction, 500 are cutting firewood for departmental use, and more than 1000 are employed finalising construction of camps erected by prisoners of war. It has been found that many prisoners of war are excellent workmen interested in their jobs, and eager to acquire knowledge of Australian methods of production.

MARJORIE NORVAL INQUIRY

Disappearance Still Mystery

The Marorie Norval inquiry, which terminated in Brisbane on Friday last, produced a great amount of conflicting evidence, and some scenes which savoured more of a cheap theatrical entertainment than a court of law.

Many will be pleased that the sordid proceedings have been closed.

In the minds of most people the fate of the missing woman remains as great a mystery as previously.

The inquiry reflects no credit on anyone, and least of all on those members of the Government who are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the processes of justice are not used for political ends. It is hoped that a determination to keep politics out of the courts will prevail in future.

HOSPITAL TAX

And Social Security

The President of the Queensland airyman's Organisation (Mr. W. L. Osborne) writes as follows in the "Courier-Mail" of June 5:—

Queensland primary producers would appreciate the placing before the Federal Parliamentary Committee on Social Security, evidence emphasising the injustice of the incidence of taxation levied for upkeep of public hospitals in this State.

Sixty per cent of hospital financial deficiencies is met from consolidated revenue, and 40 per cent by local authority precepts. This means that landholders first contribute their full proportion towards the former, and must, irrespective of income or financial position, pay the whole of the latter.

If every wage earner was required to pay a nominal weekly sum to hospital funds he and dependents would then receive hospital service as a right and not, as now frequently happens, as a charity.

Why not extend the system to universal compulsory superannuation to obviate the morale destroying old age pensions?

There is grave danger of the Federal Government's projected social legislation being of "non-contributory" nature so far as it concerns those sections of the public calculated to gain the most benefit.

BRISBANE BAKERS RESUME.

Operative bakers returned to work yesterday (Tuesday), and the Foodstuffs Union, of which they are members, will apply to the Industrial Court to have their claims heard this week.

COUPON GOODS.

The distiction between woollen and non-woollen articles for coupon rating has been abolished in the new clothing schedules announced in the Commonwealth Gazette on Monday. Coupon goods must not be auctioned without permission, but they may be raffled under prescribed conditions.

QUEENSLAND'S

BATTLE STATION APPEAL

Under the direction of the Patriotic Fund and the Australian Comforts Fund.

MONEY RAISED is to provide for the

Welfare of the Boys in the Fighting Services

throughout the year.

GRAND FETE

FRIDAY, JULY 23rd, 1943.

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RATIONING COMMISSION

YOU MUST SURRENDER

Coupons for Towels, Sheets, Pillow-slips,

and in certain cases for

Tablecloths, Soft Furnishings, etc.

From Monday, 7th June, 1943, you will have to surrender coupons from your Ration Book if you buy made-up sheets, pillow-slips, towels, tea towels.

You must also give up coupons for tablecloths and table covers and for articles of soft furnishings such as curtains, bedspreads, loose furniture covers and all other such articles which are made from materials not included in the list of exempt materials listed below.

The coupon rates to be charged for these goods are to be calculated in accordance with the piece goods rating applicable to the material content. The piece goods scale has been extended to make provision for wider materials.

TEA TOWELS AND TOWELS (including Terry)

Towels, tea towels, and towelling and tea towelling defined in manufacture for cutting into towels, are couponed as follows:—

	Coupons
(a) In widths up to but not including 18in.—	
In lengths not exceeding 10in.	½
In lengths exceeding 10in. but not exceeding 30in.	1
In lengths exceeding 30in. but not exceeding 51in.	2
(b) In widths 18in. and under 32in.—	
In lengths not exceeeding 35in.	2
In lengths exceeding 35in. but not exceeding 50in.	3
In lengths exceeding 50in. but not exceeding 64in.	4

Towelling of all kinds in the piece, excluding the foregoing, is couponed at the appropriate piece goods rating

PILLOWSLIPS

	Coupons
Not exceeding 200 sq. ins. in area (e.g., 12½in. x 16in.)	1
Exceeding 200 sq. ins. but not exceeding 600 sq. ins. in area (e.g., 20in. x 30in.)	2

Area is to be calculated for one side only.

The coupon value of pillowslips exceeding 600 sq. ins will be calculated by multiplying the length of the pillow slip by the coupon rating appropriate to double its width For any hem or seam exceeding 1 inch, the excess over 1 inch must be added when making calculations.

SHEETS

The coupon rating of a sheet is calculated by multiplying the length by the piece goods coupon rating appropriate to the width.

Width is defined as the shorter side of the sheet. For any hem or seam exceeding one inch, the excess over one inch must be added when making calculations.

The following examples show the coupon ratings for sheets of common sizes:—

EXAMPLE SIZES	Coupons
Cot Sheet, 54in. x 70in.	7
Single Sheet, 54in. x 90in.	9
„ „ 63in x 90in.	9
„ „ 63in x 100in.	10
2 Sheet, 72in. x 90in.	11
„ „ 72in. x 100in.	12½
Double Sheet, 80in. x 90in.	12½
„ „ 80in. x 100in.	14
„ „ 90in. x 100in.	17
„ „ 90in. x 108in.	18

TABLECLOTHS AND TABLE COVERS

Coupons must be surrendered for table cloths and table covers in excess of 1 sq. yd. in area if made of other than exempt materials (listed below). The length and width of piece goods used for manufacture will determine the number of coupons required.

SOFT FURNISHINGS

Coupons are now required at the appropriate piece goods rating to cover the material used in making for the following articles (unless made from exempt materials): Curtains, bedspreads, furniture covers (loose), quilts (other than filled), counterpanes, cushion covers (loose), chair back covers, mattress covers (loose), bolster covers (loose), and all other articles of like nature.

PIECE GOODS SCALE

Over 3in. and under 18in.	1½	Coupons
18in. and under 32in.	2½	„
32in. „ „ 40in.	3	„
40in. „ „ 50in.	4	„
*50in. „ „ 60in.	5	„
*60in. and more	6	„

*Except white or unbleached cotton piece goods suitable for bed sheeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY PIECE GOODS SCALE FOR WHITE OR UNBLEACHED COTTON PIECE GOODS SUITABLE FOR BED SHEETING

50in. and under 65in.	3½	Coupons
65in. „ „ 75in.	4½	„
75in. „ „ 85in.	5	„
85in. and over	6	„

REMNANTS

No reduced coupon rating is provided for remnants of towelling, tea towelling and white or unbleached cotton materials suitable for bed sheeting.

EXEMPT PIECE GOODS

The following is a list of exempt piece goods:

Arras Cloth, Curtain Nets of art, silk, cotton, and art, silk and cotton, Folk Weave, Leather Cloth, Muslin and Marquisette if the weave contains less than 24 picks to the inch—both warp and weft, Oil Baize, Tapestry, Window Holland, Table Damask, Materials defined in manufacture for cutting into table cloths and table covers.

The following furnishing fabrics when in widths 60in. and over:—Marcella Quilting, Dimity Quilting, and Honeycomb Quilting.

The following furnishing fabrics, if they weigh more than 10 ounces per square yard:—Chenille, Genoa Velvet, Mohair, Moquette, Velour, and Velvet (Utrecht).

COUPONS TO BE USED; ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOARDERS, BRIDES, BABIES, LAY-BYS.

COUPONS TO BE USED

Your coupons marked CLOTHING must be used to buy these articles in addition to your clothing.

BOARDERS, DOMESTIC SERVANTS, INMATES OF INSTITUTIONS, Etc.

Persons who ordinarily reside in establishments or institutions, including persons residing in boarding houses, hostels, hotels, hospitals, boarding schools where children do not provide their own linen, institutions, etc., and also domestic servants and boarders residing in private dwellings must give up 3 Coupons on or before 15th of June and a further 3 coupons on a date to be announced.

You are obliged to surrender these coupons to the person in charge of the establishment for the use of household linen.

GOODS ORDERED ON OR BEFORE 5th JUNE, 1943

You will have to surrender coupons for all goods delivered after 5th June, 1943, even if they were ordered before that date, except that goods which are in transit (actually despatched) on or before that date by suppliers, may be delivered without surrender of coupons.

LAY-BY

Where goods have been placed on lay-by on or before the 5th June, 1943, they may not be delivered after that date without the surrender of the correct number of coupons. If you do not wish to surrender coupons to obtain goods you have placed on lay-by, you may request the storekeeper to return to you all money you have paid as deposit or instalments on those goods.

Should you desire to make lay-bys for purchases of these goods after 5th June, the same conditions will apply as those in respect of clothing items.

NEWLY-WEDS SETTING UP A HOME

Persons who marry and intend to set up a home may apply to the Deputy Director of Rationing for a special allowance of coupons to cover a minimum requirement of manchester. They will be required to produce their marriage certificate and evidence of their intention to set up a home. Forms are obtainable from the Deputy Director of Rationing in your State.

BABIES

A special allowance of 50 coupons will be issued to cover the needs of each baby from birth until the beginning of the following ration period.

The expectant mother will receive this special allowance at the same time as she applies to the Deputy Director of Rationing for the initial special allowance of clothing coupons for the baby.

If an expectant mother has already received the special allowance of clothing coupons, she should make application to the same Deputy Director of Rationing from whom she obtained the special baby-clothing allowance.

NAPKINS FOR BABIES

ONLY LAYETTE COUPONS can be accepted for napkins at the special coupon rating of a ½ coupon each napkin.

SPECIAL NOTES TO TRADERS

Traders are advised to cut out this advertisement, and, if desirous of obtaining extra copies, they should apply to the Deputy Director of Rationing for trade circular.

NO COUPON-FREE PERIOD FOR TRADERS

No coupon-free period is allowed in respect of Household Drapery. Therefore, traders are required to surrender coupons or coupon equivalent in Vouchers for any stocks obtained after 5th June, 1943.

In exceptional circumstances where it can be established that the trader has insufficient coupons to replace stocks, application should be made to the Deputy Director of Rationing for a coupon advance.

GOODS ON ORDER

Coupons must be surrendered for all goods delivered after 5th June even if they were ordered on or before that date. However, goods which are invoiced, packed, and in store for despatch and awaiting delivery on 5th June, may be supplied without surrender of coupons.

REGISTRATION OF TRADERS AND RETURN OF SURRENDERED COUPONS

Information is being prepared and will soon be announced indicating the requirement of certain traders to become registered with the Rationing Commission.

Return of coupons to the Commission will be by the same methods as those generally in operation for clothing coupons.

CUT THIS OUT FOR REFERENCE

Commonwealth of Australia

RATIONING COMMISSION

BUTTER RATIONING

FARM OR DAIRY BUTTER

Notice to Farmers

1. A farmer or other person who produces butter for consumption other than by his own household must, before 19th June, 1943, apply to the Rationing Commission for registration as a Producer of Farm or Dairy Butter. Application forms are obtainable at any post office.

2. A farmer or other person who produces butter and supplies it to CONSUMERS must collect current "E" coupons for all butter supplied whether by sale, gift or exchange. One coupon must be obtained for each half-pound of butter supplied.

NOTE: In all cases the coupons must be cut from the customer's Ration Book, and under no circumstances must loose coupons be accepted.

At the end of each quarter each producer must submit a return showing the number of pounds of butter supplied and the number of coupons collected. These coupons are to be forwarded with the return.

3. Until June 30th, 1943, a farmer or other person who produces butter may supply farm or dairy butter to a RETAILER, or a BUTTER AGENT or BUTTER FACTORY without collecting coupons. The person supplied must, however, give the farmer a dated receipt slip setting out the amount of butter supplied. These receipt slips will be forwarded by the farmer along with the return and coupons mentioned in paragraph 2. By June 30th, 1943, all persons trading in farm or dairy butter must be registered with the Rationing Commission and coupons must be collected by producers in all cases where the person supplied is not so registered. After that date the receipt slip given by such registered persons must set out the registered number of the person supplied.

4. A farmer who obtains for resale butter made by any other farmer must register as a Dealer in farm or dairy butter. Application forms are obtainable from the Deputy Director of Rationing.

5. In order to be in a position to supply necessary particulars to the Rationing Commission a farmer must keep a record of all butter supplied by him.

6. To supply butter otherwise than in accordance with the Rationing Regulations is Black Marketing.

"Butter Rationing Means Butter for Britain"

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While this War is on these are somewhat in the background for your thoughts and ours must first be to Win this War and win it quickly.

By doing so we can look to the Future with confidence.

In the meantime save unnecessary spending and lend your savings to the Nation.

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Inserted in the interests of National Security by

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THE VALLEY-BRISBANE

W. HENDERSON

SADDLER

FORMERLY of Blackall and Rockhampton, has commenced Business. Counterlining a speciality.

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MAKOWATA, N.C. Line.

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CUSTOMERS' Drums refilled, immediate delivery. Price, freights (empty and full) paid to Stations Lowmead, Korenan 19/6; to Colosseum 20/; Bororen 21/; Marrawing 21/6; Toolooa 22/; Yarwun 22/6; Ambrose 23/; Marmor 23/6; Bajool 24/; Boyne Valley to Talaba, 22/6; to Barmundu 23/; Nagoorin 23/6, Barrimoon 24/; Mungungo 25/; Monto 26/. Cash with order. Brand your Name on drums.

in 4-Gallon Cans

FREIGHT PAID TO GLAD. STONE DISTRICT

MINIMUM TWO TINS

12/6 Cash

Feeds & Feeding Pty.

MEADOWVALE.

YOU can now obtain First-class Fruit from Griffiths' Cafe, Gladstone, at reasonable prices.

RED SHIELD.

MAJOR W. FLOCKTON, State Representative of the Red Shield, will conduct a Special Meeting in the Salvation Army Hall, Herbert Street, Gladstone, on Friday, June 11th, 1943, at 8 p.m. Public cordially invited.

ADJ. M. STEWART.

SHIRE OF CALLIOPE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the impounding of Stock straying on roads and reserves under the control of the Council will be strictly enforced after the 16th June, 1943.

By order,
H. H. WHITTLE, Shire Clerk
Gladstone, 8/6/43.

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A MEETING of Members of the Rescue and Demolition Squad will be held in the Basement of the Town Hall on Thursday, June 10th, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.

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WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

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a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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6.55—State News.
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7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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TOMATOES

How To Preserve Them

Medium sized firm ripe red tomatoes should be selected for preserving. Remove the stems carefully so as not to break the skin, pack in the jars, and fill to the top with a solution in the proportion of ¼ lb. sale, 2 oz. sugar, and one gallon water.

Place jars in warm water, screwing on tops with rubbers on, but not tightly, and exhaust by boiling for five minutes. The tops can now be lightly screwed down, the jars then being submerged and boiled for a further five to eight minutes.

If peeled tomatoes are preferred, dip in boiling water till the skins loosen, and then plunge into cold water and the skins will rub off easily.

Tomatoes may also be preserved in jars in their own pulp. This method is more economical than preserving them in brine solution, as with the latter the liquid is discarded when the tomatoes are to be used, and thus much of the flavour is lost, while the liquid also takes up considerable room in the jars. By cooking the tomatoes in their own pulp there is no loss whatever, as the pulp can be used in soups and many other ways.

The method is to crush firm ripe tomatoes, making certain that no diseased parts are used; boil briskly for about one hour, strain the pulp through a sieve or coarse muslin with mesh sufficiently small to prevent seeds and skin from passing through; add salt to taste, place in warm jars, screw on tops with rubbers on, but not tightly, and exhaust by submerging jars up to neck in boiling water for five minutes. Fasten down lids tightly and cook for eight to ten minutes. Peeled tomatoes are best for this method.

TOMATO JAM.

Wash and stem the fruit, place in cooking vessel, crush sufficient of the fruit to start boiling, and reduce the whole to pulp by boiling, say, for half to three-quarters of an hour. Strain all the pulp through a ¼-inch mesh sieve and weigh. Add ¾ lb. sugar for each pound of pulp, and bring to the boil. The cooking time cannot be stated definitely, there being many influencing factors. Fast boiling for approximately an hour to an hour and a quarter will produced the desired consistency.

As tomato jam made to this recipe is inclined to be insipid, the addition of a little acid in the form of citric or tartaric or pineapple, etc., as a decided improvement.

The addition of acid should be done when the jam is about half cooked, and at the rate of 1 oz. to 25 lb. of pulp.

Lemon juice may be substituted for tartaric, and if it is desired to use the whole lemons, they should be cut up into very thin slices and boiled for, say, half an hour before being added to the jam.

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Seeds may be sown in shallow drills in the open ground, and the seedlings thinned out to about six inches apart.

It frequently happens that parsley is sown too thickly, and early thinning is neglected, with the result that the plants run to seed prematurely.

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Goats' milk is also very suitable for making cheese on account of the high percentage of casein it contains, and is used very largely for this purpose in Switzerland.

The value of goats' milk for feeding infants and children is well known, and its use is strongly recommended by the medical profession for this purpose.

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JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
9	1.13	1.57	.....	8.19	7.48
10	1.55	2.54	.....	9.07	8.48
11	2.45	3.57	.....	9.55	9.51
12	3.43	5.02	.....	10.44	10.55
13	4.48	6.02	.....	11.34	11.56
14	5.52	6.55	.....	——	12.20
15	6.50	7.42	.....	12.53	1.06
16	7.42	8.28	.....	1.49	1.50
17	8.32	9.12	.....	2.43	2.35
18	9.20	9.57	.....	3.38	3.20
19	10.08	10.42	.....	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	.....	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	——	.....	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	.....	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	.....	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	.....	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	.....	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	.....	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	.....	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	.....	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	.....	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	.....	2.07	1.48

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... June 3
First Quarter ..... June 11
Full Moon ..... June 18
Last Quarter ..... June 25

JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	.....	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	.....	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	.....	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	.....	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	.....	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	.....	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	.....	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	.....	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	.....	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	.....	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	.....	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	.....	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	.....	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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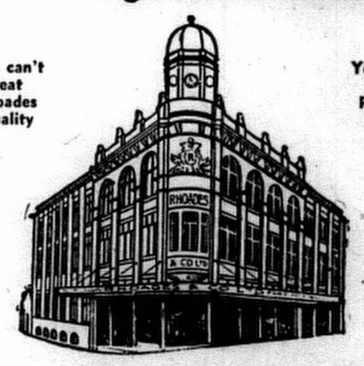

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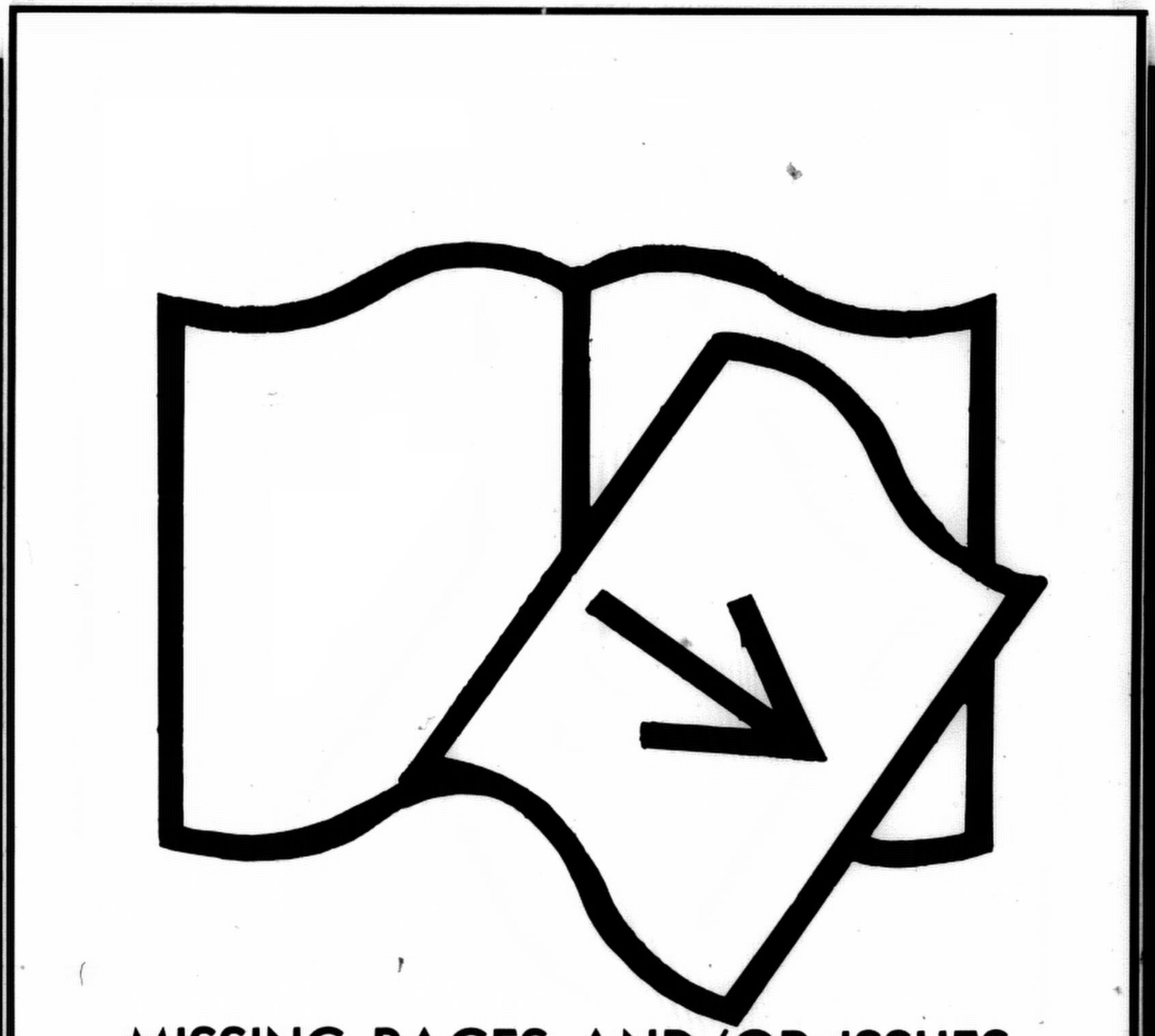

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Immediate consideration of the preliminary details of the enormous task of feeding the world have been urged by the United Nations Food Conference, which has just concluded its sittings at Hot Springs in Virginia. Forty-four countries sent delegates.

Targets set for four crops for the 1943-44 Australian season were announced in Sydney by the Production Executive at the end of last week. The targets are 174,000 acres of potatoes, 70,000 acres of flax, 600,000 bushels of blue peas, and 8,000,000 bushels of barley.

Commenting on the necessity for constructive post war planning now, Mr. D. H. Drummond, C.P. member for Armidale, said: "My own idea is that when this war ceases we will need everything we can produce. Everything will be in enormous demand. Differences of exchange may demand organised marketing for a while, but the sooner producer control comes the better. It is a question whether Australia can or ought to look to the present demand for products, caused by the destruction of production facilities and of flocks and herds in devastated countries, to be a pointer to her permanent policy. Rather, I think, she should build up home markets."

"The first cause of malnutrition is poverty," which is one of the points in the Food Conference's 7-point declaration; and the first cause of poverty is unemployment.

"Development of a hydro-electric power scheme with cheap power available at a flat rate all over Australia is the first essential in any attempt to decentralise industry, which in itself is essential for the re-absorption of service men and women into civilian life."

Mr. Drummond continued: "It is quite certain that after the war many men will have to be absorbed into undertakings such as hydro-electric and other power schemes as temporary measures. These jobs would provide an excellent opportunity for the tapering off of men to the working of their own small irrigated farms. What is needed is the extension of a policy along lines of power development, which will provide profitable work and employment in primary and secondary industries."

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RUSSIA

COMINTERN DISBANDED

Stalin a Realist

The disbanding of the Comintern, recently announced in Moscow, is an event of more than passing significance.

The Comintern, not to be regarded as an organ of the Soviet Government, was the director of international Communist propaganda and activity. To Western European minds it represented the bogey of world-wide Communist revolution. It is to be remembered, too, that there was a time when the Comintern was actively engaged in fomenting revolution in many lands throughout the world. The time came, however, when Russia realised that she could not successfully devote herself to this world revolutionary mission and to the adequated development of her own internal economy. For the time being, at any rate, Russia decided to concentrate upon putting her own house in order by means of her successive five-year plans.

A large part of the world refused to believe that the Red menace was no longer an immediate danger. Fears of Communism were fomented by German propaganda, and the declaration of the German mission as that of forming a bulwark against Communist intrigue and possible Russian attack.

Then came the anti-Comintern Pact, with Germany, Italy and Japan as its signatories. The pact is the alleged basis and reason for Axis co-operation.

In view of these facts Moscow's announcement of the disbanding of the Comintern is, in the main, of twofold significance. First and foremost is the fact that British and American people who have feared activities directed by the Comintern in their own land may now be assured that there is no longer ground for such fear.

British and American opinion will be greatly assured by the fact that the Comintern is now no more. The second fact is that the main item of German propaganda is now seen to be meaningless.

If there is no Comintern, what is to become of the anti-Comintern Pact? Logically it should lapse, but it was never just what it pretended to be, and by its continuance will be readily recognised for what it really is.

Stalin is a realist, and saw that the setting of Russian affairs in order must be his main concern. He has given his reasons for the disbanding of the Comintern. It was necessary, he said, "because it facilitates the organisation of a common onslaught by freedom-loving nations against the common enemy—Hitlerism."

That is the sum and substance of the matter. The existence of the Comintern and its activities were a source of distrust, which could not exist without harmful effects among the United Nations.

Russia has declared that her policy is one of non-interference with the internal affairs of other nations, and the disbanding of the Comintern may be regarded as an evidence of good faith by those who have had doubts regarding Russia's intentions. There is another aspect of this event which is of significance. It removes any doubt that may have existed concerning the possibility of United Nations' collaboration in post-war reconstruction.

DEBT TO NAVY

"Brotherhood of the Sea"

Archdeacon S. H. Denman, preaching at the naval memorial service at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, said that it was one of the compensations of war that it brought into bold relief the heroic stuff of which men and women were made.

"The strength, the endurance, the courage, the resolution, all we mean by the word hero," he said, "shine out in innumerable facts and stories which fill our minds with thankfulness and stir our hearts to richer and deeper devotion. We may shudder as we ponder the blastings and sinkings of the war. Yet an epic grows out of this long drawn-out struggle—the song of the men who risk their lives for the love and care of comrades; of the women who suffer and minister to the suffering and those who dare it all for their country's sake."

"It evolved no approbation of war as such to approve of the heroism which war evoked," he continued. "We shall never be able to pay the debt we owe to the officers and men of our navies, who are a wonderful brotherhood of the sea," added the preacher. "We stand at a desperately critical history in the world's history. Walls are breaking down, and a new sense of comrodeship is leaping from heart to heart. Directly the spirit of giving begins to make itself felt an exhilarating process of linking-up takes place. We begin to lose our little lives and link them up in the great life of our country, our cause, and our kin. The Christ who, in saving others, saved not Himself, claims us as His comrades."

There can be little if any doubt as to the average Britisher's pride in the Navy and his sense of indebtedness to it for all that it has done in the preservation of our liberty, and also by way of making possible a considerable part of the activity of our land and air forces.

More than once in the past the Navy has saved the island home of the Briton from invasion, and in the present conflict the part played by the Navy is no less important than it has ever been.

We have been inclined at times to think that the narrow stretch of the English Channel has been Britain's salvation from invasion, but that is only part of the truth. The Sicilian narrows are about four times as wide as the English Channel, but they will be powerless to save Italy from invasion. The difference between the British and the Italian situations is largely that of the difference between their navies.

It is not only the achievements of the Navy in which we rejoice, but also the spirit of its service and sacrifice. We think none the less these days of the Merchant Navy, which has travelled the sea lanes that our fighting ships have kept open.

Hitler's greatest hope of ultimate victory has lain in his ability to strike at our ships, and he has done so relentlessly and with considerable effect. He has not been able, however, to drive our ships from the sea or to institute anything in the nature of a blockade. The Navy has made the difference between Dunkirk for the British and Tunisia for the Axis, and probably the greatest role in its history is yet to be played.

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Olga O'Blamey

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Thanks.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES MORGAN and Family, of Gladstone, wish to sincerely thank all kind friends and relatives for their messages of condolence in the sad loss of their son and brother, Frank Hedley Morgan.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

PASHLEY.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, George Frederick, who departed this life on the 14th June, 1941.

We saw him suffering day by day:
It caused us bitter grief
To see him slowly pine away
And could not get relief.

(Inserted by his loving mother, father, and brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.)

PASHLEY.—In loving memory of our dear brother George, who passed away 14th June, 1941.

In silence we still remember.

(Inserted by his loving sisters, Hilda, Winnie, Clara, Myra, and brothers-in-law, Stuart, Jack, Jim and Bill.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

FRUIT PRICES.

Prosecutions are pending against a number of fruiterers in Brisbane for disregard of price orders fixing the price of certain fruit and vegetables, and for failure to display price signs in accordance with regulations.

SHOP LIGHTS LAW.

Police acted in Brisbane at the week-end to enforce the National Security rule restricting lighting in shop windows. It was stated officially that the regulation was designed to save electricity.

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank, Mr. W. H. Hall, advises that the sum of £100 has been received as an interest free loan to the Commonwealth Government from the Country Women's Association, Gladstone branch.

BUTTER 7/- LB.

Butter was sold for 7/- a lb. without coupons in Canberra at the week-end, but there will be no prosecution. A couple of pounds were left over from supper donations to a party held at Ainslie Hostel in aid of the China appeal, and the surplus was acutioned. With the experience of a week on rations, bidders were keen to get the extra supply.

MR. DWYER WELCOMED.

On Monday morning, at the Court House, the newly appointed S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), who was recently transferred to Gladstone from Bowen, was tendered an official welcome. The C.P.S. (Mr. J. F. Donovan) and Sergt. S. Coxon, on behalf of their respective staffs, wished Mr. Dwyer and his family a happy stay in Gladstone. Mr. Dwyer suitably acknowledged the compliment.

POLICE COURT.

At the Police Court on Monday, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), William John Dunn, labourer, was charged with stealing a silver bell alarm clock, valued at 15/-, the property of Mrs. A. Chapman, of Gondoon Street. The facts disclosed that Mrs. Chapman left the shop for a short period about mid-day on Sunday, and on returning found the kitchen door open and the clock missing. The defendant was arrested by Constables Gerber and Fels. In answer to the charge Dunn pleaded guilty, and was ordered to enter into his own recognisance in the sum of £20 to come up for sentence if called upon within six months. The clock was ordered to be returned to Mrs. Chapman. Sergeant S. Coxon prosecuted.

AIR RAID TEST.

Another successful air raid test was held on Saturday afternoon, and those who took part included Wardens, Police, Fire Brigade, W.A.D.'s, W.N.E.L., Red Cross Emergency Auxiliary, Auxiliary Transport drivers and Boy Scouts. The test covered a period of two hours, and the work carried out reflected credit on all concerned. The newly appointed Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. M. Dwyer) patrolled the sections during the test with Sergt. S. Coxon, and expressed himself in praiseworthy terms with the efficiency displayed by all the services. A new feature was the attendance of the Red Shield mobile canteen, which dispensed hot refreshments to the various members of the services, and the kindly gesture was greatly appreciated.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

£90,000 LOAN - BOYNE RIVER WATER SUPPLY

ALD. GOLDING HOPES TO START THE WORK TO-DAY

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

LOAN OF £90,000.

The Treasury Department, Brisbane, asked to be advised if any action had been taken by the Council in the matter of negotiations for the loan of £90,000 in connection with the Boyne River water supply scheme, and also if satisfactory arrangements could be made regarding the survey and the preparation of plans and specifications. The Council should also, prior to the commencement of the work, make application to the Manpower authorities for assistance in securing the required number of men for the job, and also if necessary apply to the Allied Works Council for the release of men from the Civil Constructional Corps.

Ald. Golding moved that application be made to the State Government Insurance Office for a loan of £90,000 for the completion of the Boyne River water supply scheme. Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

COAL ON ROAD.

Swift Australian Company (Pty.) Ltd., Gladstone, acknowledged letter relative to coal on the roadway between the Railway Station and the turn-off on their private road, and they had taken up the matter of the Council's complaint with the contract carriers concerned, and trusted there would be no further cause for complaint.—Received.

A FOOTPATH.

Mr. A. A. Lowe, Gladstone, drew attention to the footpath in front of his residence, which he stated was in a deplorable condition.—The matter was referred to the Works Committee.

A DRAIN.

Sub-collector of Customs (Mr. R. J. Mackay) brought under notice the faulty condition of the drain from the basement of the Customs House under Lord Street to Auckland Creek. It was noticed that during the recent rain that flooding was caused in the basement of the building, apparently due to the blockage of the drain, and an inspection would be appreciated to ascertain the cause.—The matter was referred to the Works Committee.

DRAINAGE.

Mr. E. H. Warren, Gladstone, drew attention to the drainage in front of his property, and considered the stench was a menace to health, and again asked that something be done to alleviate this state of affairs.—The matter was left in the hands of the Health Inspector to attend to.

A COMPLAINT.

Mr. S. J. McCallum, Gladstone, complained of water lying at the corner of his yard, which, he stated, was caused by the water running down from Off Lane, and collected in a big pool. He asked that the matter be attended to.—The complaint was referred to the Works Committee.

NO OBJECTION.

Mr. J. Schulze, Gladstone, asked for permission to connect the water to his property through Mr. Cullen's pipe line.—It was decided that the Council offer no objection.

THREE REQUESTS.

South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association presented the following requests:—

(1) Attention to the footpath in Pier Street in front of Mr. F. Salgado's residence, which had been washed out by heavy rains, and was in a dangerous condition.

(2) Attention to the flood waters that flow through Mrs. G. Doble's property during wet weather in Off Street. It was stated the grading of a drain would rectify this matter.

(3) The Association recommended the request by Mr. Judge, of Bell Street, to have his house connected with electric light, and if it was necessary to carry the line a distance over his property he was prepared to purchase the necessary poles.

REQUESTS DEALT WITH.

Ald. Golding stated that with Ald. Smith he had met the executive officers of the Association, and they decided to co-operate by supplying soil for the planting of trees at Barney Point, and the Association undertook to plant the trees and attend to the watering.

From Barney Point they proceeded to Pier Street and Robert Street, where the site of the proposed shelter sheds were inspected.

Ald. Golding went on to say that the Mayor and aldermen were well aware of the difficulty in coping with the problem of drainage of this area. It could only be done by pipe line, either to Toolooa Street or Off Lane.

In regard to the flood waters that flowed through Mr. D. Doble's property, Ald. Golding recommended that the Council resume portion of the property in the vicinity and run a concrete pipe line through to the railway, and moved that the engineer prepare an estimate with a view to budgeting for the work in the next financial year. The motion was seconded by Ald. Tudman and carried.

In regard to request No. 3, it was decided to inform the Association that until more houses were built along the line the application could not be entertained.

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME.

Ald. Golding said at the last meeting of the Council it was decided that the supervision of the construction of the Boyne River water supply scheme be attended to by the Works Committee, and he was now pleased to be able to report that all the machinery would be on the job in the morning (Tuesday), and he hoped to have the work commenced on Wednesday morning (to-day).

HOUSES CLOSED.

Ald. Smith moved that Mr. Ambrose be written to asking him to have certain houses in William Street closed so as to prevent abuses being carried out. Seconded by Ald. Golding and carried.

PAY HALF THE COST.

The Water Foreman (Mr. D. Jackson) submitted an estimate for extending the water main to Mr. Padget's property in Worthington Street, via Scenery Street, the approximate distance being 660 feet.

It was decided to lay down a three-quarter inch pipe, provided Mr. Padget paid half the cost in accordance with his previous letter to the Council.

HELD OVER.

In reference to a request for water by Mr. A. C. Draper, of Coney Island, it was decided to hold the matetr over until fibro cement pipes could be obtained.

Mr. Jackson reported that fibro cement pipes were unprocurable in Brisbane at the present time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Engineer (Mr. E. W. Phillips) reported that since last meeting he had pumped electrically for 734 hours, using 14,925 units.—The report was adopted.

Work Report

The Overseer (Mr. R. Tait) reported on the work carried out by the town gang for the month of May.

GLENLYON STREET.

All the ruts and washouts in this street, between Bramston Street and Tank Street, have been filled with gravel.

AUCKLAND STREET

The bad places on the edges of the bitumen, between Roseberry Street and Herbert Street, were gravelled. There is also a very bad place on the shoulders of the roadway in front of McLeod's Depot that should receive attention. The ruts are deep, and make it awkward for turning at this place. The footpath at the State School was chipped, and all the grass growing under the shrubs on this footpath was cleared away.

YAROON STREET.

The footpath, from the Post Office down to Central Lane, was gravelled.

DERBY STREET.

Some gravel filling was put in across the water channel at a gate entrance, and the intersection at Buller Street also received attention.

TANK STREET.

All the weeds and grass growing around the young trees recently planted in this street have been chipped out and the ground around them has been dug.

The men are at present putting in concrete pipes under the roadway on Flinders Parade.

The report was adopted.

FIRST SECTION BOYNE SCHEME.

The Overseer (Mr. R. Tait) reported on the progress of the gravitation main between 0' peg and 15,000' peg. Since my last report on work completed to the 29th April there have been only two men and myself employed for seven days, and the remainder of the period there was only one man and myself, with the exception of the last two days, when I was fortunate enough to get another two men. The cement for the job arrived on May 11, and I got delivery on that date.

The work completed during the period from the 29th April to 27th May was excavating bases, 10 cu. yds. earthwork, carting special castings on to the line, carting 17 cu. yds. gravel, 7 cu. yds. sand, and carting the cement.

Since the cement arrived we have been on concrete work. The excavations for the bases of all the piers have been completed. The concrete piers are completed from 6100' peg to 15,000' peg. There are 49 concrete piers completed to date, and three concrete bases, where the work is in progress, at 5400' peg. There are several places in the small gullies on the line where 12" and 15" diameter concrete pipes are specified to carry the storm waters under the castiron main.

Both ends of the concrete pipes have to be stone pitched, with rubble filling cover over the main, and as this cannot be done until after the existing 6in. main has been lifted, I would recommend that instead of putting in concrete pipes, to construct a small concrete pier to be built on each side of the gully, and the gully cleaned out or deepened under the main to enable the storm water to flow in an open channel, even if we have to raise the levels of the grade line a few inches at those places. It is my intention to confer with Engineer Fenwick on this matter.

All the special castings that I have received have been laid on the line where required.

The report was adopted.

Health Report

The Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne) reported on the health and sanitation of the town for the past month.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

A positive case of diphtheria occurred during the month. The patient was a preschool child, and had not been immunized. The patient was removed to the isolation ward of the Gladstone Hospital, and on receipt of its third negative swab has since been discharged.

In the swabbing of the contacts a carrier was detected. This carrier was removed by the Ambulance to isolation, and after a week's detention the application of a virulence test proved she was not capable of spreading the disease, so was discharged in accordance with the regulations. The premises were suitably disinfected, and all the necessary precautions taken during the infective period.

IMMUNIZATION.

A group of forty children have received two immunizing injections at the Medical Officer's surgery. The final injection will be given in a fortnight's time. It is proposed to start other groups when the present numbers are completed, as it is becoming very popular, and people are beginning to realise that the method is safe and reliable.

SANITARY CONTRACT.

This essential service has been working under difficulties, due to lack of manpower. For some time now three men have been working long hours to keep the cleansing and sanitary services of the town in operation, and during that period only an occasional complaint was received. The fourth man has commenced work, so the old practice will be reverted to of apportioning men for the various cleansing services. Additional new pans are being put into the service as they come to hand. The disposal work should show improvement with the additional labour.

The collection, removal, and disposal of household refuse appears to be working to the satisfaction of the community, as no complaints have reached the office concerning this service. The dump has a good covering of sawdust, but the garbage truck has been stuck several times during the month. It requires an earth covering to hold the truck.

DRAINAGE.

Drainage and other complaints were investigated during the month. Several drains in various localities are still giving trouble. These are mainly from baths and sinks.

A complaint has been received concerning the drainage from Mr. F. Williams' property, in Oaka Lane. This drain is soaking over the Council's footpath, and runs past his neighbour's place. The trouble here is that the whole of the wastes from the baths, sinks, and other washing waters are discharged into the street. No attempt is made to pick it up on the premises.

Other places where wastes are discharged on to the street have been prevented from doing this by absorbing all wastes on the property. This is a very old nuisance, and has been going on for some time.

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

SINGLES HANDICAP

Three Good Contests

At the Gladstone Bowling green three sterling contests marked the continuation of the handicap singles. It is difficult to say which was the best game, but Joe Hogan and Cedric Cooper battled to the 47th end before the shipping man had to admit defeat. Hogan won 31-29.

Arthur Drewe and Ned Masterson had an equally hard contest, Drewe eventually winning 31-29 at the 45th end.

P. A. Friend had to go to 42 ends before he headed Don Schmidt, the game finishing 31-26.

Social matches resulted:—

Jenkinson, Ferris, Matthews, Golding v. Garrett, Witty, Barker, Archay 27-12.

Young, Coxon, Jenkinson v. Bycroft, Smith, Cameron 32-24.

Menzies, Dennis, Jackson v. Pring, Browne, Dr. Yum 23-15.

Ladner, Joyner, Johnstone v. Fewster, Drewe, S. Wilson 26-18.

Fewster, Humphries v. Ferris, Golding 18-17.

Hando, S. Wilson v. Stevens, Jenkinson 20-18.

Dennis, Pring v. Joyner, Browne 31-15.

Sly, Johnstone v. Dahl, P. Friend 23-16.

INSPECTIONS.

House to house inspections have been continued, particular attention being paid to the screening of rain-water tanks. Some very old and dilapidated tanks have been noticed during these inspections, and instructions have been given to kerosene all tanks where no protective screens are used.

RAT BAITS.

Rat baits are being laid at certain sections. There is an increasing demand for more baits. Rats appear to be on the increase at certain parts of the town.

The report was adopted.

Water Report

The Foreman (Mr. D. D. Jackson) reported that the following works were carried out during the month of May:—

Reading water meters.

Renewed two lengths of 1in. main in Pier Street.

Trenched and laid 79ft. of 1in. main in Walsh Street to connect a new consumer.

Repaired leak on 4in. castiron main on Auckland Hill.

Packed gland on valve corner Tank and Auckland Streets.

Repaired leak in 3in. galvanised main in View Street.

Gave notice to several consumers to have service pipes repaired, also cut off three consumers pending repairs.

Blew out all dead ends, and these are receiving further attention.

AT THE WATERWORKS.

The suction gas plant was run for 126½ hours, and pumped approximately 1,122,280 gallons. Cleaned gas pipes from scrubber to engine. Removed No. 2 plunger piston and cleaned grease channels in gudgeon pin. Cattle were again getting in, and they were put out and the fence inspected and repaired. Blew out all scours between pumping station and town.

The rainfall at the Waterworks for the month of May was 326 points. This fell in four falls, from the 14th to 31st, and put about 2 inches in the dam. The dam on June 1 was 3 ft. 2 ins. below the by-wash, being 8in. for the month. No. 2 tank was full on June 1, and since May 16 gravitation has been the order.

The plant has given no trouble, and is running satisfactorily.

The report was adopted.

Electric Light Authority

NO MATERIAL.

Mr. C. D. Tweed, Gladstone, made application for electricity to be installed at his residence.

Mr. Phillips reported that he had no material on hand at the present time.

The matter is to be reported on again.

GENERAL.

It was decided to write to the State Electricity Commission for permission to remove the shades from the street lights.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Following accounts were passed for payment:—General account £588/2/2, water £205/13/8, electric £574/2/-, debenture loan (water) £87/13/1, debenture loan (electric) £27/16/

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

DISTANCE COMPETITION

Win for Frank Peardon

Members played a disetance competition at the Gladstone Golf links on Saturday, but were handicapped by unfavourable conditions, due to the week-end rain at the long fifth hole. Finishing 30 feet from the pin at the 18th, Frank Peardon handed in the best card. Bob Elliott was close up with his last shot, stopping 60 feet from the final green. Then followed M. Clifford 40 yds. out 18th green; L. Collins, 17th hole, and . R. Joyce, 17th fairway.

NEW ASSOCIATE WINS.

A new associate, playing her first game on the local links, Miss Winnie Archay, tied with Mrs. J. Starmer in the ladies' competition, both finishing on the 9th green. Miss Lorna Burrows got to the 8th green, Mrs. Burnham the 8th fairway, and Miss Kaine the 7th green.

WEDDING BELLS

PEVITT-BAUER.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Nundah, Brisbane, on June 5 by Rev. Martin, when Esmae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bauer, of Gladstone, was married to Jack, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Pevitt, of Nundah.

The tall, graceful bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, who subsequently gave her away, was gowned in ivory satin, which fell in graceful folds and trailed on the floor in a long train. The beautiful net veil was lent by Mrs. Carney, a friend of the bride. She was attended by Miss Phyllis Smith, of Lutwyche, who wore a full length frock of powder blue georgette, with matching headgear.

The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Tom Lynch, of Lutwyche, as best man.

The reception was held at the Red Cross Cafe, where the bride's mother, assisted by Mrs. Pevitt, mother of the groom, received the guests.

The large two-tiered cake was the gift of Mr. E. Ross, cousin of the bride.

The happy couple left later by car for Coolangatta, where the honeymoon is being spent.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

BOXING.

Herb Narvo, Australia's champion Rugby League forward of the 1937-38 Kangaroos in England, will appear before the Queensland public in a new role at the Brisbane Stadium on Friday night, when he will oppose the giant American negro, Al Hoosman.

Narvo has built up a fine K.O. record. Among his most notable victims are Britt, McNamee, Stehr and Wright. He won the title from Britt in 45 seconds.

Hoosman won six fights in America before enlisting, but this will be his first Australian fight. He is 6ft. 5in. tall, and possesses a reach of 82 inches.

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AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

Letter From Sergt. Hill

We have received another interesting letter from Sergt. Frank Hill, who is with the Forces in New Guinea:—

"I find that I have a little leisure time on my hands, and for the moment, owing to some little incident ment, owing to some little incident turning my thoughts to your estimable "Observer," I venture to encroach on your time by attempting to give your readers and the members of the Comforts Fund in Gladstone an insight of just what is done by way of entertainment for the boys in New Guinea.

"Let me say at the outset that the A.C.F. is without doubt the soldier's friend, not forgetting the Salvation Army, who have distinguished themselves in providing in many ways for the comfort of the troops.

"In the first place let me briefly run through the activities of the A.C.F.

"It is to this organisation that falls the lot of allocatinb comforts to every soldier, irrespective of rank or creed. This in itself is enough to keep clerks and administration staff constantly working, having in mind the fact that troops move from one place to another in a most disconcerting manner.

"Many amenities of life are handled, viz., tobacco, cigarettes, matches, shaving material, toilet and washing soap, writing materials, handkerchiefs, and sometimes even such things as sox. In fact, nothing seems too much for the A.C.F.

In addition we have both the A.C.F. and Salvation Army providing suitable quarters for the soldier to sit down and write home, and if he is so inclined, to read and discuss different matters with his friends he meets from time to time. Even such things as a piano is provided.

"With regard to the sporting side of entertainment life, it has been my pleasure to be associated with quite a few projects in my particular area. In this respect we have to thank the Y.M.C.A. This body of men are very active in providing entertainments, and I will endeavour to point out some of the prominent functions so far attempted.

"Firstly, we have the stadium, which is a really fine piece of cooperative work. The ring is of standard size, very strongly built, and stands in the centre of a natural basin at the foot of a hill. The sides of the basin have been trimmed to form seats in tiers, which gives a really good bleachers effect. Dressing rooms have been built for the contestants, and everything is run smoothly.

"The boxing contests are staged approximately every month, and each night brings more challengers for the various titles.

"As you may imagine, barracking is og a very intensive type. Both the Aussies and Americans can sure make some noise when their particular fancied candidate puts in an appearance. I myself get a ton of fun listening to the barracking, and of course the inevitable betting.

"The different styles of boxing in the Americans and Aussies give rise to many witty remarks. It may interest some of the Gladstonites to know that on one occasion Peter Colby (a one-time fighter in the Mackay district) was the referee. Also it is the intention within the next few weeks of Kev. Lindley, of Gladstone, well-known in fistic circles, to try his prowess in the hempen square. I think that Kev. will do very well, as he has toughened up a lot since his stay in these tropics. He is well looked after by his brother, Bill Lindley.

"A gew remarks regarding the heavy division will perhaps interest you. The heavyweight division is mostly contested by Americans. The contestants are, as a rule, of the lumber jack type, if I might use the term. Both American negros and whites put up a real punching duel at times and on other occasions the match is more or less what the wags term a love wrestle. But the whole tournament creates a tremendous amount of interest, and gives rise to many hot arguments.

"It is the true stadium atmosphere, even so far as the spectators themselves getting into holts about their fancies.

"Now I will give you an idea of a more classic function. This is in the term of 'the melody parade.' Actually it is a more up-to-date version of the amateur hour on the wireless.

"Contestants had in their names with the type of number they intend to render to the Y.M.C.A. A programme is drawn up, and the show is staged at the Stadium, which has had an up-to-date stage completed, with footlights erected for the purpose.

"All classes compete—Aussies, Americans, members of Allies' nursing staffs, and, of course, much variety is seen. From the latest in swing music to such old-timers as classics and male voice choirs, quartettes, trios, etc., not to speak of the jazz swing orchestra, and instrumentalists.

"The judging is done by specially selected and competent personnel coupled with the applause from the audience.

"I have already written to you regarding the swimming carnival staged on Easter Monday, the first of its kind in this area. It is the intention of the Y.M.C.A. to hold another in the near future, so popular was the last one.

"Of course, besides the functions and events I have mentioned, we have a very regular screening of talkies. I believe we are to have some of the latest releases shortly.

"The foregoing will give you an idea in brief of just what is done to help the soldier in his leisure to pass the time pleasantly.

"It is my intention later to describe in detail for you the 'melody parade' to be held shortly, and I can assure you it will be well worth attending."

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, June 18.

The convenor, Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenor, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry, or Mrs. J. W. Garrett, Auckland Street.

SHORTAGE OF NURSES

A Final Appeal

Authough definite progress has been made in overcoming the shortage existing on the staffs of both public and private hospitals in respect of nurses and domestics, there are still many vacancies to be filled before it can be said that these institutions are definitely staffed.

It is a dreadful thing to have to admit that there is a danger of any patient being refused admission because of staff shortages, and the Deputy Director of Manpower in Queensland (Mr. F. E. Walsh) is determined that as far as possible such a contingency shall not arise in Queensland. This is one of the gravest responsibilities of the manpower directorate, and he is convinced that sufficient opportunities have been afforded nurses and domestics to offer their services voluntarily, and that the time has now arrived when the power of direction should be applied. He, however, is making a final appeal to eligible women to come to the country's assistance and take on the work for which they are qualified, and so relieve the desperate plight of our hospitals. If they don't come forward, there is only one course left, and that is to use the powers of direction.

If we could overcome the shortage of hospital trainees, much would be done towards relieving staff shortages, both present and future. Mr. Walsh therefore appeals to all suitable young women of 18 years of age and over to come forward and help relieve a very desperate situation. Their good sense as women should tell them that in their country's present plight they should line up behind the doctors and give the kind of service for which the hospitals are calling aloud.

"It has been said that the seeds of every great war were sown in the settlement of a previous war. If that has been true in the past, cannot we now, by care, equally sow the seeds of lasting peace during and at the end of this war?"—Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Minister of Labour and National Service.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PADDY'S MARKET

Receipts £37/12/9

Despite the many patriotic calls on town and country residents, the monthly Paddy's market, organised by the ladies' committee of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society, continues to attract increasing support. The receipts from the function last Friday amounted to £37/12/9.

In expressing thanks to all donors for their generous assistance the organiser (Mrs. A. H. Friend) announced that the next market would be held on July 9, when a doll in bed (donated by Mrs. Ricketts) would be raffled.

The raffle of the large iced fruit cake (donated by Mrs. J. Milne) was won by Mr. P. M. Jones, with ticket No. 166. Mr. Jones has been a consistent supported of the function, and much pleasure was expressed at his good fortune. The 1 lb. of tea was won by Master M. Harbottle.

Donations included: L. S. Johnston £2/2/-, A. V. Worthington (sale of dragons) £1/10/-, K. Ballantine £1, A. E. Easterby 10/6 (sale of bag), N. Hall 10/- (sale of posies), A. Friend 10/-, Shirley McCray's dancing pupils 7/-, Jas. Worthington 5/-, J. Schneider 5/-, F. Menzies 4/6, G. Phillips (sale of eggs) 3/-, H. Moore 2/-.

Sweets: Mesdames Chas. Barker (large collection), Paxton, C. Smith, A. Worthington and A. Jordan (cocoa for sweets), Mrs. Hando.

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Pickles: Mesdames Bycroft and Hando.

Sausage rolls: Mrs. H. McCray.

Tarts: Mrs. C. Smith.

Scones: Mrs. Paxton.

Lemon butter: Mrs. H. Hall.

Flowers: Mesdames Steed, Hall, Parsloe, Easterby, Walters, Jac Worthington, P. A. Friend, Geo. Phillips, P. M. Jones.

Plants: Mesdames Harbottle, Hadgraft, Phillips, Byrne, Jordan, Miss Menzies.

Eggs: Mrs. A. Martin.

Vegetables: Mesdames Easterby, Radford, Hamilton, Bob Hoddinott (case of tomatoes), R. Wilson (Calliope Station).

Fruit: Mesdames F. Menzies (oranges and lemons), D. Wilson (oranges and lemons), A. McLean (mandarins), T. C. Mann (3 cases), Kirkham (2 cases), H. C. Dougall (oranges), Cavill (lemons), A. Horne (limes), L. Pownall (lemons).

Two prs. boottees, Mrs. Hay senr; 3 bonnets, Mrs. E. Barker; one string bag and parcel sundries, Mrs. P. Buck; two pairs shoes and two elastic kneebands, Mrs. Alf. Force.

The thanks of the Society are also due to Mr. F. Stitt, senr., who so kindly tidied the grounds around the hut after the fete.

BOYNE VALLEY

C.W. Association.

Mrs. V. G. Mossman (president) took the chair at the Boyne Valley branch of the Q.C.W. Association meeting, held in the Ubobo Hall on Thursday, June 10. Those present were: Mesdames H. Dougall, L. Pownall, G. Clarke, A. R. Wagner, Wengert, Russell, A. Stapleton, S. Davies, Miss Cave, and the secretary-treasurer (Mrs. Wedge). Apologies were received from Mesdames W. Muspratt, W. Streeter, Metten, and McLachlan.

The meeting opened with the recitation of "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer.

Two foundation members (Mrs. A. E. Edey and Mrs. N. Hellen), have recently left the district, and the Association decided to purchase suitable gifts and forward to these ladies as a mark of esteem and appreciation from their fellow members.

Another member who was recently married is to receive a present from her fellow members.

It was decided to write and inquire if the school dentist could visit the schools in the Boyne Valley, viz., Many Peaks, Littlemore, Ubobo and Nagoorin.

A member offered to accommodate the dentist while he was at the Ubobo School.

Mrs. Pownall moved that a donation of £5/5/- be sent to the Emergency Housekeeper scheme.—Seconded by Mrs. Russell and carried.

It was also decided to make the annual donation of £1/1/- to the Ubobo B.N.A.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mesdames McLachlan, Wengert, Dougall, Russell and Davies.

The meeting then closed, followed by a dainty afternoon tea.

PATRIOTIC FUND

The usual monthly meeting of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund was held in the Ubobo Memorial Hall on Tuesday, June 8. Present: Mesdames W. E. Muspratt (president), V. A. Macartney (vice-president), Streeter, Metten, Wedge, Steel, Davies, Misses J. Davies and D. Muspratt (secretary), and Messrs. Waite, West, M. Muspratt, E. Clarke, and E. Steel (treasurer).

FINANCE.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £275/17/-, plus £10 change on hand. The Fund also has £250 invested in war saving certificates, and £100 invested in the Third Liberty Loan.

DONATION.

It was decided to send a donation of £12 to the P.O.W. Fund this month.

GENERAL.

The committee decided on a new venture, that of holding a "beef tea" stall in conjunction with the sweet stall at the forthcoming dance.

Canteen orders to the value of 5/- are to be sent to each of the twelve boys serving outside Australia.

A donation of £2/10/- was received from the O'Sullivan sisters.

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AUCTION SALE, account Allison, next Saturday, Ice Chest, Chest of Drawers, Saucepans, Kettle, Kitchenware, Crockery, Pot Plants, Sulky, etc. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

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A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, June 18th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the organiser, Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan.

AUCTION SALE, account Allison, comprises S.O. Wardrobes, Duchesses, Double and Single Beds, Blinds, Curtains, etc. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

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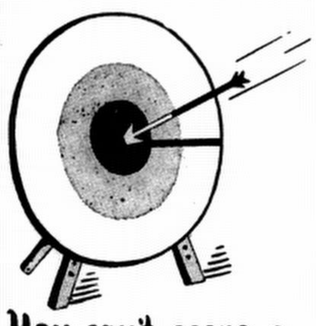

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Co-Endurance, if it means anything, can only mean co-operation in endurance. The plain fact is, however, that there is no co-operation between the territories of the occupied sphere, because Japan herself has destroyed the means by which they could co-operate.

Transport, both on land and sea, is restricted. The world is thus presented with the ridiculius spectacle of a rice glut in Burma while Japanese chemists in Singapore are frantically trying to make bread from sago and Malayans are being told that they must give up eating rice and learn to eat vegetables.

In Japan and Manchuria Japanese industrialists are erecting synthetic rubber plants, while Malay is suffering from the greatest crude rubber glut in its history.

With all the oil resources of the Netherlands East Indies at Japan's disposal, attempts are being made to produce oil from rubber, while the sugar of the Philippines, unobtainable in Japan, is being used to produce power alcohol.

Manchuria and North China are among the world's greatest producers of coal, yet in the Philippines locomotives are running on cocoanut fibre.

The occupied countries have much to endure, but they are not all in the same boat. They are in lots of little boats and the towing lines if they have not yet parted, are at least badly frayed.

TUNISIAN VICTORY

Liked "The Old Man"

"To-day we are celebrating the second great step in the defeat of Hitler, Tojo, and a man whose name I have forgotten," said Sir Ernest Fisk, chairman and managing director of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd., guest speaker at a luncheon held in Sydney by the Australian-American Co-operation Movement for representatives of all the allied nations who participated in the Tunisian victory.

"The first step towards that defeat," Sir Ernest continued, "was made by a number of boys after Dunkirk—the few boys of the R.A.F. to whom so many of us owe so much."

Other speakers at the luncheon included Mr. Andre Brenac, on behalf of the French National Movement and the Fghting French, and Mr. R. S. Conrow, on behalf of the American community, who said that although their forefathers had broken with England because of misunderstanding and the human element, Americans had always thought a great deal of "the Old Man."

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This 20-page booklet will be on sale at bookstalls and newsagents in every State early next week.

The Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) said that with the reproductions of patterns and renovated clothing shown in the booklet, many persons should be stirred to look through their wardrobes for old clothes to remodel into useful garments.

No doubt, there are thousands of enterprising housewives who will be able to cut down their coupon spending by the means suggested in the booklet, he said. Now more than ever before it is vital that coupon expenditure is cut to a bare minimum. Every coupon saved helps divert vital manpower and machinery to production of war materials instead of civilian clothing, and also saves vital shipping space.

Both models and designs used in the booklet were provided by students of the Emily McPherson Domestic Arts College in Melbourne. Illustrations show what valuable clothing can be made from old coats, suits, slacks, shirts, women's evening dresses, etc. Hints on care of clothing to make existing garments last longer are also given.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
16	7.42	8.28	.....	1.49	1.50
17	8.32	9.12	.....	2.43	2.35
18	9.20	9.57	.....	3.38	3.20
19	10.08	10.42	.....	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	.....	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	——	.....	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	.....	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	.....	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	.....	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	.....	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	.....	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	.....	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	.....	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	.....	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	.....	2.07	1.48

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... June 18
Last Quarter ..... June 25

JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	.....	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	.....	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	.....	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	.....	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	.....	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	.....	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	.....	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	.....	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	.....	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	.....	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	.....	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	.....	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	.....	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... July 2
First Quarter ..... July 11
Full Moon ..... July 17
Last Quarter ..... July 24

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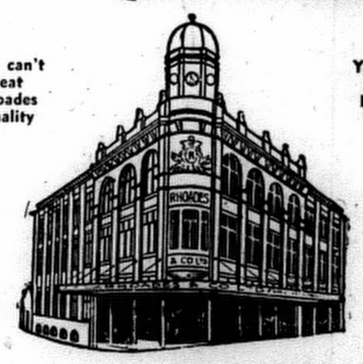

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BUTTER RATIONING

CURTIN GOVERNMENT

Blamed For Imposition

"The Minister for Commerce (Mr. Scully) has failed completely to answer my charge that the Curtin Government, and that Government alone, is to blame for the imposition of butter rationing on the Australian people," said the Leader of the Federal Opposition (Mr. Fadden), referring to the Minister's reply to his criticism of butter rationing.

"I reiterate that had the Curtin Government adopted the report made to it by the Rural Industries Committee (appointed by the Menzies Government), and the two reports by the Special Dairy Industry Committee which it appointed, each of which recommended an increase in the price of dairy products; and had it given sympathetic treatment to the industry there would have been no necessity to introduce butter rationing.

"Mr. Scully's statement consists of a mass of inaccuracies and irrelevancies. For instance, referring to the special committee's report, the Minister mentioned that, among other things, that committee recommended the granting of increased prices. The Minister then had the effrontery to state that the Federal Government was giving effect to the recommendation.

THE FACTS.

"The facts are that on July 11, 1942, nearly eleven months ago, that committee recommended that immediate steps be taken to secure a minimum return to the dairy farmer by increasing prices on the Commonwealth market by 3¾ pence a lb. for butter, and 2d a lb. for cheese, with increases in the export value of those commodities.

"Instead of giving effect to that recommendation, as Mr. Scully claims, the Government procrastinated until October, when it introduced its Subsidy Bill,

THE MUDDLE.

"What the industry would like to know from Mr. Scully is why the Government rejected the recommendation of the practical men who comprised the committee, then kept the report secret for several months. Doubtless, they would also like to know why, when the Opposition endeavoured to obtain something better for the producers than that provided by the subsidy—a paltry dole—Mr. Scully threatened to leave things as they were, and to throw on to Opposition members the responsibility for whatever consequences might ensue.

"Mr. Scully's ignorance regarding the past history of butter prices is equalled only by his complacency concerning the middle he has brought into being which has culminated in butter rationing.

BUTTER PRICES.

"Wholesale butter prices at the factory rose from 101/- per cwt. in 1935 to 143/- per cwt. in 1940. This rise meant for the record production of 213,000 tons in 1939-40 a gain of £8,000,000 in the pockets of the dairymen. That rise was rendered possible by the tariff protection given by Sir Earle Page in 1926, and by the organisation which was placed on the statute book by the Governments with which the Country Party was associated during the last 20 years.

FIRST PRICE RISE.

"Since the war began the first price rise was given by the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner, who was appointed, and whose powers were rendered absolute in this connection by the Menzies Government. The subsidy is the result of his recommendations after an application to him by the industry following the very unsatisfactory result obtained from the Curtin Government last year.

BUNGLING GOES ON.

"Not only has the Curtin Government bungled the affairs of the dairying industry, the bungling goes back to the time when the State Labour Premiers killed Sir Earle Page's fodder conservation scheme at the Loan Council in 1941. The scheme provided for very great additional mechanical help for the dairy farmer at a time when it was still procurable. The difference in the help given by non-Labour Governments is that, in their assistance, there has been no tag; dairy farmers having been allowed entirely to work out their own destiny, while with all Labour assistance there has always been attached additional unworkable tags. The butter industry has almost doubled in size in the twenty years between the two wars. This increase of labour and capital in the industry could only occur if during the greater part of that time there had been substantial satisfaction with its conditions.

LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES

AMERICAN PLAN

Municipal Equipment Pool

Shire, borough and city councils in Australia which have had to face difficult times because of the shortage of roadmaking and other machinery, have, in some cases, shared certain equipment and skilled direction, but they should be interested in a pooling plan proposed in the U.S.A.

With so much equipment and plant needed for the fighting forces and for vital defence works, as well as a shortage of manpower, local governing bodies have found that caring for roads, bridges, etc., in their districts is becoming an increasing problem.

The American plan by which all State and local governments will be assured of adequate equipment to maintain streets and roads for the duration, is outlined in the weekly bulletin of the U.S. Office of War Information.

It envisages an equipment pooling arrangement, depending for its success upon the willingness of State and local authorities to co-operate.

It is emphasised that road machinery is made almost entirely of critical materials, and that any move to reduce the need for new equipment would advance the war effort. Such a pooling arrangement has been in operation in several American areas for snow removal, and has proved successful.

Control of each State pool would rest entirely in the hands of a State official, and would be a State formulated project.

America's War Production Board has asked each State highway commissioner to suggest a plan suitable for his State, with information as to what action would be necessary to make it official.

Use of all types of equipment would be pooled under the plan, including machinery for road construction and maintenance. The pool would be handled by a designated State official, who could dispatch necessary equipment to any section of his State where it was needed. Governors of U.S. States in which present laws prohibit pooling, are being asked to exercise their war emergency powers to give effect to the plan.

"Those guilty of trumpeting the glories of war at the beginning may well be extolling the virtues of peace at the end. It would not be right that those who fixed on their own terms the moment for the beginning of wars should also fix on their own terms the moment for the ending of them."
—Mr. Churchill, in a statement to the House of Commons.

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"An aircraftsman went past as I was looking at it. I pointed towards the huddle of habitations that had been Senglea, Cospicua and Vittoriosa, at the far end of which the fort of St. Angelo jutted into the harbour. 'What is it like there now?" I asked.

"'It's a shambles,' he said curtly.

PEOPLE UNDAUNTED.

"Curiously enough, I came later upon the phrase in a book on Malta describing it in the autumn of 1565.

"'But the people?' I asked.

"He grinned and stuck his right thumb upwards in that eloquent vulgar little gesture of the undaunted."

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Olga O'Blamey

To win this war, the whole nation must swing over to an austere wartime way of life. This can't be done without the whole-hearted co-operation of every woman in the community. Use your influence with the family, friends, every one with whom you come in contact, to discourage extravagance and encourage saving. Above all, set a personal example—wear last year's frocks, and be proud to do it; live simply; cut out spending on pleasure, and invest every penny you can in War Bonds and War Saving Certificates.

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METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 20th June, as follows: 11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, 3 p.m. Sunday School 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Roll of Honour

THE Committee Superintendent, and Bearer and Hon. Bearers of the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade, Gladstone Centre, desire to express their deepest sympathy at the death of Hon. Bearer Thomas Ivan Hixon, which took place on June 11th, 1943, while serving with the Forces in New Guinea.

Deeply Missed.

Engagement

-McDERMOTT-ALLISON.—The engagement is announced of Mavis Laura, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allison, Kent Street, Gladstone, to William Matthew, eldest son of Mrs. F. McDermott, and the late Mr. J. J. McDermott, Auckland Street, Gladstone.

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CURRENT TOPICS

CAPTAIN ALEX TAYLOR.

Word has been received that Lieut. Alex Taylor, son of Mrs. J. Taylor, of Gladstone, has been promoted to the rank of captain. It will be remembered that Lieut. Taylor served with distinction in the Middle East, where he won the D.C.M., and subsequently with the forces in the New Guinea area. Captain Taylor has two other brothers, Philip (who is a prisoner of war in Italy), and John, who is serving with the Australian Navy.

MISS DOROTHY FRIEND.

Miss Dorothy Friend, who has just completed her first year of training as a nurse at the Brisbane General Hospital, is home on three weeks vacation. Several of her friends assembled at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Friend, on the occasion of Dorothy's 21st birthday, when advantage was taken of the opportunity to congratulate the guest and wish her every happiness. On behalf of the party Mr. A. W. Drewe conveyed the good wishes of all friends in a happy little speech which was suitably asknowledged by Miss Friend.

HOCKEY.

The Port Curtis Hockey Association officially opened its 1943 season by staging three games at Rigby Park. There was an excellent attendance, and all gate receipts for the season will be distributed amongst Gladstone patriotic organisations. The playing area was a little on the damp side following recent rains, but much enthusiasm and flashes of excellent hockey were witnessed. In the A grade Bandits defeated A.T.C. by four goals to two. Lady Y-Nots drew with Imperials 2 all, and Sparks in the B grade defeated Bandits 4-2.

ARRIVED IN ENGLAND.

The two sons of Mrs. R. G. Joyner, Reginald and Kevin, who are both sergeant observers in the R.A.F., have arrived safely in England after completing their training in Canada. Both of the young Gladstonites did very well in the various tests and examinations, and thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Canada and visits to the U.S.A., where they were treated most hospitably. The brothers took advantage of an offer by an American firm to have their voices recorded, and the messages sent to sister Alma have been received and heard on local machines. Both messages are clear and distinct, and appreciated by many friends who heard them. Kevin and Reg have had their leave in England, and no doubt visited many historic spots in and around London. All joint in wishing them every good fortune and a safe return.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

LAYING THE PIPES

First Section Commenced

At the last meeting of the Town Council, Ald. W. R. Golding, speaking as chairman of the Works Committee, stated that all the machinery would be on the job for the Boyne River water supply scheme on Tuesday, and he hoped to have the work commenced on Wednesday.

A commencement was made on the day stated by Ald. Golding, and sixteen men are at present engaged, and as opportunity offers more men will be employed.

Good progress has been made, about half a mile of trenching having been carried out.

The men employed, almost all of them are residents of Gladstone, and they show a keen desire to push on with the job, which it is anticipated will take 15 weeks to lay the pipes of the first section of the new water supply scheme.

COMING OF AGE PARTY.

Miss Mavis Allison

Between 80 and 90 guests were present at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allison, Kent Street, Gladstone, on June 15 to celebrate the coming of age of their daughter Mavis.

Dancing, community singing and games made the evening an enjoyable one, and the time went too quickly for all.

An excellent sit-down supper was enjoyed. The birthday cake, which was made by Mrs. Allison, took pride of place.

Messrs. J. McHugh, J. Crawford and R. Farnsworth all spoke in glowing terms of the guest of honour, and Mr. W. McDermott responded on her behalf.

The surprise of the evening came when Mr. Allison announced Mavis's engagement to Mr. W. McDermott.

Mavis was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, and many congratulatory messages on attaining her majority were received during the day.

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held on Thursday night next in the new Court House at 8 o'clock, when a lecture will be delivered by Sergt. Sjostedt. A large attendance is requested.

TRAIN BOYS UNDER 18.

Plans to provide military training for youths under 18 years of age are being considered by the Federal Government, and a War Cabinet decision is expected soon.

CORPORAL NOEL FERRIS.

Corporal Noel Ferris, one of the original defenders of Tobruk, and afterwards wounded at El Alamein, has with his wife spent a week's holiday with his father, Mr. Walter Ferris, Belvedere Lodge, Boles Street, and has since returned to the Lady Wilson Convalescent Home at Chelmsford, Brisbane. Noel's many friends will join in wishing him a complete recovery from the effects of his war injuries.

BIG FISH CONSIGNMENT.

A magnificent catch of fish has been brought in to the Gladstone Fisheries and Cold Stores by Messrs. H. Leach and Son, the well-known fishermen, consisting of 9000 deep roed sea mullet. The fish were caught near the harbour entrance, and averaged 2 to 3 lb. in weight, and have been despatched to the Brisbane market. The manager (Mr. J. Rigby) and staff at the Fisheries established a record on Thursday by packing and consigning the fish in time to catch the mail train south.

GUNNER RYALLS MISSING.

Mr. J. T. ("Tom") Ryalls of Monto has been advised that his son Rear Gunner Jack Ryalls has been posted as missing following an operational flight over Germany, covering May 28-29 last. Jack, who had just been promoted for service in previous flights, was a member of a crew of a Lancaster bomber, and friends will join with his father and relatives in expressing the hope that he may have been able to parachute down and is possibly a prisoner of war. A brother "Connie," is also in a bomber crew taking part in the European operations. Both lads were prominent in football and sporting circles in Gladstone prior to enlisting.

BUILYAN-MANY PEAKS

RED CROSS BRANCH

Successful Appeal For Funds

A splendid response by district residents to an appeal by the Builyan-Many Peaks Red Cross branch to assist in the State drive for funds for the Red Cross resulted in a jumble stall and dance held in Many Peaks on June 5, being highly successful, and the fund will benefit to the extent of approximately £133.

Of this amount donations amounted to £83/8/-, the balance representing the proceeds of jumble stall, dips, raffles and dance, including novelty dances.

Gifts for the stall comprised home-made jams, cakes, sweets, knitted wear, toys, vegetables, soft drinks, and various other novelties.

The ladies in charge of the stall, Mesdames R. Bailey, E. Jacobsen, A. B. Muspratt, and Miss Estelle Jacobsen, had no difficulty in disposing of the whole of the articles. Receipts from this source amounted to approximately £19.

A lucky dip, conducted at the dance by Mesdames D. McLachlan and D. Ross, found the supply of items inadequate to meet the demand, and £3/2/- was realised therefrom.

The dance at night was equally successful. There was a record attendance, which included visitors from the Boyne Valley as far distant as Wietalaba. In view of the threatening weather which prevailed, these visitors are to be commended for being present.

Conditions were ideal for dancing, and excellent music was provided gratis by Mrs. Dougall (piano), Mr. L. Pownall (saxophone), and Master Brian Pownall (drums). This orchestra is certainly a great asset to the various patriotic bodies. Extras were provided by Mrs. Dobson (piano) and Mr. Ted Foster (piano-accordeon).

During an interval in the dancing Mr. "King" Callanan rendered a humorous recitation, which was well received.

A Monte Carlo waltz was won by Mr. Bates and partner, and a spot waltz by Mr. McDougall and partner.

Mrs. Long donated a turkey to be raffled, which was won by Gregory Klein.

A hamper valued at 30/- (donated by Mrs. M. Martin), a tea cosy (donated by Mrs. A. R. Wagner), and a 5/- trophy (donated by Mrs. Wex) provided first, second and third prize for a second raffle B. McGrath winning first prize, whilst L. Summers secured both second and third prizes.

Mr. E. Jacobsen was M.C., and prior to the conclusion of dancing extended thanks on behalf of the local Red Cross branch to all who assisted in any way whatsoever to make the functions a success, and also complimented the ladies of the branch on the very efficient manner in which the whole of the arrangements had been carried out.

The success of both functions reflects credit on the organisers, and in this direction a word of praise is due to the hon. secretary of the branch (Mrs. A. B. Muspratt) for the very able manner in which she carried out her many duties.

PRISONER OF WAR PROJECTS

Italians and Germans Employed

The Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) said that schemes for the employment of Italian and German prisoners of war had been extensively developed by the Department of the Army during the past two years.

"The results have been," he said, "that more than 1500 prisoners of war are engaged in growing vegetables and other crops under specialist direction; 500 are cutting firewood for departmental use; and more than 1000 are employed finalising construction in camps erected by prisoners of war, on road maintenance, in camp workshops, and on other productive works."

It has been found that many prisoners of war were excellent workmen interested in their jobs and eager to acquire a knowledge of Australian methods of production.

Mr. Forde said that other approved projects now being inaugurated would complete the plans for full utilisation on all prisoner of war labour, after excluding unavailable categories, such as officers, N.C.O.'s who had not volunteered for work, physically unfit, and those engaged in the performance of essential camp maintenance and fatigues.

NEW RATION BOOKS

CAN STILL BE OBTAINED

Sugar and Butter Coupons For Babies

Those who have not obtained new ration books can still get them by applying to the Divisional Returning Officer for their Commonwealth electorate, said the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming).

Application may be made either personally or by post on completed form R.G.6, which is obtainable at any post office. The applicant's identity card, completed registration form C.R.7 and old ration book must also be forwarded.

Parents of children now over six months of age who have not obtained an old ration book, including those who have received a red covered book of special sugar coupons, must apply to the State Deputy Director of Rationing for a new ration book supplying evidence of the child's date of birth. The red covered book of sugar coupons can be used for this evidence.

Where sugar and butter coupons are required for babies under six months, application should be made to the State Deputy Director of Rationing, also with evidence of date of birth. This application should be made on form R.G.1, obtainable at any post office.

Mr. Cumming also said that the coupon rating on fabrics 32 inches and under 40 inches in width has been reduced from three and one quarter to three coupons.

ROLL OF HONOUR

PRIVATE T. I. HIXON.

On Wednesday the Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson conveyed the sad news to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hixon, of Oaka Lane, that their son Private Thomas Ivan Hixon had died as the result of injuries accidentally received while serving with the forces in New Guinea.

The deceased, who was 25 years of age, was well known and highly respected, and was a member of the local branch of the Waterside Workers' Union.

The late Private Hixon was an honorary bearer of the Gladstone Ambulance Brigade, and was an enthusiastic worker for the institution. He was also a keen sport, being a member of the Life Saving Club, besides playing a good game of hockey. His brother William is serving with the Air Force.

The deepest sympathy is expressed to the parents in the loss of a brave son.

OBITUARY

MR. G. E. MELLEFONT.

Mr. George Eldon Mellefont, who died at Longreach at the age of 57 years, was a native of Gladstone, and a brother of the late Mr. W. P. Mellefont, the well-known solicitor, who predeceased him some years ago.

As a young man he worked at the "Gladstone Observer" printing works, then owned by his father, the late Mr. W. P. Mellefont senr. The newspaper office was then situated at the corner of Yaroon and Glenlyon Street.

He married in Gladstone in. 1914, and went to Longreach, where he was employed on the staff of Messrs. Meacham & Leyland (Pty.) Ltd., with which firm he remained until the date of his death. He is survived by his widow, five daughters, and two sons, Mrs. J. L. Mitchell (Albionvale, Aramac), Joyce, June, Hazel and Yvonne (Longreach), Pilot George Mellefont, and Pilot officer Arthur Mellefont.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

Bogey Competition

Play on the Gladstone Golf links this afternoon and to-morrow will be a bogey competition for members and an open event for associates.

The working bee last week-end proved very successful, Secretary Bob Elliott and a few enthusiasts making attractive improvements to the club house.

One of these, the enlargement of the nineteenth, was very necessary. The work will be continued this week-end, when Vice-President Jim O'Donnell will supervise the programme.

The course is now in splendid condition for golfers. This is the first year that members have voluntarily mowed the fairways, dressed the greens, and kept the large area in order, and it reflects great credit on the small band of workers.

As previously stated, servicemen and visitors are cordially invited to have a game on the links.

MT. LARCOM

CATTLE SALE AND PATRIOTIC SPORTS

Total Proceeds £350

Mt. Larcom District Patriotic Fund Committee conducted its third yearly cattle sale and patriotic sports on Saturday, June 12, and despite the wet weather, there was a record crowd, the gate takings amounting to £27.

Mr. W. Beak (president), in declaring the function open, spoke of the good work being done by the Patriotic Fund, and appealed to all to contribute as freely as they could so that his committee could meet its commitment of raising the sum of £3000 for distribution among the returned men and women from this district.

Mr. T. Capstick, on behalf of Mulcare's (Pty.) Ltd., then auctioned the donated cattle. The cattle sold well, prices realising up to £19 for one white heifer that was snow-balled.

The total proceeds of the day's activities amounted to approximately £350.

Mr. H. Buss, of Euroa Station, donated a cheque for £50. The committee's very best thanks go to Mr. Buss, who on every occasion has been a generous donor.

An energetic ladies' committee, under the guidance of Mrs. Miller, of East End, very successfully conducted a refreshment booth, while Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Heinager took charge of the soft drink and icecream stall.

Mr. E. Hodgon spun the spinning wheel, and reported good business at the close of the day.

The teachers are to be congratulated for their activities in running off a lengthy sports programme for the children.

Messrs. Carmichael, Vickers, Weston, Watts and Priemazn took charge of the sports programme for the adults, and despite the rain that fell overnight, succeeded in providing a very attractive programme.

HORSE EVENTS.

Following is a list of the prize winners in the horse events:—

Maiden bending race: J. Bruce 1, E. McGuire 2.

Maiden flag race: K. Bruce 1, P. Streeter 2.

Maiden figure eight: R. Weston 1, G. Evers 2.

Open figure eight: Terry Vickers 1, P. Streeter 2.

Bareback figure eight: T. Vickers 1, R. Weston 2.

Open flag race: G. Evers 1, P. Streeter 2.

Open bending race: J. Bruce 1, T. Vickers 2.

Cigarette race: J. Wright 1, P. Streeter 2.

Walk, trot and gallop: R. Weston 1, E. Bozier 2.

Best stockman turnout: E. McGuire and K. Evers divided first and second prizes.

Melon race: K. Bruce 1, P. Streeter 2.

Cossack race: P. Streeter 1, M. Bills 2.

Leading horse race: D. Small 1, F. Bloomfill 2.

Auction trot: R. Weston 1, E Bozier 2.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss Peggy Besley, of Brisbane, is spending a holiday in Gladstone as the guest of Miss Dorothy Friend.

Miss Betty Bunning, of Dalgetys Ltd., left by Thursday's mail to spend a holiday with her parents at Coolangatta.

Master Brian Byrne, son of Dr. and Mrs. Byrne, has arrived home from St. Brendan's College, Yeppoon, on his mid-winter vacation.

Master Cedric Cooper, who is a pupil of the Boys' Grammar School, Rockhampton, has arrived home to spend the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cooper.

Word has been received that Sergt-Observer Leo Ferris, R.A.A.F., who was in the North African campaign, is now at Malta, from which base he is operating.

Miss Lois Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shaw, "Riverston," Benaraby, is L.A.C. with the W.A.A.A.F., and is now in her second year with her unit. Lois arrived home on Friday to spend three weeks leave at "Riverston" prior to transfer to a northern area.

At the bushman's carnival at Gin Gin last Saturday a district rider, young Jim Shaw, came second in the bullock riding contest, gaining 52 points against the winner's 60, after a thrilling exhibition. Jim, who only left college last year, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shaw, "Riverston," and is now on a grazing property in the Burnett district, where he is gaining valuable experience.

PARTY POLITICS

HINDRANCE TO AUSTRALIA

Democracy Best

We cull the following from a speech delivered to the League of Women Voters by Mr. Bruce Pie, member for Hamilton in the Legislative Assembly:—

"I was elected to Parliament by all classes, truly an independent, and as a result I do not represent any one section of the community; I represent all people, irrespective of class, creed, or position in life.

"Shortly after my election to Parliament an influential lady requested that I should do something which was clearly my duty as the member for her district. I willingly agreed to her request. She was surprised, and pointed out that she had recently voted for my political opponent, and had not expected my co-operation. My reply was that I felt, irrespective of her political preference, I should and must represent her interests to the best of my ability, as I was her elected representative.

"The proceedings during the last session at Canberra, I am sure, were followed by the people of Australia with dismay, for during this session there was a definite revival of the party spirit, which to my mind, has no legitimate place in any country at war. To-day party ambitions and manoeuvres to gain party political advantage have an air of tragic unreality.

"Parliament is controlled by party; on the one hand by caucus, and on the other by a party executive. It is an acknowledged fact that the decisions of either the caucus or the party executive must stand, even if such decisions are directly opposed to the very principles of any man, a member of either party.

"The Comonwealth of Australia cannot afford to divert attention from the supreme task of ensuring our national safety and developing our maximum war effort. We cannot afford to play at the game of party politics.

"There must be national unity. It already exists among the people to a large degree, but the people of Australia need strong leadership; have looked in vain to the present party politicians on both sides of the House to set an example, to give a lead, to close the ranks and form a Victory Government.

"The results of the decisions of the Labour Caucus or the Opposition's Party Executive have the effect of restricting full debate on the floor of the House, because each party predetermines its decision before debate on the floor of the House, with the result that freedom of speech is restricted — surely the very basis of democratic and successful government.

An independent is differently situated to a party man. He has to vote intelligently, as his conscience dictates, in an honest endeavour to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people, which is surely the only honest test that can be applied to legislation.

"I have seen party men not present during the whole of a debate rush into the House when the division bell rang, voting without study or knowledge of the subject under discussion!

"Let me give an example of how the party system operates:—

"Take the elimination of State preferential voting, a principle which, in my opinion, should not have been taken away from the people by Act of Parliament. I maintain it should only be taken away by referendum. The reported division in caucus was close. On the floor of the House, if free and unfettered voting had been indulged in—if every man had voted according to his conscience—the total members against the Bill would have probably been 42, with only 20 supporting it.

"Surely this is a perfect example of where the majority does not rule, and the people as a result are not being honestly represented. No party represents the true thoughts of the majority, therefore no party can honestly and truly govern whilst free voting is restricted.

"The thinking community in democratic countries throughout the world are rapidly realising that the system of party politics is being abused. Party politics should be scrapped, for party politics are truly an obstacle which must be crushed if we in Australia are to render a total war effort and successfully handle the many post-war problems which lie ahead. I honestly believe that no political party in to-day take the responsibility of government without offending the people or class they represent. We must, elect free men; men who during war and peace will not make a job of politics, who will not vote according to the dictates of their party or for political gain. These are the men who can successfully guide the destinies of our great free country—men of intelligence and character.

"We must become less concerned with endorsing particular class views, and return representatives to Parliament who will have the courage to vote for and express independent views. We must vote for the man, not the party.

"A recent reported statement of a Federal Labour leader was:—

> "'War is a great time for getting through legislation that could not be submitted during normal times.'

"It is a well-known fact that once the policy of a party is formed that party will do everything in its power to break the man politically who dares oppose such policy.

"Winston Churchill, our great Empire Leader, was at one period rejected by all parties because he dared criticise, and was obliged to stand as an independent member to gain re-admission to the House of Commons! Party organisations tried hard to politically destroy him.

"Democracy still lives in Australia—battered, repressed, abused, mis-used by party politics, very sick, but not incurable. The remedy is in the hands of the people, for the political parties in power have cut loose from the people they represent; they have become absorbed in their own special political interests; they think that their electors need only be considered at election time. But conditions are altering. The people, through Government interference in their private lives are at last thinking, and now when an election looms on the horizon, politicians realise that their future is in jeopardy.

"Democracy means government by the people for the people. To-day government has become government for the politician, not for the people as a whole.

"The inevitable extension of bureaucratic interference is perhaps necessary in war-time. We all realise that some Government control is necessary, but as citiezns we are faced with its continuation in peace. We are faced with two alternatives—government by bureaucracy, confused and corrupt, and government by legislation, which is clean and competent.

"The true meaning of democracy should be that the whole nation concerns itself with national problems, thus creating an informed public opinion which no politician could afford to disregard. We must choose between party machine-picked candidates (party hacks) and able, honourable citizens, who can be persuaded to brave the inevitable abuse of Parliament, for never before has the quality of service to be rendered been of such grave importance to Queensland and Australia.

"It is essential to have in Parliament men of culture, men of integrity, men of principle, men of ideals, who as a consequence of the views they hold, bring a different outlook to legislation, bring the clean air and free spirit of a wider and broader life. The greatest men have always been those who have not pursued public life for power or notoriety, but from a strong sense of duty to their fellow men.

"An independent group of free men should be selected for Parliament, bound to principles of a broad policy, to which every loyal Australian could agree. But on the manner in which these principles are introduced every member should be free to act according to the dictates of his own conscience and powers of reasoning.

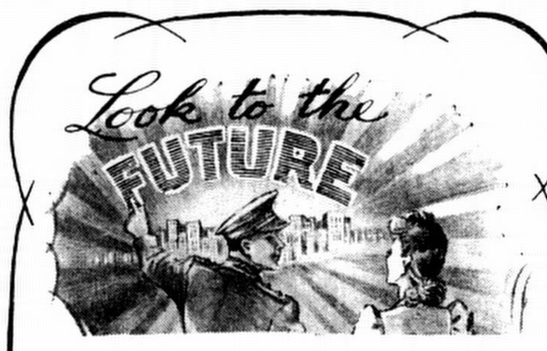
"In conclusion, I have tried to prove that we must have in our service in the Commonwealth and State Governments, and in city councils and all public bodies, the best talent and character of the nation, and these two essentials of sound government could be found among men who already have other worlds apart from politics; other worlds in which they are happy and have been successful."

BUTTER OUTPUT FALLS.

The total butter production by Australian factories during April declined by 3000 tons, compared with April, 1942, the respective figures being 9058 and 12,077 tons.

BRISBANE MILK ZONING SCHEME.

Under the milk zoning scheme, to be introduced in Brisbane on July 1, deliveries will be made to the front of households only. The plan also may include a holiday for vendors on Sundays during the winter months. There will be 325 zones in the metropolitan area.



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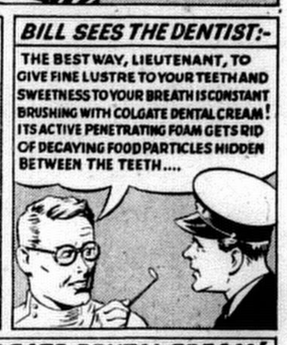

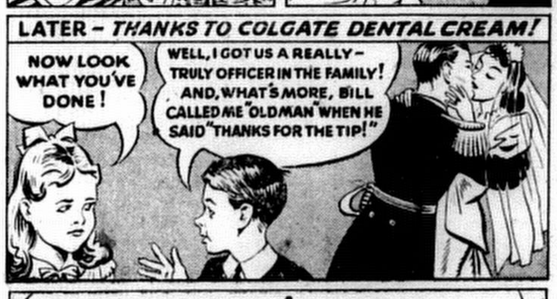

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AUCTION SALE. To-day (Saturday), 19th June, account late Mrs. Allison, George Street, and Auction Sale next Saturday, 26th June, account Mrs. A. M. Paterson, Ferris' Hill. See Advertisements. Lance R. Weiske, Auctioneer.

ATTENTION!—Presbyterian Flower Show, Town Hall, Friday, 27th August, 1943. Schedules available shortly for large Prize List.

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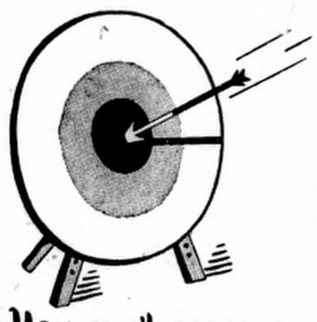

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With butter rationed to half a pound a person per week the housewife faces the problem of how to make the ration meet the family requirements.

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Butter is essential to health, and to maintain health at least one ounce is necessary for each person daily. Butter contains health giving vitamins A and D, which keep you free from colds. They also keep your eyes healthy, and ensure firm bones and teeth and normal growth. Children whose bones and tissues are still being developed need these vitamins more than adults, and must be ensured their full butter ration.

While the ration may seem small, experts tell us that half a pound of butter weekly is sufficient for good nutrition.

Here are a few suggestions which may be of use in working out this difficult problem:—

Firstly, divide each ration into eight equal portions, one of which should be used each day for each member of the family. At the end of the week there will be a portion of each half pound ration left over. This may be used for any little extravagance which you have had to deny yourselves during the week—for cakes, scones, or for extra nourishment in sauces, or on vegetables.

Another suggestion is that the weekly ration of each member of the family should be placed on a separate dish or plate, which should be labelled with the name of the person whose ration it is.

It is also possible to stretch your butter ration. One way is to cream a quarter of a pound of butter with 1 oz. of milk until all the milk is absorbed. This makes it easier to spread on bread, or for use when making sandwiches.

When making toast, allow it to cool before buttering it. You will use much less butter this way, as hot toast absorbs it quickly. Also, when cold, toast is much more easily digested.

A third way of stretching your ration is not to use it for cooking. Clarified dripping will be found to be almost as satisfactory for frying, or making steamed puddings and many other things for which, in pre-rationing days, butter was generally used.

WIND FUNNELS

Aeronautical Research

A triumph for Australian engineering skill and Australian steel has been accomplished by the manufacture in Melbourne of a wind tunnel, a highly technical device for the testing of model aeroplanes in conditions approximating actual flight.

The tunnel was designed by the Division of Aeronautics staff of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, and was built to specifications demanding an accuracy better than one 64th inch per square foot.

By the scientific study of the reactions of models under test in the tunnel it is possible to determine the behaviour of full-scale planes built to the same design. Experts keep their eye on the model through observation windows let into the testing section, which is nine feet wide, seven feet high, and brilliantly lit.

The model itself is mounted on three steel supports which connect with an amazingly accurate mechanism known as the "balance"—a high precision instrument which in reality is the heart of the tunnel's testing mechanism. Its construction called for the highest skill of expert instrument makers.

The tunnel itself is an enormous affair, incorporating some 12 tons of mild steel. It is built in the form of a hollow rectangle, with a current of air forced round and round inside by a six-blade fan. This is electrically driven, the 550 h.p. motor producing an air current flowing at 300 ft. per second. A series of vertical "cascades" shepherds the air round the corner, and any turbulance or cross current is "ironed out" by an enormous steel honeycomb mesh through which the air passes just before entering the testing section. The honeycombing, which consists of one inch cells five inches long, also demanded a high degree of accuracy.

The construction of this tunnel will be of immense value in aircraft construction not only during the war, but in the post-war years when civil aviation in Australia will have to be greatly expanded. And the tunnel is yet another example of how Australian skill and the cheapest steel in the world can stand on their own feet and overcome a "make-it-here-or-do-without" problem.

THE LITTLE MAN

Paving Way To Victory

The transformation in the fortunes of the United Nations has been achieved not only by the inspiration and genius of great leadership, but also by the devotion and self-sacrifice of the little men.

We are grateful for outstanding generalship and deeds of heroism on land, on sea, and in the air. But battles are won or lost because thousands of men and women in the Forces carry out their ordinary daily task.

Much also depends on the home front, on the faithful attention to detail of the ordinary munition worker, the thorough workmanship of men in the dockyards, of aircraft fitters and the steady labour of the miner and the unrelenting readiness of those who must stand ready at all times for emergencies.

The years of war are writing epochal chapters in our national story and the history of man, because the little men and women who never shine in honours lists have been lifting with a certain grim cheerfulness their share of the burden.

Great events spring from small duties faithfully performed. The little man is paving the road to victory.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
19	10.08	10.42	.....	4.32	4.08
20	10.58	11.30	.....	5.26	4.58
21	11.49	——	.....	6.20	5.51
22	12.17	12.42	.....	7.13	6.48
23	1.07	1.40	.....	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	.....	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	.....	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	.....	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	.....	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	.....	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	.....	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	.....	2.07	1.48

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... June 18
Last Quarter ..... June 25

JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	.....	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	.....	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	.....	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	.....	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	.....	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	.....	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	.....	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	.....	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	.....	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	.....	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	.....	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	.....	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	.....	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

THE MOON.

New Moon ..... July 2
First Quarter ..... July 11
Full Moon ..... July 17
Last Quarter ..... July 24

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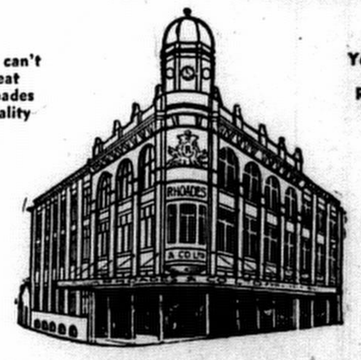

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So that she is being penalised for her patriotism.

Sir Charles pointed out that it would have been an extremely simple matter to have applied the principle observed in all alterations to the Customs tariff to this new extension of rationing. Had this been done the extension would have been accomplished with a minimum of hardship, and no injustice to anybody.

"The principle observed in the case of alteration to Customs duties," Sir Charles explained, "is that all goods actually in bond in Australia, having been imported at the old rate, or in transit in Australian waters, are exempted from the new rate.

"If the Government had laid down that lay-bys taken out before the introduction of rationing were to be redeemable without coupons it would have merely followed a principle which has been observed in the case of imports for many years.

"But after observation of the Government's incredible bungling in many other directions, I am convinced that this new series of inequalities and injustices are quite in keeping with the Government's record," said Sir Charles.

GOVERNMENT BUNGLING.

"For instance," he continued, "the present egg shortage has been blamed on every conceivable thing but Government bungling, yet that is the sole cause.

"In one particular district that I know, no less than 19 out of 20 poultry farmers are now out of business. And they have been driven out simply because the Government has refused to co-operate with them in any way. Many other poultry farmers are on the verge of ruin.

"This is an example of what these men are facing in an endeavour to keep going.

"The Government states that wheat for feed is available to thme at 3/6 a bushel, a price which, when taken in conjunction with the Egg Board levy, makes the selling of eggs almost profitless. But this wheat is only obtainable by the 10-ton truck.

"And how many poultry farmers can afford to take a 10-ton truck of feed

"The same position applies in the case of second-grade wheat, which is available at 3/3¾ per bushel, but only if taken by the 15-ton truck.

"However, in cases where a number of poultry farmers have combined to order a truck, they have been blandly informed that no trucks are available for the cartage of the feed.

"As for other feed, bran, pollard and maize, all are unobtainable.

"So that the poultry farmer is being forced out of business at a rate which spells disaster to the community.

SERIOUS EGG POSITION.

"Typical of the Government's policy, or lack of it, in connection with the egg position," Sir Charles went on, "is the action taken in regard to the call-up of a chicken sexer.

"There are only 13 chicken sexers in N.S. Wales, and as the average number successful in the examinations for chicken sexing is one per hundred, it can be seen that a sexer is very hard to replace.

"A man whose weekly tally of chickens was between fourteen and fifteen thousand was called up, leaving a great number of poultry farmers without the services of a sexer. I made representations to Mr. Forde, the Army Minister, who stated that he would take immediate steps to have the man exempted.

"After a break of some days Mr. Forde told me that the Army would not release him. I then approached Mr. Scully, Minister for Commerce, who assured me that he had the power to withdraw the man from the Army, which he would do forthwith.

"Mr. Scully later informed me that he did not have the power, which was vested in the Food Controlled (Mr. Murphy).

"So there the position rests. And in the meantime this State is losing from fourteen to fifteen thousand chickens a week."

Special permits are issued to hospitals to permit them to obtain butter from suppliers. These permits can be obtained on application to the State Deputy Director of Rationing.

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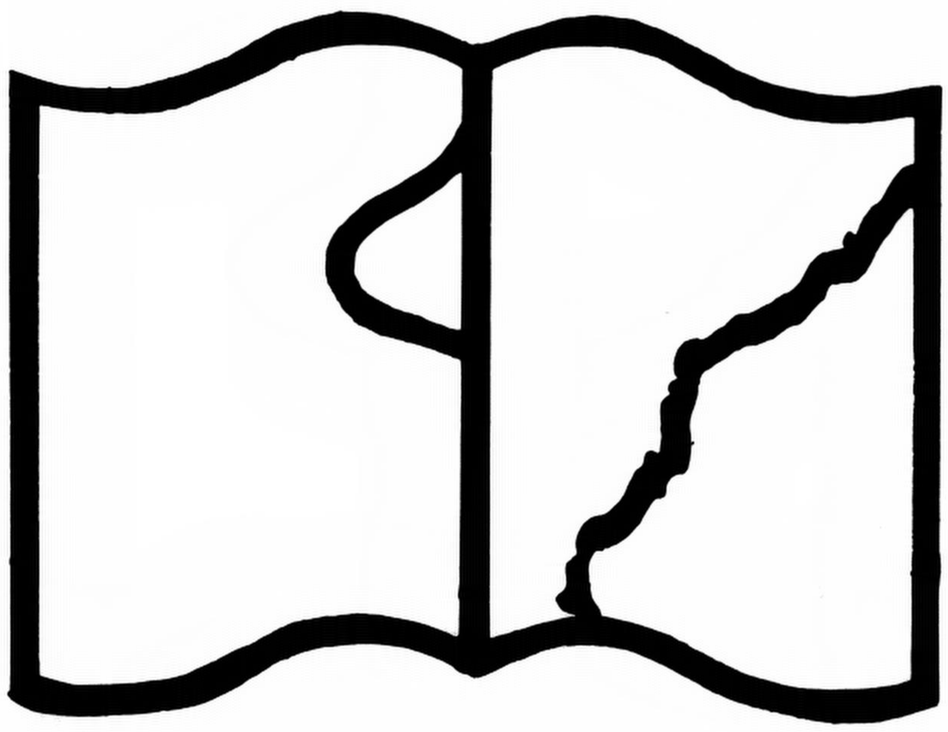

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BUNGLING CONTINUES

"APPALLING STATE OF AFFAIRS

Linen Rationing and Egg Shortage

"An appalling state of affairs," was the phrase used to sum up linen rationing by Sir Charles Marr, M.H.R., in an exclusive interview with "Industrial News Service" last week.

Sir Charles pointed out that he had been inundated with letters from his electorate, chiefly from working people, protesting bitterly about what they regarded as a gross piece of deception on the part of the Curtin Government.

PENALISED FOR PATRIOTISM.

He quoted as typical the case of a girl in his electorate, who since her engagement over a year ago had been buying linen on lay-by, in anticipation of starting her married life with a reasonable stock of essential household requirements. Her commitments totalled £60, and she had paid all but £2 of this amount, but now she is faced with the problem of finding more coupons than she has in her ration book.

And the only reason for her not having paid her lay-bys in full was that she had invested her money in the last war loan.

So that she is being penalised for her patriotism.

Sir Charles pointed out that it would have been an extremely simple matter to have applied the principle observed in all alterations to the Customs tariff to this new extension of rationing. Had this been done the extension would have been accomplished with a minimum of hardship, and no injustice to anybody.

"The principle observed in the case of alteration to Customs duties," Sir Charles explained, "is that all goods actually in bond in Australia, having been imported at the old rate, or in transit in Australian waters, are exempted from the new rate.

"If the Government had laid down that lay-bys taken out before the introduction of rationing were to be redeemable without coupons it would have merely followed a principle which has been observed in the case of imports for many years.

"But after observation of the Government's incredible bungling in many other directions, I am convinced that this new series of inequalities and injustices are quite in keeping with the Government's record," said Sir Charles.

GOVERNMENT BUNGLING.

"For instance," he continued, "the present egg shortage has been blamed on every conceivable thing but Government bungling, yet that is the sole cause.

"In one particular district that I know, no less than 19 out of 20 poultry farmers are now out of business. And they have been driven out simply because the Government has refused to co-operate with them in any way. Many other poultry farmers are on the verge of ruin.

"This is an example of what these men are facing in an endeavour to keep going.

"The Government states that wheat for feed is available to thme at 3/6 a bushel, a price which, when taken in conjunction with the Egg Board levy, makes the selling of eggs almost profitless. But this wheat is only obtainable by the 10-ton truck.

"And how many poultry farmers can afford to take a 10-ton truck of feed

"The same position applies in the case of second-grade wheat, which is available at 3/3¾ per bushel, but only if taken by the 15-ton truck.

"However, in cases where a number of poultry farmers have combined to order a truck, they have been blandly informed that no trucks are available for the cartage of the feed.

"As for other feed, bran, pollard and maize, all are unobtainable.

"So that the poultry farmer is being forced out of business at a rate which spells disaster to the community.

SERIOUS EGG POSITION.

"Typical of the Government's policy, or lack of it, in connection with the egg position," Sir Charles went on, "is the action taken in regard to the call-up of a chicken sexer.

"There are only 13 chicken sexers in N.S. Wales, and as the average number successful in the examinations for chicken sexing is one per hundred, it can be seen that a sexer is very hard to replace.

"A man whose weekly tally of chickens was between fourteen and fifteen thousand was called up, leaving a great number of poultry farmers without the services of a sexer. I made representations to Mr. Forde, the Army Minister, who stated that he would take immediate steps to have the man exempted.

"After a break of some days Mr. Forde told me that the Army would not release him. I then approached Mr. Scully, Minister for Commerce, who assured me that he had the power to withdraw the man from the Army, which he would do forthwith.

"Mr. Scully later informed me that he did not have the power, which was vested in the Food Controlled (Mr. Murphy).

"So there the position rests. And in the meantime this State is losing from fourteen to fifteen thousand chickens a week."

COUPONS FOR BUTTER

Patients and Hospital Staffs

After patients have been in hospital for 28 days they must surrender coupons for butter at the rate of one a week, or one for any part of a week not completed.

In stating this the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) said that apparently some confusion existed as to when hospital patients should surrender coupons for butter.

Members of hospital staffs who have meals in the hospital must surrender a proportion of butter coupons, but they may be permitted to retain sufficient coupons to cover requirements for meals obtained during leave periods away from the hospital. Mr. Cumming stated that coupon surrender should be on the following basis:—

Full board and lodging at the hospital, or all meals and no lodging, three butter coupons for each four weeks.

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The Director General of Manpower has made it clear that if it is necessary, powers of direction will be used first to compel men and women to accept part time employment, and employers to use them.

"Experience has proved," said Mr. Wurth, "that part time employment can be used successfully in practically every industry. In many cases it will need a revolution in routine and the scrapping of precedent, but it is inevitable."

Mr. Wurth commented on the fact that in Great Britain a war factory has been established in which all the employees are part time workers, and the scheme has proved so successful that similar factories are being opened.

Mr. Wurth also commented on a scheme that has been put into operation in Great Britain to solve the problem of looking after young children whose mothers are engaged either full time or part itme in war work. Under the "Registered Daily Guardian" scheme that has been introduced with great success, women prepared to undertake the work of looking after young children are put on a list of registered daily guardians. The mother is supplied with a list of these guardians, and selects one, preferably a friend ljving nearby. Where necessary, the Government supplements the amounts paid by mothers to these registered daily guardians.

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C.W.A. HOSTEL.

Holyrood Private Hotel, Gregory Terrace, has been bought by the Country Women's Association for about £5000, including furniture. It will be conducted as a hostel for women of the forces and essential services. After the war the hostel will be used by C.W.A. members visiting Brisbane.

BIGAMY IN QUEENSLAND.

Prosecutions for bigamy have increased slightly in Queensland under war conditions. Since January 1 thirteen cases of bigamy were brought before Queensland courts. One case heard recently concerned bigamy committed 15 years ago. More men than women appeared in the dock this year to answer charges.

TROPHY DONATED.

Rev. Father Cullen, who is a keen golfer, has generously donated a trophy of £2/2/- for a four ball best ball competition, to be played each alternate week-end. The first competition for the trophy will take place this coming week-end.

MR. ROY JAMES.

Mr. Roy James, C.P.S., of Biloela, was a visitor to the Gladstone links during the week-end, and was greatly impressed with the work of the committee in putting the course in order and renovating the club house. He donated two new golf balls (rare equipment these days) for mixed foursomes, which will be played on alternate week-ends.

BAIL FORFEITED.

Francis Henry Hamill, meatworker, was charged with making use of obscene language in Tank Street, Gladstone, on Saturday night last. He was arrested by Constable Gerber, and subsequently was released on bail of £2. On Monday morning he did not appear before Mr. M. Dwyer, S.M., in the Court of Petty Sessions, and Hamill's bail was ordered to be forfeited.

ALLOTMENTS AT TANNUM.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.), has informed Mr. H. H. Whittle on behalf of the lessees at Tannum, generally known as Wild Cattle, that if it can be shown there is a substantial demand for allotments at Tannum the Minister for Lands will give further consideration to making available, by sale at auction, additional perpetual town leases. With the object of satisfying the request of the Department, Mr. Whittle has the names of several persons who are interested, and he will be pleased to receive further names of those who may become intersted

IRRIGATION COMMISSION.

Ald. Golding moved that the Irrigation Commission be written to asking that a surveyor be made available to carry out the necessary survey.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried.

TYPE OF MACHINERY.

Lengthy discussion followed as to the type of machinery to be installed for pumping the water to the tank, and on the motion of Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Deveney, it was decided to seek the advice of a steam engineer as to the possibility of carrying out this work with a boiler and low and high level centrifugal pumps.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Ald. Golding moved that it be an instruction to their consulting engineer's representative that plans and specifications be prepared of the tank, and that they have power to invite tenders for its construction, as he (Ald. Golding) was of the opinion that it required an expert to carry out this work.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Tudman and carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

TIMOR TROOPS

Lived on A.C.F. Hampers

It is just a short time since all Australia thrilled to the news that a band of Australians on the island of Timor had escaped capture by the Japanese and taken to the hills. But it is not so widely known as it should be that A.C.F. Christmas hampers played a big part in relieving their food position.

One of the men from Timor called recently at A.C.F. headquarters and told the story. Christmas hampers sent by the Australian Comforts Fund arrived in camp by plane late on Christmas night. They were opened up and all tined food was put away for a good meal next day.

Soon the Japs turned up and the party of troops hastily snatched as many tins as possible and took to the mountains. Apart from the tins they had only rice and bully beef.

Fortunately, the camp cook was among the party, and with the aid of a kerosene tin to cook in and the extra A.C.F. goods he was able to put up some satisfying meals.

The rations were carefully used, and were made to last for weeks, thereby relieving what might have been a serious situation.

The member of the party who told the story at A.C.F. headquarters expressed warm gratitude on behalf of this intrepid group of soldiers for what had turned out to be a timely issue from the Australian Comforts Fund.

"It just goes to show," he said, "that the good old A.C.F. is always on the spot when we need it."

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The usual monthly Ambulance dance was held at Calliope last Saturday night. Although very cold, a large crowd assembled, and dancing was kept going in full swing by Miss M. Archay at the piano, while extras were played by Miss G. MacFarlane, Miss Alma Brown, Don Cameron, and Don Kennedy.

Hon. Bearer A. R. Barker again carried out the duties of M.C. in a most capable manner.

The Monte Carlo was won by Miss Grace Renton and partner (Mr. Olive Jacobsen), while the spot waltz went to Miss Ethel Newman and partner (Mr. Colin Weldon).

Hon. Bearer G. Curran, F. Farmer, and Theo. Pashley had charge of the ticket selling, and Mr. W. O'Reilly acted as doorkeeper.

Groceries (raffled) was won by B. C. Barrett (Calliope) with ticket No. 2775, and the 1d raffle by Jack Wilson (Calliope) with ticket No. 358.

Euchre was again in the capable hands of Mr. Sam Dickenson. The lady's prize was won by Mrs. W. Marks, and the gent's by Mr. F. W. Witty.

The next Ambulance dance will be held at Calliope on Saturday night, July 17.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

"WAR LOADING STUNT."

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—A few thousand men are standing at the gates of Australia willing to give their lives to prevent the Japs from invading this country, and they are doing a good job, and doing it well.

The only war loading they get is from the Japs, and we should give these men all the help we can.

They are helping us, but a lot of people in this country are using the war situation for their own advantage, which to my way of thinking is rotten.

The man who stated that Australia is a mob of lions led by asses was no mug, but he lived and died a bit too soon. If he was living to-day he would be getting a war loading; that is, if he kept well away from the Japs, but close to the asses.

The only loading I am getting is when I meet a friend at a pub. If he is a friend he unloads, and I load, and if he does not run out of coupons I get overloaded, and can you blame a man when he reads about the war loading stunt.

J. CAMPBELL.

Calliope, June 19, 1943.

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Olga O'Blamey

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—Says Lady Blamey

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FORTESCUE
Bishop of [redacted]ton.

In Memoriam

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Another anniversary of that sad day
When you greeted us, then passed away.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

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The Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. will hold their monthly street stall in the Grand Hotel buildings on Tuesday, June 29. Donations of cakes, jam, fruit, sweets, etc., will be gratefully received by the Secretary (Mrs. R. Farnsworth, Gondoon Street).

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

August 21 is being considered as the likely Federal election date. This is indicated by official inquiries of trustees of public halls, who have been asked whether buildings will be available for electoral purposes on that day. The rolls are expected to be ready by the end of July.

C.W.A. HOSTEL.

Holyrood Private Hotel, Gregory Terrace, has been bought by the Country Women's Association for about £5000, including furniture. It will be conducted as a hostel for women of the forces and essential services. After the war the hostel will be used by C.W.A. members visiting Brisbane.

BIGAMY IN QUEENSLAND.

Prosecutions for bigamy have increased slightly in Queensland under war conditions. Since January 1 thirteen cases of bigamy were brought before Queensland courts. One case heard recently concerned bigamy committed 15 years ago. More men than women appeared in the dock this year to answer charges.

TROPHY DONATED.

Rev. Father Cullen, who is a keen golfer, has generously donated a trophy of £2/2/- for a four ball best ball competition, to be played each alternate week-end. The first competition for the trophy will take place this coming week-end.

MR. ROY JAMES.

Mr. Roy James, C.P.S., of Biloela, was a visitor to the Gladstone links during the week-end, and was greatly impressed with the work of the committee in putting the course in order and renovating the club house. He donated two new golf balls (rare equipment these days) for mixed foursomes, which will be played on alternate week-ends.

BAIL FORFEITED.

Francis Henry Hamill, meatworker, was charged with making use of obscene language in Tank Street, Gladstone, on Saturday night last. He was arrested by Constable Gerber, and subsequently was released on bail of £2. On Monday morning he did not appear before Mr. M. Dwyer, S.M., in the Court of Petty Sessions, and Hamill's bail was ordered to be forfeited.

ALLOTMENTS AT TANNUM.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.), has informed Mr. H. H. Whittle on behalf of the lessees at Tannum, generally known as Wild Cattle, that if it can be shown there is a substantial demand for allotments at Tannum the Minister for Lands will give further consideration to making available, by sale at auction, additional perpetual town leases. With the object of satisfying the request of the Department, Mr. Whittle has the names of several persons who are interested, and he will be pleased to receive further names of those who may become intersted

TOWN COUNCIL

A SPECIAL MEETING

Boyne River Scheme

A special meeting of the Council was held on Friday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing with Mr. W. J. Reinhold's representative (Mr. Fenwick) the completion of the Boyne River water supply scheme.

TWELVE MILES OF PIPING.

Mr. Fenwick stated that no one expected that approval would be granted for the scheme to be carried out in wartime, consequently he had secured a position with the American Army. However, he could secure his release to carry the scheme through to completion. He was happy to be able to say that the Irrigation Commission would lend all possible help, and the Deputy Co-ordinator General and the Premier (Mr. Cooper) would give the scheme their fullest support. He thought that approval could be obtained to place an order for twelve miles of piping, which would tend to obviate any delay in the completion of the undertaking. He suggested that the Irrigation Commission be requested to make available a surveyor for the purpose of defining the route of the pipe line, from which he would be able to prepare plans and supervise the work.

NECESSARY TO DEVIATE.

In answer to a question by Ald. Golding, Mr. Fenwick said that the preliminary survey revealed that it would be necessary to deviate slightly to avoid the high hills south of Toolooa.

IRRIGATION COMMISSION.

Ald. Golding moved that the Irrigation Commission be written to asking that a surveyor be made available to carry out the necessary survey.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried.

TYPE OF MACHINERY.

Lengthy discussion followed as to the type of machinery to be installed for pumping the water to the tank, and on the motion of Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Deveney, it was decided to seek the advice of a steam engineer as to the possibility of carrying out this work with a boiler and low and high level centrifugal pumps.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Ald. Golding moved that it be an instruction to their consulting engineer's representative that plans and specifications be prepared of the tank, and that they have power to invite tenders for its construction, as he (Ald. Golding) was of the opinion that it required an expert to carry out this work.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Tudman and carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

TIMOR TROOPS

Lived on A.C.F. Hampers

It is just a short time since all Australia thrilled to the news that a band of Australians on the island of Timor had escaped capture by the Japanese and taken to the hills. But it is not so widely known as it should be that A.C.F. Christmas hampers played a big part in relieving their food position.

One of the men from Timor called recently at A.C.F. headquarters and told the story. Christmas hampers sent by the Australian Comforts Fund arrived in camp by plane late on Christmas night. They were opened up and all tined food was put away for a good meal next day.

Soon the Japs turned up and the party of troops hastily snatched as many tins as possible and took to the mountains. Apart from the tins they had only rice and bully beef.

Fortunately, the camp cook was among the party, and with the aid of a kerosene tin to cook in and the extra A.C.F. goods he was able to put up some satisfying meals.

The rations were carefully used, and were made to last for weeks, thereby relieving what might have been a serious situation.

The member of the party who told the story at A.C.F. headquarters expressed warm gratitude on behalf of this intrepid group of soldiers for what had turned out to be a timely issue from the Australian Comforts Fund.

"It just goes to show," he said, "that the good old A.C.F. is always on the spot when we need it."

RED CROSS SOCIETY

GLADSTONE BRANCH

Donations Acknowledged

The Secretary of the Gladstone Red Cross (Mr. V. Summers) gratefully acknowledges the following donations:—

	£	s	d
Previously acknowledged	498	11	3
J. Comino	10	10	0
Stratigo's Orion Cafe	5	5	0
Feros Bros., Paramount Cafe	5	5	0
M. Corones, Niagara Cafe	5	5	0
Jack and Jim Cafe	2	2	0
T. Upton	3	3	0
H. H. Whittle	1	10	0
Campbell Bell	3	3	0
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Mrs. G. Wyatt senr.		10	0
Boynaraby sub-branch	21	0	0
Builyan-Many Peaks sub-branch	132	16	1
Transfer from General Fund	182	1	11
Total	£900	0	0

In addition to the above £15 from the sale of flags by the V.A.D.'s during Red Cross week has already been remitted to the Appeal Committee.

A donation from Mr. C. H. Doelle, Boyne Valley Junction, estimated to produce from £6 to £12, is yet to come.

DANCE AT CALLIOPE

For The Ambulance

The usual monthly Ambulance dance was held at Calliope last Saturday night. Although very cold, a large crowd assembled, and dancing was kept going in full swing by Miss M. Archay at the piano, while extras were played by Miss G. MacFarlane, Miss Alma Brown, Don Cameron, and Don Kennedy.

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The Monte Carlo was won by Miss Grace Renton and partner (Mr. Olive Jacobsen), while the spot waltz went to Miss Ethel Newman and partner (Mr. Colin Weldon).

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SYMPATHY EXPRESSED.

Mr. Power, before commencing the meeting, made fitting reference to the death of Mrs. D. D. Jackson, wife of Hon. Bearer Jackson, and mentioned that she had been a member of the ladies' committee, and would be sadly missed.

Members present stood in silence for one minute.

The action of the Secretary in forwarding a letter of sympathy was endorsed.

CAR CHASSIS.

A circular from the General Secretary was read regarding the car chassis, and it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the car committee to deal with.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Superintendent (Mr. W. V. Coase) reported that during the month of April the Brigade attended 76 accidents, 172 transports, 24 office cases, total 272 cases.

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REPORT FOR MAY.

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F. Ford, A. D. Fry, B. Flenady, N. Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzgerald, Frank Farmer, W. Guthrie, A. George, J. Jordan, Allen Graham, W. Griffin, Ted Hughes, J. Hadgraft, G. Hunt junr., E. Hunt, Frank Harte, J. Hoy, V. Howard, D. Jackson, N. Jones, B. Jones, W. Keller, F. Hickman, K. Knott, T. Leach, S. Lewis, R. Lawson, P. Linnane, P. Lynch, L. Land, Verney Lyons, S. Millwood, M. J. Mooney, £1 each.

CANBERRA ABATTOIR FIRE.

The new Canberra Abattoir building, valued at £30,000, was gutted at the week-end by the worst fire in Canberra's history. Firemen fought it for seven hours, and later it flared up again for three hours. Rebuilding will be necessary, as even the main walls have cracked under the heat. The cause of the fire is not known.

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

SINGLES HANDICAP

Wins For Chapman and Bycroft

The district contender for the handicap singles, Chas. Chapman, advanced a further stage when he defeated Jack Henery 32-24 on Saturday. The other match saw Charlie Bycroft lead George Hixon 31-23.

M. A. Busteed, Chas. Chapman, Jack Comino and Arthur Greasley returned after a very enjoyable tour of Childers and Bundaberg. Matches at both these centres were played, and resulted in narrow defeats. The bowlers refer to the splendid hospitality extended by Childers and Bundaberg members, which is appreciated by the Gladstone club.

Social games over the week-end resulted:—

Sly, Francis, Dahl, Johnston v. Mackay, Christensen, Drewe, Cooper 25-18.

Schmidt, Buetel, Cameron, Young, Stevens, Quodling, Dr. Yum 37-13.

Garrett, Seaton, Jenkinson, Golding v. Ferris, Browne, Dr. Skinner, Humphries 16-15.

Pring, Ferris, Weiske, Archay v. Hixon, Witty, Drewe, Dr. Yum 26-11.

Pring, Joyner, Wilson v. Hando, Matthews, P. Friend 23-18.

Henery, Browne, Cameron v. Hogan Barker, Jackson 21-8.

Ladner, Coxon, Humphries v. Norris, Quodling, Johnston 21-14.

Menzies, Joyner, Golding v. Fewster, Dennis, Jenkinson 23-20.

Schmidt, Duff, Cooper v. Garrett, Dr. Skinner, Chapman 20-19.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

Week-End Games

There was an excellent attendance of members and associates at the Gladstone Golf links over the week-end, when bogey, Canadian foursomes, and stroke competitions were played.

Results:—

Members' bogey: R. Elliott 4 down, F. Peardon and D. J. Connellan 5 down, J. Fitzgerald 7 down, H. C. Moore 9 down, and R. Fellowes 12 down.

Associate stroke: Miss Burrows, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Craig, 37 nett; Mrs. Jenkinson 40; Mrs. Burnham 45.

Canadian foursomes: Miss Joyner and H. Moore 33, Mrs. Burnham and J. Bliss 34, Mrs. Fitzgerald and R. Elliot 37, Mrs. Craig and R. James 37, Miss Burrows and R. Fellowes 42, Miss McGahan and H. McCray 42.

QUEENSLAND

Defence Expenditure

"Queensland is receiving the benefit of an ever growing volume of defence expenditure," said Senator J. S. Collings, Minister for the Interior and Leader of the Government in the Senate.

"To-day's figures appear astronomical compared with the sums spent in pre-war days. Then, works expenditure for all Australia barely reached the two million pound mark annually. Over the last twelve months, however, Queensland alone has averaged nearly two million pounds a month.

"A survey covering the last seven weeks' expenditure on defence works in Queensland shows that contracts valued at over £800,000 have been let and financial authority has been granted for the outlay of a further £3,200,000.

"Past expenditure in Queensland is now showing itself in Australia's greatly increased military strength in northern areas. The ever increasing flow of defence money to northern Australia is an indication of our determination to drive the enemy back to Tokyo.

"A modern miracle has been wrought in transforming northern Australia from a virtually defenceless area into a fortified base from which aggressive action can be taken against the enemy," declared Senator Collings. "The gigantic organisation of the Allied Works Council has ben responsible for the performance of this mammoth task."

FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

RATIONING IN AUSTRALIA

Shortage of Commodities

The first year of rationing in Australia has just been completed. The authorities report that the operation of the system introduced has been satisfactory, and citizens generally feel that they have been by no means badly done by. People have had to give their minds to planning their personal and household economy in a way they have not bothered to do hitherto, and have been put to the inconvenience involved in the use of their coupons.

Tea, sugar, butter, clothing and household drapery and certain types of furnishings are now under controlled distribution, and probably before we are through with the business a number of other necessities will be dealt with in the same way.

It is with a feeling of reluctance that we surrender our age-old individual right to produce, distribute and consume according to our own personal inclination, but circumstances have made it necessary that we should do so, and it is well that we should accept the existing situation with the best grace possible'

A continuance of the old order of our economy would have meant a serious dislocation of our social system, with the danger of a breakdown. Without control of prices and consumption, the scarcity of certain goods would have involved the prices of wartime profiteering. Those people with more money than others would have had all they wanted, and those whose resources were more limited would have had to go without many things which had risen to prices beyond their ability to pay.

The purpose of the Government control which has been introduced has been to see that prices shall be fair to producer and consumer, and to see that the rich shall not be able to buy more than their share, and that those who are not rich shall not be called upon to go without.

Of course, it was to be expected that difficulties would arise in connection with the operation of the system. Black markets, as well as black buyers and black sellers, were inevitable, and unfairnesses were bound to creep in, which could be eliminated only in the course of time.

For the most part people seem to have played the game and to have accepted rationing as an attempt to give a fair share to all. The main reasons for shortages of commodities have been seasonal conditions and transport difficulties. We now have to feed a large army as well as a civilian population. Moreover, we have to think of Allied countries less fortunate than ourselves, and spare some of what we have to augment their more meagre suplies.

For example, by going without a little butter ourselves we can still have half a pound per person per week and help to maintain the ration of two ounces to our kinsfolk in Britain.

It looks as if Government control of distribution has come to stay. It will probably take some getting used to, but we shall be wise to make the best of it we can.

LOST PROPERTY.

"Finders of lost property should seek always to locate its owner, and the best way of doing this is to communicate with the police," said Mr. S. Wilson, S.M., when James Cawley, 36, electrician, of Brisbane, admitted keeping a leather jacket which he said he had found on the roadway outside his home. The S.M., making the above comment, imposed a fine of £1, in default seven days' gaol.

DAIRY PROBLEMS.

Problems of the butter and cheese industry will be discussed at the annual conference of the Dairy Factory Managers' Association, which opens in Brisbane to-day (Wednesday). The annual butter and cheese show is being held in conjunction with the conference, and will be officially opened at the Hamilton Cold Stores on Wednesday afternoon by the Premier (Mr. F. A. Cooper). An address will be given to the conference on Thursday by the Federal Prices Commissioner (Professor Copland) on the butter price in relation to cost of production and cost of living.

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TEN PLAIN FACTS about VD Venereal Diseases

"It is very important under present conditions that the public should know of the existence of venereal diseases; their prevalence in war-time; how they are caused; the urgent necessity for early treatment; and where advice and treatment can be obtained."—THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

1. Venereal Diseases have increased since the war and are still increasing; many new cases are now occurring yearly among civilians alone. Venereal diseases cause much misery. They bring tragedy into many homes, and considerably damage our war effort by causing reduced efficiency and wasted hours.

2. Ignorance and secrecy are highly dangerous. Only from a plain and frank statement of the facts can we all know what these diseases are, how they are spread, how they can be avoided and how and where they can be cured.

3. The two principal venereal diseases are syphilis and gonorrhœa. They are caused by quite different living organisms or germs.

4. Syphilis is a dangerous, a killing disease. If not treated early and thoroughly by a doctor it can cause serious mutilation, heart disease, paralysis, and insanity, any of which may be fatal. Syphilis can be passed on to an unborn child from its mother and (unless skilled treatment is given early in pregnancy) is one of the causes of blindness, deafness, and mental defects.

5. Gonorrhœa, though not so dangerous to life, is more serious than is generally believed, and is one of the causes of arthritis, sterility, and chronic ill-health.

6. Syphilis and gonorrhœa are almost always contracted through intercourse with an infected person. The germs of these diseases quickly die outside the human body. In practice, therefore, there is no need to fear their spread by accidental infection.

7. Professional prostitutes are not the only source of infection. Any free-and-easy sex behaviour must mean a risk of infection and cannot be made safe. Clean living is the only way to escape infection—abstinence is not harmful.

8. Venereal diseases can be cured if treated *early* by a doctor. Advice and treatment are available in Brisbane for the purpose and at Public Hospitals throughout the State. Treatment is confidential and *effective*. Any family doctor will give the address of the nearest clinic. Quack treatment or self-treatment is absolutely useless and may even be disastrous.

9. Disappearance of the early symptoms does not necessarily mean that the patient has been cured. It is essential to continue the treatment until the doctor says it may be stopped.

10. Anyone who has the slightest reason to suspect infection should seek medical treatment AT ONCE. A doctor or clinic or public hospital should be consulted immediately about any suspicious sore or unusual discharge. It may not be venereal disease, but it is best to be sure. *These are the signs.* The first sign of syphilis is a small ulcer. It appears from 10 to 90 days after infection; usually about three weeks. Gonorrhœa first shows itself as a discharge which usually appears from 2 to 10 days after infection.

Further information can be obtained IN CONFIDENCE from the State Health Department, Brisbane.

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PATERSON'S Auction Sale, next Saturday.—Lacquered Twin Bedroom Suite, comprising Wardrobe with glass, Duchess with mirror and reflex mirrors and two 3ft. Beds. Weiske, Auctioneer.

STEEL REQUIRED.—Scrappings from old Cars or Lorries. 'Phone 71, Hunter, Contractor, Australia Hotel Gladstone.

THE Monthly Street Stall of the Church of England Women's Guild will be held in the Grand Hotel building on Friday, June 25th. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Mrs. B. Drawn, secretary.

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ATTENTION!—Presbyterian Flower Show, Town Hall, Friday, 27th August, 1943. Schedules available shortly for large Prize List.

A STREET STALL, conducted by the Women's Auxiliary, R.S.S.A.I.L.A., will be held on Tuesday, June 29. Donations of cakes, sweets, flowers, jam, fruit, etc., will be appreciated by the Secretary, Mrs. R. Farnsworth, Gondoon Street.

AUCTION SALE, account Paterson.—4ft. 6in. Double Door S.O. Wardrobe with two Glasses, two 3ft. S.O, Resto Beds and Mattresses, 3-Drawer S.O. Duchess, Dining Suite in American Oak with Oval Table, Sideboard, and 5 Dining Chairs. L. Weiske, Auctioneer.

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There are those who think that the issue of Bank Credit, or the raising of wages and priees will do the trick, but people cannot eat or wear money. If there be not enough houses to go round, doubling wages or rents will not let us all live better. No, what we must do is to produce *and sell* more: more per man, per horse-power, per acre, per £ invested.

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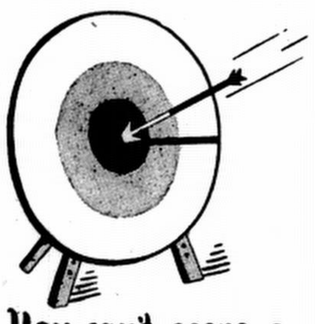

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CIVILIAN REGISTRATION

Five Million Cards

On March 31, 1943, the names of 4,597,383 persons (2,002 549 males and 2 594,934 females) were on the civilian register. Since then all boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 have registered. All these cards will now be checked with the C.R.7 cards that were filled in and presented during the distribution of ration books.

The civilion register does not include men in the armed forces, while there is a separate register for aliens, but it is expected that as a result of the supplementary register (C.R.7) the civilian register will reach 5,000,000.

For the twelve months preceding March 31 over 700,000 people notified the Manpower authorities that they had changed their address, yet notwithstanding this huge total, it had been discovered at various call-ups that thousands of persons had changed their address without carrying out the instruction that it should have been notified on the prescribed form.

The information given on C.R.7 cards in regard to "occupation" will be of the greatest value to the Manpower Directorate in placing men women and children where they can be of greatest service in the national war effort.

GARDEN PESTS

How To Control Them

Cutworms, fat, greenish, grey grubs, infest the soil at certain times, and take their name from their characteristic method of attack. They cut through the main stems of small plants, causing them to fall over. Sometimes complete decapitation takes place.

A few grubs can do a lot of damage if unchecked. By day they hide in the soil just below the surface, close to the plants damaged on the previous night's raid. Careful stirring of the soil may reveal them, but as their colour is akin to that of the soil, a sharp watch must be kept when seeking them out. They are particularly destructive in the vegetable patch, and some measure of control may be necessary.

This takes the form of baits. The baits are made from bran, paris green (a poisonous arsenic compound, and molasses. As paris green is now difficult to secure, lead arsenate can be used. One and a half pounds of bran and one ounce of lead arsenate are thoroughly mixed together. The mixture is moistened with a pint of water, in which two tablespoons of molasses, treacle, or golden syrup have been dissolved. The crumbly mixture is scattered over the soil.

Beware, the baits are poisonous. They are scattered in the late afternoon, so as to be moist at caterpillar feeding time. The above quantities will dress a large bed.

SLUGS AND SNAILS.

Slugs and snails, well known pests, create great havoc among the small plants, both vegetable and flowering. Fortunately, there is an excellent remedy available. It is usually bought under the name of "Meta" baits, the active ingredient of which is metaldehyde, which is both attractive and highly poisonous to these pests.

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WHEN WILL THE WAR END

Events Moving Towards Triumphant Conclusion

One of the thoughts uppermost in the minds of most people is how long will the war last? The answers to this question vary between wide extremes. There are those who say that the end will come this year, while others assert that the conflict will continue indefinitely, if not conclude inconclusively.

From these conflicting opinions the average person is likely to derive little assistance. As we seek to make up our minds upon the matter, it is to be remembered that we are in a position to deal only with probabilities, for in warfare in general, and in the present conflict in particular, the unexpected has a habit of upsetting calculations.

We may well begin with Mr. Churchill's warning expressed in his recent American speech, that we are not to expect a speedy termination of the war. Probably no other person in the world is in as favourable a position as Mr. Churchill to prophesy when the war will end but, on the other hand, he is not the kind of person to build up false hopes or to prophesy a date of which he does not feel certain. His statement may be taken to mean that, though the German war machine may break at any time, there is reason to believe that it may remain intact for some time to come, at any rate, that it will not be broken easily.

There are, however, other facts to be taken into consideration. Air attacks upon Germany must certainly be having at least a softening up effect that will assist the final onslaught when it comes.

The German war machine and German morale broke unexpectedly in 1918, and they may well do so again. Another question concerns Germany's petrol supplies, which many experts assert are now inadequate. This asserted inadequacy may account for the comparative inactivity of the Luftwaffe. If Germany is short of petrol the end may come soon.

Again German morale is bound to be adversely affected by defeats on the Eastern Front and the Axis debacle in North Africa, and the uprising of occupied territories when the United Nations' invasion is announced may well become to Germany an uncontrollable element.

Even if we cannot be certain as to when the war will end, we have a deep and strong confidence that events are moving towards a triumphant conclusion.

ROCK FORTRESS

"I'm Fighting Fit Again"

Members of an all-star concert party came along recently to the B.B.C. studio to say "hello" and "thank you" to the Rock in the weekly programme to "Gib." The Governor's wife (Mrs. Mason Macfarlane) also sent a message.

The party brought back with them a poem which the Governor and Commander-in-Chief (Lieut. General F.N. Mason Macfarlane) had written for the "Rock Magazine."

Here is the poem:—

OUR ROCK.

Rock fortress, scarred by fearsome fights
When Spaniards scaled your dizzy heights
To battle with the Moors.
A refuge then for little ships
Escaping from the tidal rips
That skirt Morocco's shores.

Centuries passed; a sailor race
Hewed from your side a naval base,
Wherein great fleets may lie.
And finally an aerodrome
To give their gallant hawks a home
From which to scour the sky.

Symbol of all that stands for strength
And chivalry throughout the length
Of years replete with fate.
Great Sphinx in armour standing guard
And keeping tireless watch and ward
Over your narrow strait.

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Watchfully crouching day and night,
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They thought your arms were laid aide
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This was announced by the Army authorities last week, whose spokesman stated that the Army would pay rail freight on the rifles to suitable applicants.

He stressed the fact that no other type of rifle or sporting gun was available, nor was any ammunition.

Many requests had been made to the Army by owners for the return of .22, .32 and other calibre rifles and shot guns that have been impressed, but these applications could not be granted.

Rifles would not be sold to people in closely settled areas, because of their long range and danger.

Application must be made in writing to the Impressment Officer, Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, who would decide on the suitability of the applicant.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
23	1.07	1.40	.....	8.07	7.47
24	1.58	2.42	.....	9.00	8.52
25	2.55	3.50	.....	9.51	9.58
26	3.58	5.02	.....	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	.....	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	.....	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	.....	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	.....	2.07	1.48

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	.....	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	.....	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	.....	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	.....	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	.....	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	.....	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	.....	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	.....	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	.....	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	.....	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	.....	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	.....	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	.....	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8 14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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KNITTING AND SEWING CIRCLE REPORTS

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The President (Mrs. H. V. Phillips) presided over a well attended meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society. There were also present: Mesdames L. Golding, E. Friend, J. Jones, E. Cooper, E. M. Hall, L. McCray, L. Rigby, A. Farnsworth, H. Gollnick, E. Johnston, L. Janson, Miss A. Joyner, Rev. G. T. Phillipson, and Messrs. A. Drewe, D. J. Connellan, and the joint hon. secretaries (Mrs. H. Browne and Mr. V. A. Summers.

The rapid growth of branch activities was reflected in the nine reports submitted by the convenors and organisers of the various units.

SEWING CIRCLE.

Mrs. J. W. Rigby advised that one large box of finished articles had been forwarded, and another would be sent to headquarters on Tuesday, June 22. Members had been kept busy, but did not mind this, as results were good and all were keen on their work.

A letter from Mrs. Crouch, of the receiving and despatching depot, headquarters, said that Gladstone's big box of garments had been unpacked, and no fault could be found with it. The packing and listing were perfect. The quilts had been shown to Mrs. Carter, who is in charge of all made garments, and she advised that it was a good idea to put the bias around the crosses which had been attractively embroidered. One suggestion was that on account of the shortage clean linen should be made up in half size rolls. Mrs. Crouch asked that her congratulationns to members of the sewing and knitting classes should be extended on the high standard of work at Gladstone. Mrs. Rigby thanked Friends (Pty.) Ltd. and Mr. E. Masterson for cases and packing.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. J. Connellan reported that 53 skeins of wool had been given out during the month, also 2 ozs. knitting cotton. Two beautifully knitted sleeveless pullovers were sent in by Mrs. A. E. Musprott (Littlemore) as a donation. We also thank the ladies who knitted the following articles:—

1 sleeveless pullover, Mrs. F. C. Thompson; 1 cardigan, Mrs. H. Hill; 2 prs. socks, Miss M. Liddicoat; 1 pr. socks each, Mesdames Grenfell, McDermott, and Miss Gilmore.

The Builyan-Many Peaks branch sent in a parcel of nicely knitted articles, which included 3 prs. socks, 3 balaclava caps, 1 skull cap, 1 chest protector.

A case of articles was sent to headquarters containing 25 prs. white cotton socks, 35 prs. Woollen socks, 1 long sleeve pullover, 4 sleeveless cardigans, 2 sleeveless pullovers, 2 balaclava caps.

The wool has arived to make bed jackets for invalid nursing sisters. Several ladies have kindly offered to make these jackets, and wool is available to any others who will write or 'phone 174 for same, as the articles are urgently needed by headquarters.

Many ladies who have been regular knitters for the Red Cross in the past have had to reduce their knitting efforts on account of extra time spent in shopping, etc. We would, therefore, be grateful to hear from any lady able to assist us to keep up our usual supply of socks, etc.

We have the directions of a very easily knitted sleeveless pullover and cardigan, which are only waist length. These can be supplied to knitters.

The best thanks of members are due to Mrs. E. Schneider for carrying on for the past month during my absence.

PADDY'S MARKET.

Mrs. A. H. Friend advised that the monthly Paddy's market (as reported) had realised £37/12/9. She is in need of an additional table for use at the markets, and anyone able to assist should get in touch with Mr 'phone 79.

V.A. DETACHMEN

Miss Alma Joyner, comman Detachment, reported that had been satisfactory. Mem still attending first-aid class Ambulance on Tuesday nigh Grundy's physical culture the Watt Memorial Hall w well attended. The hall free, and instruction was to 8 p.m. each Tuesday even unit assisted with the re stall at the patriotic rodeo took part in the A.R.P. test day, gaining useful inform practice.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

Mr. F. C. Thompson, Superintendent Junior Red Cross, reported weekly meetings. Instruction in first aid and toy making was given, and assistance rendered the branch at the fete held for Red Cross week.

Miss Grundy (leader) and Miss Rath (assistant) had worked enthusiastically.

BENARABY SUB-BRANCH.

Miss D. M. Colyer, Benaraby sub-branch, reported that at the monthly meeting it was decided after much discussion that the 5/- charge for the use of the accordeon for functions other than those set out in the previous minutes be waived. The players are to take the accordeon home to practise, and persons wishing to use the instrument are to approach the Red Cross. It was also agreed that the accordeon be the property of the sub-branch for the duration of the war, and thereafter to be public property. It was agreed to donate the proceeds of a dance and tennis party to Red Cross week.

Messrs. D. Pershouse and C. Mann were thanked for donations of 10/- and honey for raffle, also Mrs. Colyer for chocolates for the next dance.

P.O.W. SCHEME.

Messrs. V. A. Summers and D. J. Connellan, joint organisers P.O.W. scheme, reported that due to the consistent efforts of lady collectors, Gladstone continued to do well with the street scheme, and was in a very high position on a per capita basis. An amount of £86 was handed Mrs. Browne for three weeks' collections. This equalled the previous deposit, showing that there was no falling off in the total. Prevailing dengue, etc., has affected many collectors, but we have in all cases made visits and given every possible assistance.

New collectors, who have proved very satisfactory, include Mrs. Cooper (who took over Mrs. Masterson's Gondoon Street book temporarily), Mrs. Les Kissicker (who is doing West Gladstone books for Mrs. Hallam), Miss V. Erbacher (who took two Auckland Street books from Mrs. Elliott), and Mrs. W. H. Hall (who has been doing portion of Gondoon Street, and has now reliever Mrs. Cooper, who is on holidays).

Additional collectors are required to relieve Mrs. Cooper (two Auckland Street books, from Tank Street to William Street), and Mrs. Stitt (two books, Ferris and Eden Streets, and Tank Street). Both of these collectors require relief temporarily.

The organisers would also like to hear from any person living in Toolooa Street to take over books in the distant area; also anyone able to assist with collections in Bonar Street, etc.

Mrs. Hallam has returned much improved in health, and will resume her collections at West Gladstone, where Miss Perkins and Mrs. Kissicker have been relieving.

Special donations handed in include a cheque for £6/10/- from Mr. Fred Williams, of Port Curtis Motors. This

now a regular committee member.

YOUNGER SET.

The Younger Set of the C.W.A. was thanked for gifts of 15 packets of cigarettes for distribution. This kindly action was appreciated. Mrs. M. F. Howard also sent a splendid collection of magazines, which were very acceptable.

FINANCE.

The financial statement showed a balance of £661 after payment of accounts amounting to £85.

RED CROSS WEEK £900.

The Secretary (Mr. Summers), in announcing that Red Cross Appeal Week had reached the magnificent total of £900, said it had exceeded their most optimistic expectations, and reflected the greatest credit on town and country supporters of the branch. It was a very high amount to come from a comparatively small branch, and would, no doubt, be appreciated by His Excellency, Sir Leslie Wilson, who had made a special appeal to all branches. It was decided to remit a further £400, making a grand total of £900, to headquarters immediately.

GREEK COMMUNITY.

In outward letters of thanks it was moved that five members of the Greek community, Messrs. J. Comino, S. Corones, Feros Bros., M. Corones, and J. Calligeros, and J. Notaris, had contributed 27 guineas in special donations. The generosity of these gentlemen to Red Cross and other patriotic appeals in Gladstone is well known.

UNIFORMS.

Headquarters advised that only members of units in possession of first-aid or other certificates were entitled to Red Cross uniforms.

CONVALESCENT HOME.

The Divisional Commandant (Mrs. C. Brennan) would like to hear from any members of the Gladstone branch who are Red Cross aids (holding two certificates) prepared to do Red Cross work in a Red Cross convalescent home.

A report from the Emergency Service Company for 1943 was sought. It was decided to advise that Mrs. Jones would complete the necessary report and hand same to Mrs. Browne for despatch. If sufficient notice was given the company could be assembled for a visit by the Divisional Commandant.

A VALUED OFFICER.

Mr. Richard Hogan, hon secretary of the Bowen branch of the Red Cross Society, wrote stating that some time ago their chairman (Rev. G. T. A Phillipson) had resigned his position owing to transfer to Gladstone as Methodist minister there. Rev. Phillipson was the first chairman of the Bowen branch, which was founded in August, 1940, and he held the position until his transfer. He was one of the founders of the branch and had always worked in the interests of the Red Cross. Prior to the forming of the branch he was deputy commissioner for the Red Cross at a large military camp near Bowen, and looked after Red Cross interests in that camp. Mr. Hogan continued, "I have worked with Rev. Phillipson personally for the last two years, and can honestly say that I have never had a more energetic chairman to work with, and I have been in different secretarial posts for 15 years. I would strongly recommend that your branch invite Rev. Phillipson to help you in some way, as we have had considerable experience in Bowen in the different phases of Red Cross service, and he would be of great assistance to you."

Members welcomed the letter, pointing out that Rev. Phillipson had already been elected to an honorary position on the executive pending the annual meeting. It was hoped to fully utilise his valuable services.

GENERAL.

It was decided to accept an offer from Miss L. L. Rigby, Gladstone Hockey Association, for a share of the gates at hockey fixtures. V.A.D. collectors from the Red Cross and P.O.W. Committee are to be appointed.

Messrs. Trevor Upton, H. O'Sing, H. H. Whittle, O. Christensen, Jackson Boyle, Campbell Bell, A. H. Besch, F. M. Hickson, W. Ferris, H. F. Waddell, Ken Neil-Ballantine, W. S. and P. F. Gill, Mesdames G. Wyatt senr., M. I. Hickson, J. Fletcher, and G. R. Kirkham were thanked for donations.

It was decided that the annual general meeting be held next month, and that Mr. V. A. Summers be returning officer. Invitations are to be forwarded to kindred bodies to attend.

The general secretary (Miss Richardson) advised the despatch of a carton of cigarettes, 200 sheets writing paper, and 100 envelopes for Red Cross Hospital ward.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Robertson) conveyed the special thanks of His Excellency, Sir Leslie Wilson, to the Gladstone branch on its wonderful effort for Red Cross Week.

The general secretary (Miss Richardson) advised that Gladstone's record in connection with the Prisoner of War street scheme had been noted with pleasure and appreciation.

The Divisional Rationing Officer has requested that branches give a very exact description of the class of material they wished to purchase. Cotton pyjama or cotton shorting material is not sufficient, as it is necessary to state whether it is poplin, oxford shirting, etc.

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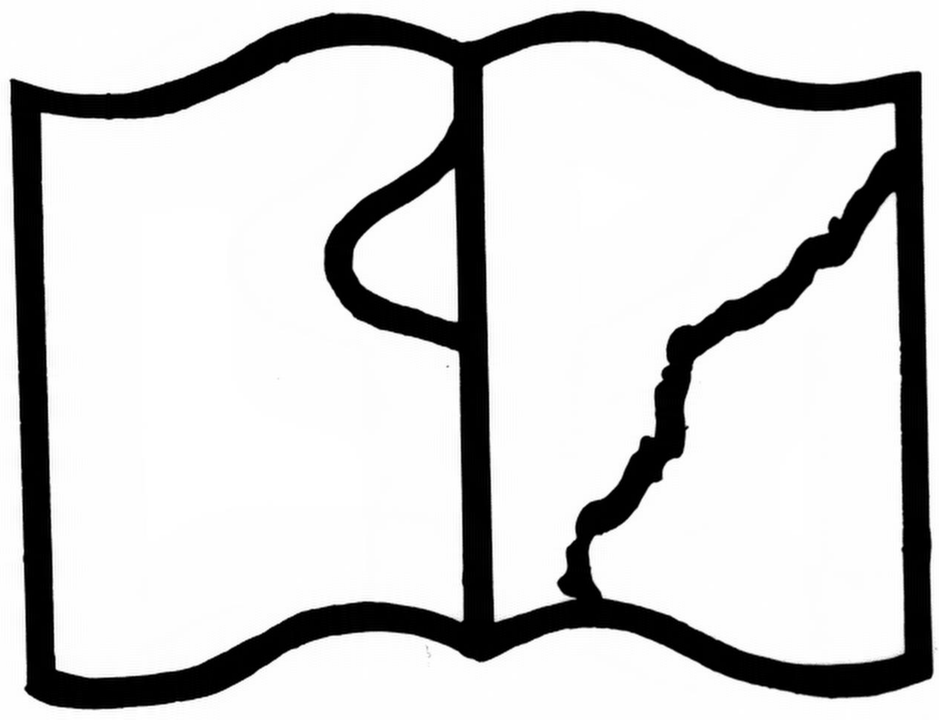

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The rapid growth of branch activities was reflected in the nine reports submitted by the convenors and organisers of the various units.

SEWING CIRCLE.

Mrs. J. W. Rigby advised that one large box of finished articles had been forwarded, and another would be sent to headquarters on Tuesday, June 22. Members had been kept busy, but did not mind this, as results were good and all were keen on their work.

A letter from Mrs. Crouch, of the receiving and despatching depot, headquarters, said that Gladstone's big box of garments had been unpacked, and no fault could be found with it. The packing and listing were perfect. The quilts had been shown to Mrs. Carter, who is in charge of all made garments, and she advised that it was a good idea to put the bias around the crosses which had been attractively embroidered. One suggestion was that on account of the shortage clean linen should be made up in half size rolls. Mrs. Crouch asked that her congratulationns to members of the sewing and knitting classes should be extended on the high standard of work at Gladstone. Mrs. Rigby thanked Friends (Pty.) Ltd. and Mr. E. Masterson for cases and packing.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. J. Connellan reported that 53 skeins of wool had been given out during the month, also 2 ozs. knitting cotton. Two beautifully knitted sleeveless pullovers were sent in by Mrs. A. E. Musprott (Littlemore) as a donation. We also thank the ladies who knitted the following articles:—

1 sleeveless pullover, Mrs. F. C. Thompson; 1 cardigan, Mrs. H. Hill; 2 prs. socks, Miss M. Liddicoat; 1 pr. socks each, Mesdames Grenfell, McDermott, and Miss Gilmore.

The Builyan-Many Peaks branch sent in a parcel of nicely knitted articles, which included 3 prs. socks, 3 balaclava caps, 1 skull cap, 1 chest protector.

A case of articles was sent to headquarters containing 25 prs. white cotton socks, 35 prs. Woollen socks, 1 long sleeve pullover, 4 sleeveless cardigans, 2 sleeveless pullovers, 2 balaclava caps.

The wool has arived to make bed jackets for invalid nursing sisters. Several ladies have kindly offered to make these jackets, and wool is available to any others who will write or 'phone 174 for same, as the articles are urgently needed by headquarters.

Many ladies who have been regular knitters for the Red Cross in the past have had to reduce their knitting efforts on account of extra time spent in shopping, etc. We would, therefore, be grateful to hear from any lady able to assist us to keep up our usual supply of socks, etc.

We have the directions of a very easily knitted sleeveless pullover and cardigan, which are only waist length. These can be supplied to knitters.

The best thanks of members are due to Mrs. E. Schneider for carrying on for the past month during my absence.

PADDY'S MARKET.

Mrs. A. H. Friend advised that the monthly Paddy's market (as reported) had realised £37/12/9. She is in need of an additional table for use at the markets, and anyone able to assist should get in touch with Mrs. Friend, 'phone 79.

V.A. DETACHMENT.

Miss Alma Joyner, commandant V.A. Detachment, reported that progress had been satisfactory. Members were still attending first-aid classes at the Ambulance on Tuesday nights. Miss Grundy's physical culture classes in the Watt Memorial Hall were also well attended. The hall was given free, and instruction was from 7.30 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday evening. The unit assisted with the refreshment stall at the patriotic rodeo. Members took part in the A.R.P. test last Saturday, gaining useful information and practice.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

Mr. F. C. Thompson, Superintendent Junior Red Cross, reported weekly meetings. Instruction in first aid and toy making was given, and assistance rendered the branch at the fete held for Red Cross week.

Miss Grundy (leader) and Miss Rath (assistant) had worked enthusiastically.

BENARABY SUB-BRANCH.

Miss D. M. Colyer, Benaraby sub-branch, reported that at the monthly meeting it was decided after much discussion that the 5/- charge for the use of the accordeon for functions other than those set out in the previous minutes be waived. The players are to take the accordeon home to practise, and persons wishing to use the instrument are to approach the Red Cross. It was also agreed that the accordeon be the property of the sub-branch for the duration of the war, and thereafter to be public property. It was agreed to donate the proceeds of a dance and tennis party to Red Cross week.

Messrs. D. Pershouse and C. Mann were thanked for donations of 10/- and honey for raffle, also Mrs. Colyer for chocolates for the next dance.

P.O.W. SCHEME.

Messrs. V. A. Summers and D. J. Connellan, joint organisers P.O.W. scheme, reported that due to the consistent efforts of lady collectors, Gladstone continued to do well with the street scheme, and was in a very high position on a per capita basis. An amount of £86 was handed Mrs. Browne for three weeks' collections. This equalled the previous deposit, showing that there was no falling off in the total. Prevailing dengue, etc., has affected many collectors, but we have in all cases made visits and given every possible assistance.

New collectors, who have proved very satisfactory, include Mrs. Cooper (who took over Mrs. Masterson's Gondoon Street book temporarily), Mrs. Les Kissicker (who is doing West Gladstone books for Mrs. Hallam), Miss V. Erbacher (who took two Auckland Street books from Mrs. Elliott), and Mrs. W. H. Hall (who has been doing portion of Gondoon Street, and has now reliever Mrs. Cooper, who is on holidays).

Additional collectors are required to relieve Mrs. Cooper (two Auckland Street books, from Tank Street to William Street), and Mrs. Stitt (two books, Ferris and Eden Streets, and Tank Street). Both of these collectors require relief temporarily.

The organisers would also like to hear from any person living in Toolooa Street to take over books in the distant area; also anyone able to assist with collections in Bonar Street, etc.

Mrs. Hallam has returned much improved in health, and will resume her collections at West Gladstone, where Miss Perkins and Mrs. Kissicker have been relieving.

Special donations handed in include a cheque for £6/10/- from Mr. Fred Williams, of Port Curtis Motors. This represents a year's subscription of 2/6 weekly, and is certainly appreciated, as it is the first direct business donation to the street scheme.

The urgent need of keeping up P.O.W. contributions, and the forwarding of parcels to Australian prisoners of war was shown by information conveyed in a letter to a friend from a Gladstone boy interned in Italy. He wrote stating that food was poor and insufficient, and that it was due solely to the weekly Red Cross parcels that they were alive. This lad had shared his weekly parcel with a friend not so fortunate.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Mrs. H. W. Gollnick, reporting on behalf of the Hospital Committee, advised that from May 17 to June 14 35 soldiers and sailors had been visited, and the usual comforts distributed. The men had been particularly grateful for the daily paper, which had been delivered regularly. All reading matter in the cupboard had been stamped. If any members of the Red Cross had spare magazines or periodicals they would be appreciated. Mrs. A. Taylor is now a regular committee member.

YOUNGER SET.

The Younger Set of the C.W.A. was thanked for gifts of 15 packets of cigarettes for distribution. This kindly action was appreciated. Mrs. M. F. Howard also sent a splendid collection of magazines, which were very acceptable.

FINANCE.

The financial statement showed a balance of £661 after payment of accounts amounting to £85.

RED CROSS WEEK £900.

The Secretary (Mr. Summers), in announcing that Red Cross Appeal Week had reached the magnificent total of £900, said it had exceeded their most optimistic expectations, and reflected the greatest credit on town and country supporters of the branch. It was a very high amount to come from a comparatively small branch, and would, no doubt, be appreciated by His Excellency, Sir Leslie Wilson, who had made a special appeal to all branches. It was decided to remit a further £400, making a grand total of £900 , to headquarters immediately.

GREEK COMMUNITY.

In outward letters of thanks it was moved that five members of the Greek community, Messrs. J. Comino, S. Corones, Feros Bros., M. Corones, and J. Calligeros, and J. Notaris, had contributed 27 guineas in special donations. The generosity of these gentlemen to Red Cross and other patriotic appeals in Gladstone is well known.

UNIFORMS.

Headquarters advised that only members of units in possession of first-aid or other certificates were entitled to Red Cross uniforms.

CONVALESCENT HOME.

The Divisional Commandant (Mrs. C. Brennan) would like to hear from any members of the Gladstone branch who are Red Cross aids (holding two certificates) prepared to do Red Cross work in a Red Cross convalescent home.

A report from the Emergency Service Company for 1943 was sought. It was decided to advise that Mrs. Jones would complete the necessary report and hand same to Mrs. Browne for despatch. If sufficient notice was given the company could be assembled for a visit by the Divisional Commandant.

A VALUED OFFICER.

Mr. Richard Hogan, hon secretary of the Bowen branch of the Red Cross Society, wrote stating that some time ago their chairman (Rev. G. T. A Phillipson) had resigned his position owing to transfer to Gladstone as Methodist minister there. Rev. Phillipson was the first chairman of the Bowen branch, which was founded in August, 1940, and he held the position until his transfer. He was one of the founders of the branch and had always worked in the interests of the Red Cross. Prior to the forming of the branch he was deputy commissioner for the Red Cross at a large military camp near Bowen, and looked after Red Cross interests in that camp. Mr. Hogan continued, "I have worked with Rev. Phillipson personally for the last two years, and can honestly say that I have never had a more energetic chairman to work with, and I have been in different secretarial posts for 15 years. I would strongly recommend that your branch invite Rev. Phillipson to help you in some way, as we have had considerable experience in Bowen in the different phases of Red Cross service, and he would be of great assistance to you."

Members welcomed the letter, pointing out that Rev. Phillipson had already been elected to an honorary position on the executive pending the annual meeting. It was hoped to fully utilise his valuable services.

GENERAL.

It was decided to accept an offer from Miss L. L. Rigby, Gladstone Hockey Association, for a share of the gates at hockey fixtures. V.A.D. collectors from the Red Cross and P.O.W. Committee are to be appointed.

Messrs. Trevor Upton, H. O'Sing, H. H. Whittle, O. Christensen, Jackson Boyle, Campbell Bell, A. H. Besch, F. M. Hickson, W. Ferris, H. F. Waddell, Ken Neil-Ballantine, W. S. and P. F. Gill, Mesdames G. Wyatt senr., M. I. Hickson, J. Fletcher, and G. R. Kirkham were thanked for donations.

It was decided that the annual general meeting be held next month, and that Mr. V. A. Summers be returning officer. Invitations are to be forwarded to kindred bodies to attend.

The general secretary (Miss Richardson) advised the despatch of a carton of cigarettes, 200 sheets writing paper, and 100 envelopes for Red Cross Hospital ward.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Robertson) conveyed the special thanks of His Excellency, Sir Leslie Wilson, to the Gladstone branch on its wonderful effort for Red Cross Week.

The general secretary (Miss Richardson) advised that Gladstone's record in connection with the Prisoner of War street scheme had been noted with pleasure and appreciation.

The Divisional Rationing Officer has requested that branches give a very exact description of the class of material they wished to purchase. Cotton pyjama or cotton shorting material is not sufficient, as it is necessary to state whether it is poplin, oxford shirting, etc.

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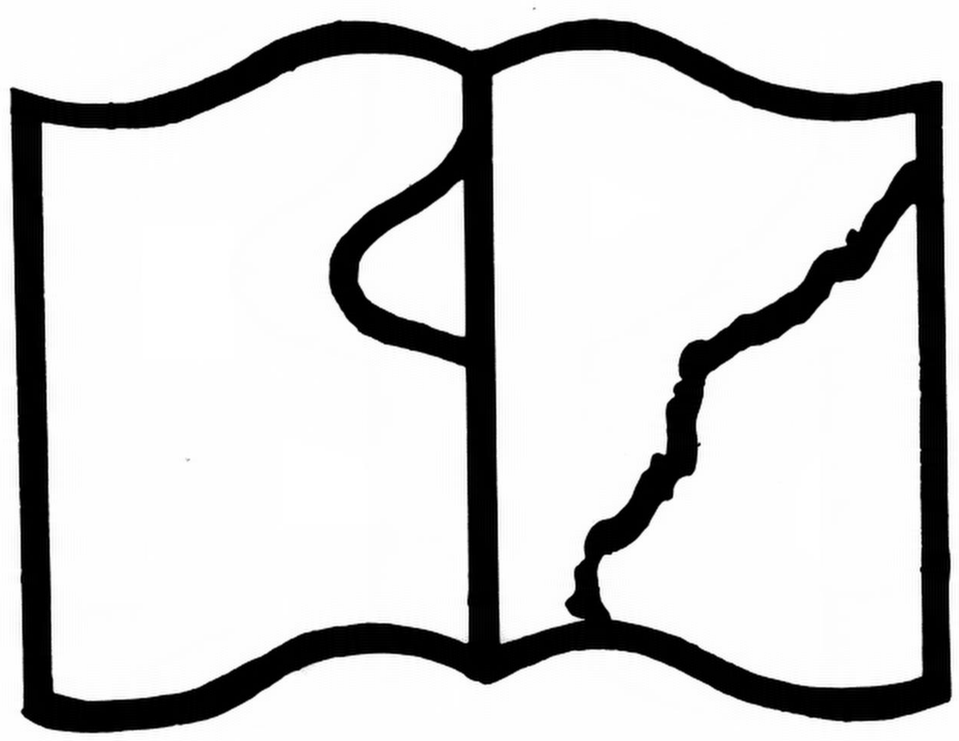

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Baby set: Mrs. A. Chapman, Barney Point.

Books: Mrs. Unie.

Plants: Mesdames J. and Jim Worthington. M. Hamilton, W. C. Chapman, E. Burnham.

Eggs: Mesdames J. Gerber, J. Howard.

Flowers: Mesdames J. Worthington, P. M. Jones, Jim Worthington, C. Howard, Unie.

A basket of sweets (made and donated by Mrs. T. Morgan) was won by Miss Dorothy Friend, and the hamper of groceries (donated by Mr. P. A. Friend) by J. Boyington, c/o Mrs. Rose, Central Lane, Gladstone.

Red Cross Rooms, Gordon Street on any sewing afternoon.

THE BALANCE SHEET to be presented at the Meeting will be published in this space immediately the financial year closes on the 30th June.

MEMBERS are requested to attend the Meeting, and Representatives of kindred bodies are especially invited to attend.

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COMMISSIONER HAREWOOD.

Commissioner and Mrs. Harewood and party arrived in Gladstone by the Rockhampton mail this afternoon (Friday). The Commissioner will give his address, "The Immovable Foundation," in the Salvation Army Hall tonight (Friday), at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

WAR EXPENDITURE.

Revised war expenditure of £560,000,000 for 1942-43, was announced by the Federal Treasurer when making a financial statement in the House of Representatives. This represents a rise of £20,000,020 since last estimate in February. Revenue will provide £160,000,000 and £400,000,000 will come from loans.

AN ACCIDENT.

Thomas Edward Moore, married, aged 33, an employee of the Gladstone Sawmills, sustained on Wednesday serious injuries when he slipped and fell upon a fast moving pulley, suffering a compound fracture of the right leg and severe lacerations, which necessitated the removal of the kneecap. Dr. Byrne and the Ambulance were quickly on the scene, and the patient was conveyed to the District Hospital, where Dr. Skinner performed an operation. We are pleased to report that Mr. Moore is as well as could be expected.

BUFFS' "MYSTERY" BALL.

The annual effort of Lodge Gladstone 197, in aid of local charities, will this year take the form of a "mystery" ball, which is to be held in the Trocadero on Friday, July 2. The proceeds are to be divided equally between the Ambulance Brigade and the local Salvation Army Mobile Canteen Fund, two very worthy objects. As usual, the Buffs have made excellent and novel arangements for an enjoyable evening, and a large crowd is expected. Admission charges are 2/-, and an appropriate supper will be available at a small charge. The music will be supplied by Mr. Tom Ree's popular orchestra.

LIEUT. CLIVE MOORE.

The voice of Lieut. Clive Moore, who has been a prisoner of war since the fall of Singapore, was heard on the Tokio radio last night. Unfortunately, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore, who have listened to oversea broadcasts for the past year, did not have the pleasure of hearing their son's message, but Mrs. Clive Moore, who is living in Brisbane, was fortunate enough to hear the session. Clive said that he was well and receiving mail regularly. He also said that his friend, Lieut. Graham Burke, was well. The information that mail is being regularly received will be appreciated by the Red Cross and mothers and fathers all over Australia, as this is the first direct intimation that letters were getting through regularly. Lieut. Moore is a P.O.W. in Saigon, one of the large Japanese camps. There is now good ground for hope that letters will come through from Darcy Walters, W. McGeever, the Muspratt boys, and other Gladstone and district A.I.F. members, who were in Malaya when Singapore fell.

AMERICAN HOSPITALITY

SIGHT SEEING TOUR

Sergt. Observer Kevin Joyner

Letters home from Sergt. Observer Kevin Joyner, of the R.A.A.F., give some interesting details of Canada and the U.S.A., where the young Australian airmen were hospitably entertained.

The letters to Mrs. Joyner and Alma were written during the month of April, some weeks before Kevin and brother Reg left for England. The extreme cold (up to 67 degrees of frost), the absence of home mail, the difference in meat cuts in Canada and U.S.A. (where the Aussies strangely enough eat hamburgers and drink coffee and like it), the splendid Anzac Club (conducted by the Australian Comforts and New Zealand Patriotic Funds), the generosity of the American War Services Club in New York in providing free entertainment, including the famous Zeigfield Follies and numerous movie shows, the immensity of New York, where they spent days seeing small portions of the huge city, and the brief time spent in racing across the American Continent in modern express trains.

As a city New York impressed the Gladstone airmen. There was something different about the famous American city, with its grand central station, all avenues running north and south, and streets east ad west, the up-town and down-town. The city was extremely clean, with all communications underground through subways. The great commercial sky scrapers topped by the Empire State building.

The boys walked seven miles looking over one portion of Manhattan, a central park located on Manhattan Island. The usual brilliant lighting on Broadway was somewhat dimmed with lighting restrictions. Jack Dempsey's restaurant was one of the highlights here.

At 2 a.m. there was little or no sign of diminution of the life in the streets. The harbour by ferry and a view at the Statue of Liberty on the way to Staten Island, a look at the city from 1250 feet up in the Empire State building, Radio City, and the Rockfeller Centre (with the studios of the National Broadcasting Corporation), a trip to Marlem on an elevated railway, Fifth Avenue or Main Street, 11½ miles long, a bus trip from Broadway along the Hudson River to Giants Tomb, and the largest hospital in the U.S.A. (a Presbyterian institute), a ferry ride to Staten Island, where they were advised to see the Stock Exchange—were some of the highlights of a strenuous sight-seeing tour.

Once again Kevin referred to the hospitality of the Americans, who granted far more concessions to servicemen than the Canadians.

TEACHERS' UNION.

Application for deregistration from the Queensland Teachers' Union has been made to the Industrial Court by the Maryborough (Q.) branch of the union.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) has announced that after a Supply Bill has been passed both Houses would be dissolved and an election held on July 24, or perhaps a week earlier.

ADDITIONAL GRANT TO TASMANIA.

On the recommendation of the Commonwealth Grants Committee, the Commonwealth will make an additional grants of £200,000 to Tasmania for the current financial year.

PYJAMA GIRL MYSTERY.

An application has been made for the reopening of the inquest on the Pyjama Girl, victim of murder near Albury in 1934. Among the grounds of application are that new witnesses can be produced, that former coronial findings were improper, and that the inquest begun in 1938 is incomplete.

POWERFUL LOCOMOTIVES.

Railway haulage will be strengthened soon by the addition of several powerful locomotives and a large number of waggons. Some of these engines will be used on the Rockhampton to Bundaberg run, on which generally two engines are required to haul one train.

SERGEANT RAY HALLAM.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hallam, of Gladstone, have received regular communications from their son, Sergeant Ray Hallam, R.A.A.F., since he left Australia some nine months ago. Ray has now been in England for some time, and is enthusiastic about the confident spirit of the people of England. He is a member of an all Australian crew of a Lancaster bomber, and says he has never felt better in his life. Sergt. Hallam has spent several leave periods in the English countryside, and his parents have received a letter from one of the families with whom he stayed. He also mentioned that he had met test match bowler Harold Larwood, and had danced to Victor Sylvester's orchestra.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

RESTORATION OF RACING.

Representations for a return to racing on the first Saturday in each month have been made by a deputation of members of the Labour Party to the Prime Minister. While Mr. Curtin said he would refer the request to Cabinet for consideration, it is believed his personal views are against the restoration of racing on the first Saturday.

BUFFALO FLY.

The Minister for Commerce (Mr. Scully), expressing concern at the spread of the buffalo fly in Queensland, said the pest had now reached the coastal districts, and if it attained plague proportions, would seriously menace Queensland cattle herds. He had asked the Director of Agriculture (Mr. Bulcock) to proceed to Queensland and discuss the matter with the State authorities. In view of the importance to the cattle industry the spread of the buffalo fly had national significance.

HOCKEY

GAME THAT GROWS

Interesting Points

(By "Skylark")

Sunday week saw the beginning of the first round of fixtures for the season of the Port Curtis Hockey Association.

Air Training Corp team forfeited to Bandit A, as most of the players were away on duties in connection with their training.

Sparks and Bandit B met in the men's match, and a thrilling game resulted. However, Sparks proved too strong for Bandits, and won by three goals to nil.

Tom Duncan led the Sparks in the absence of Tommy Morgan, while Jeff Onions was at the helm of Bandits, who took the field three players short.

Play was fast and furious from the first "bully" and good hockey was played. The first half was even, no score being registered.

In the second half Sparks gained the ascendancy, and ran out comfortable winners.

Gilbert Beale, playing inside to Paddy Crow, scored three nice goals.

Sparks showed good combination in the second half, and with a little practice, will be a hard team to beat.

Tom Duncan was very safe at full-back. Watty Spencer was as safe as ever, but a bit on the lazy side. I have seen Len Flash do better at half-back. Coxon was safe, and Bill O'Donnell (a lad new to the game) has the makings.

Of the forwards, Gilbert Beale and Paddy Crow were as lively as ever, and never missed an opportunity of forcing the pace.

For the Bandits each player pulled his weight, and the wonder of the game was the score against them was not higher. These boys are imbued with the old Bandit spirit—never say die—and fought it out to the final whistle.

Des Bauer, in goal, had many shots at him, and gave a fine display of keeping, meeting the oncoming forwards in fine style, and clearing repeatedly.

Norm Jones, full-back, put up a sterling defence, clearing in good style. He has a good eye and plenty of energy, and was ably supported by A. Robinson.

Fred Hunt, having two positions to watch, was in everything, assisting in the forward line and falling back to half.

C. Weldon, on the wing (a new boy), gave a nice display, and is the makings of a good player. We will, I am sure, hear more of this chap.

Jeff Onions was the tiger on the day. I have never seen more energy, better stick work or tactics displayed. A great display, Jeff, but see and rally a full team for future matches.

Allan George and Cliff Littlemore were in the thick of it. Generally, the Bandit B has everything to work up a first-class team, but don't forget, boys, you need the full eleven if you are going to win.

Imps and Y-Nots looked evenly matched. Imps, playing one short, went down by 5-3.

Generally, the play was slow, players being short of a game. These teams should put up some good tussels during the season. More about these teams next week, when I will endeavour to offer some helpful criticism on the day's play.

I understand the Executive are donating all gate proceeds to the Ambulance, Red Cross, and A.C.F., who will attend to the gate collections, so patrons, don't forget, and help these worthy bodies by your liberal support at the gate.

GOLF

The popular mixed foursomes will be played at the Gladstone Golf Club links this afternoon. Members and associates are asked to be present for the draw for partners at 1.45 p.m. sharp to enable an early start.

To-morrow the even more popular four ball best ball competition for members will be commenced. Once again the draw for opponents will be at 1.45 p.m. The following pairs will take part in the event:—

Moore-Fellowes, O'Sing-Clifford, McCray-Elliott, Peardon-Bliss, Connellan-Joyce, Golinick-O'Donnell, Fitzgerald-Collins, Busteed-Hanson, Power-Hall.

This fixture will be a pipe-opener for the bour ball best ball against bogey for Rev. Father Cullen's trophy.

PETROL DRUMS.

A plant is to be erected in Brisbane for the manufacture of petrol drums. Southern officers have been sent to Brisbane to select a suitable site.

DECENTRALISED HOUSING

Local Council's Part

Three witnesses giving evidence at the opening of the Commonwealth Housing Commission's inquiry in Sydney agreed that a central planning authority for housing was essential.

Mr. H. E. Street, Under Secretary of the Department of Local Government, said local councils had not borrowed to finance housing projects, as they are entitled to, under the local Government Act, because of lack of encouragement from the Government. However, many were eager to start housing activities as soon as possible. Great impetus for decentralised housing could be achieved if councils were assisted financially.

Any Government housing authority should fully exploit local government bodies' facilities for drawing up plans for local development and for the building and administration of Government housing projects.

Written evidence submitted by Mr. A. M. Allen (Surveyor General) said that the use of Crown lands for housing in the eastern and central divisions of N.S. Wales would be governed by the stability of population after the war.

There had been an influx of population to certain country towns because of military camps, munition works, and wartime expansion of industry. The retention of such population would depend on Government post-war policy.

The outstanding lack in previous plans for subdivision and housing was a central planning authority with adequate powers for long-range regional planing and authority to ensure that its zoning and designs were followed. This lack largely explained the failure of local bodies to exercise their extensive powers in centres with growing populations.

Mr. Allen urged the formation of regional and county councils to carry out schemes too big for single councils. If a central planning authority had power to compel compliance with plans for private land development, it would eliminate the need for acquiring land at considerable cost, which was the only way in which planning could be achieved at present.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

L.A.C. Dorothy Force, W.A.A.A.F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Force, of Gladstone, is spending leave with her parents.

Master Max Friend, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Friend, of Gladstone, is home on holidays from the Brisbane Church of England Grammar School.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Archay, of Calliope, have received word that their son, Pilot Officer Ken Archay, has arrived safely in Eastern U.S.A.

Miss Shirley McCray and Miss Audrey Moran, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCray and Mr. and Mrs. T. Moran, of Gladstone, have arrived home for the mid-winter vacation. Both are pupils at All Hallows' Convent, Brisbane.

The many friends of Mr. A. H. Friend, of Gladstone, will regret to learn that at present he is an inmate of the District Hospital, suffering from a severe attack of dengue, and the hope is expressed that he will make a speedy recovery.

At the last meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society it was mentioned that Mr. A. H. Friend was an inmate of the District Hospital, following a severe bout of dengue. Members expressed the hope that their executive officer would soon recover and be able to resume his usual business activities.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT CRAWFORD.

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ST. SAVIOUR'S, Gladstone, Dedication Festival, Trinity I. Sunday, June 27th. Services: 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion, Church Parade of all branches of the services; 10 a.m. Family Eucharist (parents will bring their children); 7.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

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Bishop of Rockhampton.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, established 1867.—Sunday, 27th June, 1943: Sunday School 9.45 a.m., 11 a.m. Public Worship and Young Worshippers' League, 3 p.m. Calliope, 6.30 p.m. P.F.A. Meeting, 7.30 p.m. Public Worship, Preparation for the Lord's Supper. Minister, Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

SALVATION ARMY.—Address, "The Immovable Foundation," by Commissioner Harewood, To-night (Friday), 25th June, at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Thanks.

MR. and MRS. T. HIXON and Family of Gladstone, wish to sincerely than all kind friends and relatives for their messages of condolence in the sad loss of their dear son and brother, Private Thomas Ivan Hixon.

(Please accept this as our personal thanks).

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

AIRY SUBSIDY.

The first butter subsidy payment to dairy farmers will be made on July 15, or within three days of that date. The payment will be for three months.

COMMISSIONER HAREWOOD.

Commissioner and Mrs. Harewood and party arrived in Gladstone by the Rockhampton mail this afternoon (Friday). The Commissioner will give his address, "The Immovable Foundation," in the Salvation Army Hall to-night (Friday), at 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

WAR EXPENDITURE.

Revised war expenditure of £560,000,000 for 1942-43, was announced by the Federal Treasurer when making a financial statement in the House of Representatives. This represents a rise of £20,000,020 since last estimate in February. Revenue will provide £160,000,000 and £400,000,000 will come from loans.

AN ACCIDENT.

Thomas Edward Moore, married, aged 33, an employee of the Gladstone Sawmills, sustained on Wednesday serious injuries when he slipped and fell upon a fast moving pulley, suffering a compound fracture of the right leg and severe lacerations, which necessitated the removal of the kneecap. Dr. Byrne and the Ambulance were quickly on the scene, and the patient was conveyed to the District Hospital, where Dr. Skinner performed an operation. We are pleased to report that Mr. Moore is as well as could be expected.

BUFFS' "MYSTERY" BALL.

The annual effort of Lodge Gladstone 197, in aid of local charities, will this year take the form of a "mystery" ball, which is to be held in the Trocadero on Friday, July 2. The proceeds are to be divided equally between the Ambulance Brigade and the local Salvation Army Mobile Canteen Fund, two very worthy objects. As usual, the Buffs have made excellent and novel arangements for an enjoyable evening, and a large crowd is expected. Admission charges are 2/-, and an appropriate supper will be available at a small charge. The music will be supplied by Mr. Tom Ree's popular orchestra.

LIEUT. CLIVE MOORE.

The voice of Lieut. Clive Moore, who has been a prisoner of war since the fall of Singapore, was heard on the Tokio radio last night. Unfortunately, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore, who have listened to oversea broadcasts for the past year, did not have the pleasure of hearing their son's message, but Mrs. Clive Moore, who is living in Brisbane, was fortunate enough to hear the session. Clive said that he was well and receiving mail regularly. He also said that his friend, Lieut. Graham Burke, was well. The information that mail is being regularly received will be appreciated by the Red Cross and mothers and fathers all over Australia, as this is the first direct intimation that letters were getting through regularly. Lieut. Moore is a P.O.W. in Saigon, one of the large Japanese camps. There is now good ground for hope that letters will come through from Darcy Walters, W. McGeever, the Muspratt boys, and other Gladstone and district A.I.F. members, who were in Malaya when Singapore fell.

PATRIOTIC-COMFORTS FUND

JUNE STREET STALL

Another Successful Effort

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the Gladstone branch of the A.C.F. and the District Patriotic Fund again proved to be another outstanding success, an amount of £40/-/7 being raised. The convenor (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), with her band of willing workers, wishes to thank all who in any way assisted towards the success of the effort, and gratefully asknowledges the following donations:—

Cash donations: Messrs. C. Chapman, J. Spiers, A. S. Glegg, G. C. Labbatt, and Mesdames C. Chapman, T. Beale, L. Fellows, A. W. Young, E. Shandley, McNiven, A. Rowan, W. Richards, S. Bensted, G. Howard, A. H. Hallam, L. Liddicoat, Flanagan, Messinger, D. Smith, A. E. Worthington, C. McTaggart, E. W. Barker, R. Mackay, and Miss Joan King.

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Sweets: Mesdames T. Morgan, W. Beuttel, S. Coxon, J. Stewart, R. Barker, M. Hamilton, and W. R. Golding.

Cakes and scones: Mesdames M. Vallis, W. Richards, C. W. Macfarlan, Jim Worthington, G. Gordon, W. Beale, S. Geddes, J. W. Garett, J. M. Stanfield, Unie, R. McLeod, J. Jefferis, J. Loseby, R. Jones, C. Bycroft.

Jam: Mesdames J. Turner, W. Keller, K. Wood, J. M. Stanfield, W. Beale, Picton, A. D. Hopper, E. Muir.

Doyleys: Mrs. M. T. Howard.

Baby set: Mrs. A. Chapman, Barney Point.

Books: Mrs. Unie.

Plants: Mesdames J. and Jim Worthington, M. Hamilton, W. C. Chapman, E. Burnham.

Eggs: Mesdames J. Gerber, J. Howard.

Flowers: Mesdames J. Worthington, P. M. Jones, Jim Worthington, C. Howard, Unie.

A basket of sweets (made and donated by Mrs. T. Morgan) was won by Miss Dorothy Friend, and the hamper of groceries (donated by Mr. P. A. Friend) by J. Boyington, c/o Mrs. Rose, Central Lane, Gladstone.

TEACHERS' UNION.

Application for deregistration from the Queensland Teachers' Union has been made to the Industrial Court by the Maryborough (Q.) branch of the union.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) has announced that after a Supply Bill has been passed both Houses would be dissolved and an election held on July 24, or perhaps a week earlier.

ADDITIONAL GRANT TO TASMANIA.

On the recommendation of the Commonwealth Grants Committee, the Commonwealth will make an additional grants of £200,000 to Tasmania for the current financial year.

PYJAMA GIRL MYSTERY.

An application has been made for the reopening of the inquest on the Pyjama Girl, victim of murder near Albury in 1934. Among the grounds of application are that new witnesses can be produced, that former coronial findings were improper, and that the inquest begun in 1938 is incomplete.

POWERFUL LOCOMOTIVES.

Railway haulage will be strengthened soon by the addition of several powerful locomotives and a large number of waggons. Some of these engines will be used on the Rockhampton to Bundaberg run, on which generally two engines are required to haul one train.

SERGEANT RAY HALLAM.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hallam, of Gladstone, have received regular communications from their son, Sergeant Ray Hallam, R.A.A.F., since he left Australia some nine months ago. Ray has now been in England for some time, and is enthusiastic about the confident spirit of the people of England. He is a member of an all Australian crew of a Lancaster bomber, and says he has never felt better in his life. Sergt. Hallam has spent several leave periods in the English countryside, and his parents have received a letter from one of the families with whom he stayed. He also mentioned that he had met test match bowler Harold Larwood, and had danced to Victor Sylvester's orchestra.

AMERICAN HOSPITALITY

SIGHT SEEING TOUR

Sergt. Observer Kevin Joyner

Letters home from Sergt. Observer Kevin Joyner, of the R.A.A.F., give some interesting details of Canada and the U.S.A., where the young Australian airmen were hospitably entertained.

The letters to Mrs. Joyner and Alma were written during the month of April, some weeks before Kevin and brother Reg left for England. The extreme cold (up to 67 degrees of frost), the absence of home mail, the difference in meat cuts in Canada and U.S.A. (where the Aussies strangely enough eat hamburgers and drink coffee and like it), the splendid Anzac Club (conducted by the Australian Comforts and New Zealand Patriotic Funds), the generosity of the American War Services Club in New York in providing free entertainment, including the famous Zeigfield Follies and numerous movie shows, the immensity of New York, where they spent days seeing small portions of the huge city, and the brief time spent in racing across the American Continent in modern express trains.

As a city New York impressed the Gladstone airmen. There was something different about the famous American city, with its grand central station, all avenues running north and south, and streets east ad west, the up-town and down-town. The city was extremely clean, with all communications underground through subways. The great commercial sky scrapers topped by the Empire State building.

The boys walked seven miles looking over one portion of Manhattan, a central park located on Manhattan Island. The usual brilliant lighting on Broadway was somewhat dimmed with lighting restrictions. Jack Dempsey's restaurant was one of the highlights here.

At 2 a.m. there was little or no sign of diminution of the life in the streets. The harbour by ferry and a view at the Statue of Liberty on the way to Staten Island, a look at the city from 1250 feet up in the Empire State building, Radio City, and the Rockfeller Centre (with the studios of the National Broadcasting Corporation), a trip to Marlem on an elevated railway, Fifth Avenue or Main Street, 11½ miles long, a bus trip from Broadway along the Hudson River to Giants Tomb, and the largest hospital in the U.S.A. (a Presbyterian institute), a ferry ride to Staten Island, where they were advised to see the Stock Exchange—were some of the highlights of a strenuous sight-seeing tour.

Once again Kevin referred to the hospitality of the Americans, who granted far more concessions to servicemen than the Canadians.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

RESTORATION OF RACING.

Representations for a return to racing on the first Saturday in each month have been made by a deputation of members of the Labour Party to the Prime Minister. While Mr. Curtin said he would refer the request to Cabinet for consideration, it is believed his personal views are against the restoration of racing on the first Saturday.

BUFFALO FLY.

The Minister for Commerce (Mr. Scully), expressing concern at the spread of the buffalo fly in Queensland, said the pest had now reached the coastal districts, and if it attained plague proportions, would seriously menace Queensland cattle herds. He had asked the Director of Agriculture (Mr. Bulcock) to proceed to Queensland and discuss the matter with the State authorities. In view of the importance to the cattle industry the spread of the buffalo fly had national significance.

HOCKEY

GAME THAT GROWS

Interesting Points

(By "Skylark")

Sunday week saw the beginning of the first round of fixtures for the season of the Port Curtis Hockey Association.

Air Training Corp team forfeited to Bandit A, as most of the players were away on duties in connection with their training.

Sparks and Bandit B met in the men's match, and a thrilling game resulted. However, Sparks proved too strong for Bandits, and won by three goals to nil.

Tom Duncan led the Sparks in the absence of Tommy Morgan, while Jeff Onions was at the helm of Bandits, who took the field three players short.

Play was fast and furious from the first "bully" and good hockey was played. The first half was even, no score being registered.

In the second half Sparks gained the ascendancy, and ran out comfortable winners.

Gilbert Beale, playing inside to Paddy Crow, scored three nice goals.

Sparks showed good combination in the second half, and with a little practice, will be a hard team to beat.

Tom Duncan was very safe at full-back. Watty Spencer was as safe as ever, but a bit on the lazy side. I have seen Len Flash do better at half-back. Coxon was safe, and Bill O'Donnell (a lad new to the game) has the makings.

Of the forwards, Gilbert Beale and Paddy Crow were as lively as ever, and never missed an opportunity of forcing the pace.

For the Bandits each player pulled his weight, and the wonder of the game was the score against them was not higher. These boys are imbued with the old Bandit spirit—never say die—and fought it out to the final whistle.

Des Bauer, in goal, had many shots at him, and gave a fine display of keeping, meeting the oncoming forwards in fine style, and clearing repeatedly.

Norm Jones, full-back, put up a sterling defence, clearing in good style. He has a good eye and plenty of energy, and was ably supported by A. Robinson.

Fred Hunt, having two positions to watch, was in everything, assisting in the forward line and falling back to half.

C. Weldon, on the wing (a new boy), gave a nice display, and is the makings of a good player. We will, I am sure, hear more of this chap.

Jeff Onions was the tiger on the day. I have never seen more energy, better stick work or tactics displayed. A great display, Jeff, but see and rally a full team for future matches.

Allan George and Cliff Littlemore were in the thick of it. Generally, the Bandit B has everything to work up a first-class team, but don't forget, boys, you need the full eleven if you are going to win.

Imps and Y-Nots looked evenly matched. Imps, playing one short, went down by 5-3.

Generally, the play was slow, players being short of a game. These teams should put up some good tussels during the season. More about these teams next week, when I will endeavour to offer some helpful criticism on the day's play.

I understand the Executive are donating all gate proceeds to the Ambulance, Red Cross, and A.C.F., who will attend to the gate collections, so patrons, don't forget, and help these worthy bodies by your liberal support at the gate.

GOLF

The popular mixed foursomes will be played at the Gladstone Golf Club links this afternoon. Members and associates are asked to be present for the draw for partners at 1.45 p.m. sharp to enable an early start.

To-morrow the even more popular four ball best ball competition for members will be commenced. Once again the draw for opponents will be at 1.45 p.m. The following pairs will take part in the event:—

Moore-Fellowes, O'Sing-Clifford, McCray-Elliott, Peardon-Bliss, Connellan-Joyce, Golinick-O'Donnell, Fitzgerald-Collins, Busteed-Hanson, Power-Hall.

This fixture will be a pipe-opener for the bour ball best ball against bogey for Rev. Father Cullen's trophy.

PETROL DRUMS.

A plant is to be erected in Brisbane for the manufacture of petrol drums. Southern officers have been sent to Brisbane to select a suitable site.

DECENTRALISED HOUSING

Local Council's Part

Three witnesses giving evidence at the opening of the Commonwealth Housing Commission's inquiry in Sydney agreed that a central planning authority for housing was essential.

Mr. H. E. Street, Under Secretary of the Department of Local Government, said local councils had not borrowed to finance housing projects, as they are entitled to, under the local Government Act, because of lack of encouragement from the Government. However, many were eager to start housing activities as soon as possible. Great impetus for decentralised housing could be achieved if councils were assisted financially.

Any Government housing authority should fully exploit local government bodies' facilities for drawing up plans for local development and for the building and administration of Government housing projects.

Written evidence submitted by Mr. A. M. Allen (Surveyor General) said that the use of Crown lands for housing in the eastern and central divisions of N.S. Wales would be governed by the stability of population after the war.

There had been an influx of population to certain country towns because of military camps, munition works, and wartime expansion of industry. The retention of such population would depend on Government post-war policy.

The outstanding lack in previous plans for subdivision and housing was a central planning authority with adequate powers for long-range regional planing and authority to ensure that its zoning and designs were followed. This lack largely explained the failure of local bodies to exercise their extensive powers in centres with growing populations.

Mr. Allen urged the formation of regional and county councils to carry out schemes too big for single councils. If a central planning authority had power to compel compliance with plans for private land development, it would eliminate the need for acquiring land at considerable cost, which was the only way in which planning could be achieved at present.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

L.A.C. Dorothy Force, W.A.A.A.F., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Force, of Gladstone, is spending leave with her parents.

Master Max Friend, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Friend, of Gladstone, is home on holidays from the Brisbane Church of England Grammar School.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Archay, of Calliope, have received word that their son, Pilot Officer Ken Archay, has arrived safely in Eastern U.S.A.

Miss Shirley McCray and Miss Audrey Moran, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCray and Mr. and Mrs. T. Moran, of Gladstone, have arrived home for the mid-winter vacation. Both are pupils at All Hallows' Convent, Brisbane.

The many friends of Mr. A. H. Friend, of Gladstone, will regret to learn that at present he is an inmate of the District Hospital, suffering from a severe attack of dengue, and the hope is expressed that he will make a speedy recovery.

At the last meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society it was mentioned that Mr. A. H. Friend was an inmate of the District Hospital, following a severe bout of dengue. Members expressed the hope that their executive officer would soon recover and be able to resume his usual business activities.

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TREATMENT OF CANCER

FOREMOST AUTHORITY

Modern Facilities

The New South Wales Premier, Mr. McKell, anounced recently that the State Government had decided to provide £100,000 for the establishment in Sydney of a cancer institute for the treatment and research of the disease. He said that, acting on the advice of a committee of cancer experts, he had invited Dr. Ralston Paterson, F.R.C.S., foremost cancer authority in the British Empire, to come to Sydney to inform the Government on the establishment of the institute and on the treatment of the disease. Dr. Paterson is Director of the Holt Radium Institute, Manchester, servicing a population of about 10,000,000.

"My Government feels that, not alone in this State, but throughout Australia, we are far behind the best world standards in cancer treatment, and that the best way to tackle the problem is to bring Dr. Paterson to Australia," said Mr. McKell. "We realise that this cancer institute must set the highest standard, and that it must be equipped with modern facilities. Many of the public, and certainly the medical men who are interested in cancer treatment, are aware of what has been done in establishing a State Bureau of Physical Services at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where radon is produced and radium made available for cancer treatment.

"The Government intends, when the cancer institute is established, to incorporate therein the State Bureau of Physical Services, so that the services of the bureau will be available to the medical profession. At present only one physicist and one technician are attached to the bureau, but as soon as demands warrant it the Government will improve and enlarge the bureau and will appoint additional staff."

Dr. H. H. Schlinck, president of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, has not announced the personnel of the committee of cancer experts, stating that he preferred to leave this to the Minister concerned. It was stated, however, that the committee would comprise a pathologist, a radiologist, a radio,therapeutist, a general surgeon, a gynaecologist, and, in fact, one representative from each branch of medicine dealing with cancer. The committee would advise the Minister about the necessity for the segregation of cancer cases, clinical research, etc., and would organise the instruction of medical undergraduates in the treatment of cancer.

Warm approval of the Government's decision to provide £100,000 for the establishment of a cancer institute was expressed by several doctors.

"A very good scheme, much overdue; a better man than Dr. Paterson could not be obtained to organise it," was a typical statement. It was made by a doctor who worked with Dr. Paterson at the Holt Radium Institute.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE Gladstone Trades and Labour Council has been informed of the formation of a branch of the Musicians' Union in this town.

We would like to ask the co-operation of all public bodies when holding dances or other functions requiring Musicians to employ members of this Union whenever possible.

As Gladstone is essentially an industrial town, such action will undoubtedly meet with the approval of those attending such dances, etc.

C. BOLES.
Acting Secretary Trades and Labour Council, Gladstone Branch.

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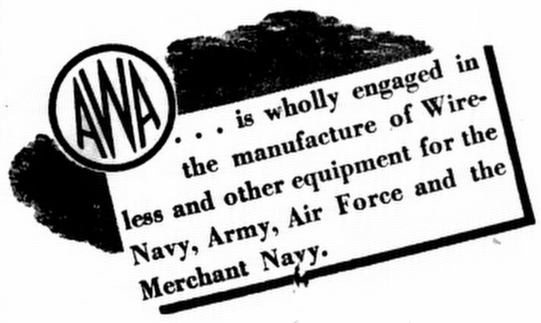

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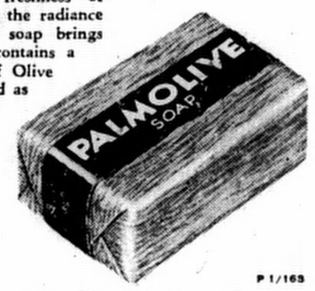

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Much of the discussion is concentrated on how the national pie is to be divided up, though it should be clear that what will be needed is a bigger pie. Before there can be bigger slices for everyone we must make the whole pie bigger. We must produce more — more goods, more services, more housing, more travel, more entertainment — before we can expect to live better.

There are those who think that the issue of Bank Credit, or the raising of wages and prices will do the trick, but people cannot eat or wear money. If there be not enough houses to go round, doubling wages or rents will not let us all live better. No, what we must do is to produce *and sell* more: more per man, per horse-power, per acre, per £ invested.

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POST-WAR PROBLEM

LOCATION OF INDUSTRY

Decentralisation Necessary

Reviewing proposals of the new Post-War Reconstruction Department, the Army Educational Journal states that demobilisation in itself will be a huge task. The services will have to decide how many men will be needed for occupation forces in liberated territories, for the permanent forces, and for possible emergencies.

Services authorities with certain committees are beginning to work out the likely rate and order of discharge. Such plans must be sufficiently elastic to be adjusted to any conditions which may arise. They must be linked to plans for re-employment. They must take account of what happened last time, and the likely conditions this time. They must learn much from demobilisation experts in other countries.

Provision for returned soldier preference in employment in the Commonwealth Public Service and other fields where the Commonwealth has authority has already been written into the Repatriation Act. The Government proposes to extend this.

But the men and women of the services cannot be demobilised or trained or placed in employment apart from the rest of the community. Their problems on returning to civil life will be only one section of many reconstruction problems. None of these problems will be successfully and permanently solved unless all are solved—only if reconstruction as a whole is successful can repatriation and rehabilitation succeed.

There will be other groups—munition workers, women workers, C.C.C. workers—all of whom will have particular reconstruction problems. Investigation and planning must be, and is, taking place in their problems, too.

DECENTRALISING NEED.

One of the issues which touches all these fields is the question of decentralisation, location of industry, and town and country planning. Hitherto these have been unplanned—left to the decisions of individuals who have rarely worried about any but immediate personal ends. But overcrowded cities and under populated country areas can only be better adjusted if a conscious national policy is pursued.

Secondly, the danger of inflation. At war's end it will take two or three years for industry to turn back fully to civil production, for shipping and trade to reach full peacetime levels. Yet there will be plenty of money—not only from wages, salaries, rents and profits but from bank savings, war bonds, deferred pay.

There will be plenty of purchasing power, in fact, but a temporary shortage of things to buy. In those circumstances, prices will rise, deferred pay and savings as well as wages will buy less, and men and women will feel cheated.

Only by a temporary continuation of rationing and price control will the purchasing power of our money be preserved and the speculator and profiteer checked.

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This has been emphasised by officials of the Rationing Commission, who said that apparently this was not clear to some proprietors who are concerned about their means of obtaining replacements. Some of these proprietors have asked their residents to supply their own linen.

One reason why owners of these establishments cannot be expected to rely entirely on the three coupons collected from each residents to make replacements is because service personnel and occasionaly residents did not have to surrender coupons on June 15.

All coupons collected on June 15, however, must be pasted on to sheets, each coupon marked "HD" and returned to the State Deputy Director of Rationing on or before June 30.

The name and address of the proprietor and establishment must be marked on each sheet. These coupons cannot be used for direct purchases by the proprietor. To offer or accept loose coupons is an offence.

On this return the proprietor must state the number of service personnel, casuals and permanent guests housed on June 15.

When replacements are needed application for a coupon permit must be made on for R.G. 51, obtainable from the State Deputy Director of Rationing.

Coupon permits to buy will be issued only to those proprietors who have complied with these instructions. Persons using their own sheets, towels and pillow cases in an otherwise furnished flat do not have to give up coupons to the proprietor.

DAIRY FARMERS

Rationing of Butter

If any farmer produces butter only for use by persons, including employees, who are resident in his household, it is not necessary to register.

Dairy farmers must also collect current "E" coupons for all butter current "E" coupons for all butter use, whether it is sold, given free, or exchanged. One coupon must be collected for each half pound.

Any farmer buying butter from another farmer for resale must register as a dealer in farm or dairy butter. Application for R.G.37 is available for this purpose at all post offices, and when completed, must be sent to the State Deputy Director of Rationing.

It is essential that all farmers keep however, must be pasted on to sheets, tions, said the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. Cumming). To supply butter in any way contrary to the regulations is black marketing, the minimum penalty for which is three months' imprisonment.

Every ounce of butter produced by dairy farmers is of vital importance to Australia's war effort. Butter is rationed because it is essential that supplies for Britain be maintained. The British butter ration is 2 ozs. a head weekly, one quarter the Australian ration, and the Australian dairy farmer bears the responsibility of ensuring continuance of this ration.

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

● NATIONAL PROGRAMME ●
(Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals.

SUNDAYS
a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.5—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS
a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.05—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME
(Relayed from No. 2 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals)
p.m. DAILY
9.00—B.B.C. News.
11.0—B.B.C. News.
11.15—State News.

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PORT CURTIS TIDES

JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
26	3.58	5.02	.....	10.44	11.07
27	5.04	6.07	.....	11.35	——
28	6.07	7.01	.....	12.12	12.21
29	7.02	7.48	.....	1.12	1.07
30	7.50	8.30	.....	2.07	1.48

THE MOON.
Last Quarter ..... June 25

JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	.....	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	.....	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	.....	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	.....	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	.....	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	.....	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	.....	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	.....	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	.....	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	.....	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	.....	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	.....	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	.....	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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"An Australian with an Owen gun can lick anybody," said Mr. Raymond Parer when he arrived in Sydney last week from an advanced operational area.

"The moral effect of an Owen gun on the fighting spirit of Australians is amazing. They take more care of the gun than they do of anything else. So long as that is in good order they feel themselves invincible.

"To the men in the thick of the fighting the Owen in a 'real gun'." Mr. Parer continued. "It is something to be proud of, designed by an Australian, made in Australia of Australian steel. Australians feel it to be 'a hundred per cent ahead of any gun in the war.'

"Even men who are not in action regard the gun as something to be prized, and although mud and dirt in no way interfere with its mechanism, they can be seen constantly polishing and cleaning it. To our men in any circumstaces 'up north,' it brings home to them the efficiensy of our war effort.

"It is the most important link to date between the war effort at home and in action.

"The Owen gun joins the hands of the soldiers to the hand of the munition worker, and makes him aware of a united effort."

Mr. Parer, who has completed six months working with the United States Army as an advisory engineer, arrived in Sydney with his uniform and every item of his gear, even to his toothpaste, riddled with bullet holes.

"Luckily, I was not in the clothes when that happened," he explained.

Mr. Parer stated that he was amused by the laconic reference made to the action in which his clothing was damaged in the official communique.

The communique merely said: "Oro Bay—Forty enemy bombers, escorted by a strong formation of fighters, at mid-day attacked the area, sinking one small vessel and damaging another. Casualties were light. In a series of brilliant intereceptions our fighters broke the enemy formations, shooting twenty-five enemy aircraft out of action. Our own air losses were extremely light."

Mr. Parer's recollection of the action are most vivid. "A large number of Zeros buzzed around us like angry bees, letting fly with both cannons and machine guns, and we all thought that it would be a good idea to head for the shore. So we dived overboard.

"When we returned to our ship practically every inch of the deck was riddled with bullet holes, and she was settling down. We were doing our best to patch the engine up, when she sank under us."

It will be recalled that Raymond Parer, a veteran of the last war, made the epic England to Australia flight in 1920 with the late J. MacIntosh.

On that occasion it was his faith in patching up an engine that brought his Avro to its destination.

BATTLE ON HOME FRONT

Fight Against Compulsory Unionism

In Sydney ten women have been fighting a tremendous battle during the last four or five weeks. They have been fighting for a principle that 60,000 Diggers died for in the last war, and that many more will die for in this: they are fighting to keep this country democratic, against the constant attacks on the liberty of the individual.

These ten women have the support of every Digger of the last war, and every man who wears a uniform in this. They have the moral support—and if it comes to anything more tangible, then they can have that, too.

On one side in this battle we have ten women, some the wives of servicemen, whose one desire is to give everything they have to the war effort. Who believe that strikes over trivial matters can wait until the war is over.

On the other we have a fine bunch of heroes. They were here in 1914 when the last lot of Australians left to fight for democracy, and they were here in 1918, when some of them came back. And in the ranks of Trade Union pooh-bahs are many who should be shouldering a gun in this war.

Typical of the last war's non-starters is Mr. Colin Tannock. Mr. Tannock stated in the N.S.W. Parliament that non-unionists were "a lot of loathsome toads."

What a fine Australia! According to statistics just 52 per cent of Australians are trade unionists.

That means 48 per cent are "loathsome toads." Of course, that is according to Mr. Tannock.

So that a chap who enlisted in 1939, fought through Libya, Greece and Crete, then slogged his way up over the Owen Stanleys, who returns to civilian life, and stupidly thinks that he should have the right to earn his living without having to pay tribute to Mr. Tannock and his brother bosses, is a "loathsome toad."

Well, if that's so, it will be a title that Diggers will shoulder with honour.

It will be one that they will bracket with Lord Haw Haw's appellation of "Rat," which taunted them daily in Tobruk.

Diggers writing from battle stations are firmly convinced that the Government's persistent refusal to curb the trade unions' brutal attempts to soerce Australians into compulsory unionism will result in a conflict terrifying in its implications.

And not a man who is away will fail to take careful note of the men whose sole contributions to the war effort is an atfempt to terrorise women into selling their economic freedom in return for the unlimited right to sabotage the war effort.

"PROTECTING A VITAL PLANT"

On their toes all the time and ready for any emergency are the V.D.C. and 1,000 trained A.R.P. personnel at B.H.P. steelworks. Regular training keeps the men fit and eager. Here Sgt. Quick writes up "next parade" times on the V.D.C. notice board whilst Armourer Jones points.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

CO-ORDINATED PURPOSE

Prosperity and Security

Many people see in the unity of the English speaking world the main part of the world's hope of prosperity and security. Even those who do not fully accept this statement at its face value are aware of the importance of Anglo-American relations.

It is evident that a United Nations' victory will depend largely upon the co-ordinated purpose and effort of the two English speaking democracies on their respective sides of the Atlantic. It is evident, too, that what the post-war world will be will depend largely upon the measure in which Britain and America work together when the war is over.

In view of these facts it is understandable that German propaganda should aim, as it has done, at sowing seeds of dissension in Anglo-American relations, and to change the metaphor, to drive a wedge between the two nations.

Germany has told the U.S.A. that she really has no concern in the European conflict, and has nothing to fear from an Axis victory— propaganda which most Americans now see through.

Again, Germany has declared to Americans that Britain is just seeking to use America for her own imperialistic purposes, and that Britain will stand as America's ally only as long as it suits Britain's purpose to do so. This last piece of propaganda is still being swallowed by the few American isolationists that have survived the past few years, and is in danger of doing a considerable amount of harm.

There are two assertions which American isolationists are now reiterating. The first is that Japan is America's enemy No. 1, and that Britain is not showing a sufficient interest in the Pacific theatre of war.

America, these isolationists declare, should launch her main attack against Japan, and give only what help she is able to over and above that to Britain and her other allies.

This ignores the fact that the United Nations' strategy to beat Hitler first is one to which the American President has pledged her support, and that of the nation which he represents, moreover, it involves a misreading of many of the facts of the existing situation.

The second of these reiterations is that if America helps Britain to beat Hitler she will, when the European conflict is over, be left to face Japan alone.

This is perhaps the aspect of German propaganda which is most dangerous to Allied unity. It has little respect for what the world has long accepted as the honour of Britain, or of a definite pledge which Britain has made.

One of the most valuable features of Mr. Churchill's recent American speech was its definite statement that Britain would stand by America's side to the last breath and the last drop of blood.

Americans, we believe, accept Mr. Churchill's definite statements, so that what Mr. Churchill has said should prove a valuable counter to Axis propaganda and a definite answer to American isolationists and their damaging assertions.

British and American leaders, we may be sure, will recognise this blatant propaganda for what it is worth.

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1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
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7.18—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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9.00—B.B.C. News.
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PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF
THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
RED CROSS
(GLADSTONE BRANCH)
TO BE HELD AT
RED CROSS ROOMS, GLADSTONE
ON
WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY, 1943, AT 8 P.M.

NOMINATIONS for Office Bearers and Members of the Committee shall be in writing, signed by at least (2) two Financial Members of the Branch, and have the consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, and be in the hands of the Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting.

NOMINATION FORMS may be obtained at the Red Cross Rooms, Gondoon Street on any sewing afternoon.

THE BALANCE SHEET to be presented at the Meeting will be published in this space immediately the financial year closes on the 30th June.

MEMBERS are requested to attend the Meeting, and Representatives of kindred bodies are especially invited to attend.

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Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Public Worship will be conducted in the Public Hall, Mount Larcom, this Friday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m.—Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A. Minister.

The Gladstone Observer
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

MT. LARCOM WORSHIP.

Public worship will be conducted in the Public Hall, Mount Larcom, this Friday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m.

ARMY MARCH.

A parade in Brisbane next Saturday afternoon, showing the Army at work, will be the largest of its kind yet staged in Australia. Several bands will play.

RECORD WOOL BUY.

The British Government has contracts for the purchase of Australian wool over four seasons. This embraces wool worth £260,000,000, the greatest wool transaction ever recorded.

CHEESE OUTPUT.

Cheese production for the year will be about 12,750 tons, 750 tons below the State's allotted goal of 13,500 tons. The output is 75 per cent greater than last year's record production of 7299 tons.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKE STIRRUP PUMPS.

Making stirrup pumps has been one of the war efforts at the Wooloowin (Brisbane) State School, where the boys made 100 pumps for the Brisbane Hospitals Board and 180 for civilian use.

CLOTHING NEEDS.

Queensland's civil clothing requirements for the next twelve months will be discussed in Melbourne this week. Among questions discussed will be manufacturers' capacity to provide civil clothing and at the same time enable them to fulfil important military contracts.

STATE PARLIAMENT.

State Parliament will probably meet for the next session early in August. If the Federal elections are held during August it is probable Parliament may adjourn for a fortnight for the elections.

C.C.C. RELIEF CLAIMS.

Up till the end of May 1760 claims for compensation have been lodged with the Allied Works Council. Of the total 1215 claims were admitted, 43 refused, and the remaining 502 were partially admitted. At the end of May there were 48,000 men in the C.C.C.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

Already 21 candidates have been endorsed by four parties to contest the ten Queensland seats in the House of Representatives at the forthcoming Federal elections. Independent candidates are expected to appear in at least three seats—Brisbane, Lilley, and Griffith.

BUTTER SUBSIDY RATE.

The first payment under the new butter subsidy will probably be at the rate of 3½d per lb., said the Commonwealth Controller of Dairy Products (Mr. C. Sheehy). This would be an interim payment to cover April, May, and June, to be made through butter factories. It is expected the rate will be increased later.

DROP IN BUTTER YIELD.

Queensland's butter output for the last quarter of 1942-43 will be only about 8500 tons, the lowest for the year. This represents a 50 per cent decline on production for the last quarter of 1941-42. The slump is due largely to the accumulating effects of the severe drain on the industry's manpower. The serious downward trend in production in all States was one of the main factors that made butter rationing necessary.

APPEAL TO CATTLEMEN.

A cattle drive is now taking place in aid of the funds of the Gladstone and District Patriotic and Comforts Funds. The organisers are Messrs. A. K. Walker, Allan Chapman, and H. N. Ballantine, and their efforts should meet with a hearty response from district graziers. Cattle will be collected and delivered to the Meat Works in one mob on July 20, and the organisers appeal to cattle owners to respond to this worthy object. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

POLICE COURT

BATTERY STOLEN

Accused Pleads Guilty

In the Police Court on Monday, before the S.M., Mr. M. Dwyer, Vernon Brian Sweetenham, 20, meatworker, was charged with behaving in an indecent manner on Saturday on licensed premises. Sweetenham forfeited his bail of £2.

LIQUOR NEAR PUBLIC HALL.

Yesterday Charles Edwin Page and William George Salmoni, both of Ambrose, were charged with being in possession of liquor in the vicinity of a public hall, while a dance was in progress. Both defendants pleaded guilty, and each were fined £2 with 6/- costs of court, in default 14 days' imprisonment.

FINED £5.

David Day, 36, truck driver, was charged with stealing one Vesta 11-plate battery, the property of Victor Stroud Fry, of Gladstone, and valued at £2.

Day, who pleaded guilty, was fined £5, in default one month's imprisonment.

The facts disclosed that the battery was left at Tweed's garage, the Valley, for charging, and was later found in a utility truck, the battery having been removed from the garage without the consent of the owner or Tweed.

During investigations by Constables Gerber and Fells the battery was found, and the defendant at first denied any knowledged of it, but later admitted the offence, stating he had only taken a loan of the battery.

PUPILS GROW VEGETABLES

REMARKABLE RESULTS

Co-operative Scheme

Queensland school children have achieved remarkable results growing vegetables in school plots, and at a recent conference in Melbourne many suggestions already implemented in Queensland were brought forward for the encouragement of school gardens in other States.

Encouragement of school vegetable gardens was begun in this State soon after Japan entered the war by co-operation between Public Instruction and Agricultural Departments.

Besides the vegetables grown in school gardens, thousands of school children grew produce in plots at their homes.

The N.S.W. co-operative scheme allows children to supply their own families and market the surplus, according to a Sydney message.

. . WITH THE FORCES . .

Private C. Bentley

Twenty-one-year-old Private Cameron Bentley, of Gladstone, is now serving with the commandos in New Guinea.

He had a lucky escape in the battle for Wau when he was ambushed by Japs armed with a machine gun. He threw himself to the ground, and as he did so a bullet tore a gash across his shoulder. He is now fit and well again.

Before the war he was employed at the Meat Works.

Local sportsmen will remember him turning out for the Wallabies' junior football team. He also played junior cricket with Norths.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

A.C.W. Dorothy Force, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Force, of Gladstone, has been admitted to the Mackay Hospital, suffering from an attack of appendicitis, while returning from leave spent in Gladstone with her parents. An operation has been performed, and we are pleased to state that Miss Force is progressing most favourably.

Pupils who arrived home on mid-winter vacation last Saturday include Misses Beth Liddicoat, Margaret Collins, Sheila Bell, and Patricia Connellan, from the Glennie Memorial School, Toowoomba; Daphne Farnsworth and Pam Weiske (P.G.C., Warwick), Margaret Hando (St. Margaret's, Brisbane), and Masters Lionel Watson (Scots College, Warwick) and Bob Bell (Southport).

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

WEEK-END GAMES

Progressive Fours

Mixed bowls on Saturday took the form of progressive fours, and was very enjoyable, everyone being highly pleased with the afternoon's sport.

Players were divided into two sections, blue and gold, each blue rink meeting a gold rink in turn.

The winners on the day were a gold rink with Matthews skip, Henery and Mrs. Schmidt, with an aggregate of 29, the lady receiving a suitable gift.

A report eulogising the hospitality of Bundaberg and Childers clubs to a rink which recently visited those centres was presented to members.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Ladner, Joyner, Chapman v. Witty, Browns, Dr. Yum 23-18.

Hixon, Norris, Dennis, Cameron v. Duff, Bycroft, Greasley 23-17.

Garrett, Jenkinson v. Barker, Dr. Skinner 26-17.

Hogan, Busteed v. Henery, Humphries 28-11.

Weiske, Jackson v. Drewe, Johnstone 27-18.

Schmidt, Golding v. Young, Archay 22-21.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

FOUR BALL BEST BALL

Win For Peardon-Clifford

Playing par golf, Frank Peardon and his partner (M. Clifford) won the opening four ball best ball against bogey at the Gladstone Golf Links on Sunday.

Peardon was in splendid form, having an aproximate 78 nett.

The pair finished 1 up, to lead Fitzgerald, Busteed (4 down), and Connellan-Elliott (6 down).

H. C. MOORE-MRS. CRAIG WIN.

With a gross 84, including a brilliant 39 first nine, H. C. Moore and Mrs. Craig easily won the mixed foursomes on Saturday from the scratch pair, Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Sing, who returned 72 from a gross 89.

Other scores were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald (96) 75, E. W. Phillips and Mrs. Burnham (107) 82, and J. Bliss and Miss Burrowes (1/9) 84.

OBITUARY

Mr. F. F. Menzies

It is with feelings of profound regret we have to record the death of Mr. Frank Fogg Menzies, grazier, Stowe Station, Calliope, which came suddenly at his residence on Monday. The news of his passing came with something like a shock of surprise to the community.

The deceased, who was in his 76th year, had enjoyed the best of health, and was one of the best known and most highly respected residents of the Gladstone district.

The late Mr. Menzies was an excellent judge of stock, and for many years was a member of the Graziers' Association, taking an active part in all matters that affected land pursuits, and the progress of the district was very near to his heart.

He was a warm patron of manly sports and pastimes, and was an enthusiastic member of the Committee of the Port Curtis Amateur Race Club during the years the club functioned, a member of the Show Society, and a foundation member of the Gladstone Bowling Club. He also patronised the annual race meetings of the Gladstone Turf Club, being a keen supporter of the sport of kings, besides being a first-class shot with the gun.

Of Mr. Menzies' personal qualities and characteristics it can be said he was kindly, genial, courteous, and warm-hearted, a gentleman in every sense of the word, and his presence will be missed for a long time to come.

The deceased leaves a sorrowing wife, one son, and two daughters to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon to the Gladstone Cemetery, and was attended by a large and representative gathering, the Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders officiating at the graveside.

LAND COURT.

A sittings of the Land Court will be held at the Court House, Gladstone, on Wednesday, 14th July, at 10 o'clock a.m.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY TRACTOR-GRADER

BOYNE WATER SCHEME - THE PIPES TO BE TARRED

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

YAROON AND KENT STREETS.

The Co-ordinator General of Public Works, Brisbane, acknowledged letter in reference to the road connecting Yaroon and Kent Streets, and advised that the matter would receive the necessary attention.—Received.

WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Minister for Transport, Brisbane, wrote in reference to the new water supply scheme for Gladstone, and advised the Railway Department was not prepared to pay an annual fee against the estimated yearly requirements, which might involve payment for water the department might not receive. The department was of the opinion that the present charge made was excessive in view of the very large quantities of water obtained from the Council each year.—Received.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE BOARD.

The Chairman of the Employment Exchange Board (Mr. J. F. Donovan) wrote as follows:—

"With reference to the question of employment, and particularly the utilisation of the services of the men and women of the fighting forces now engaged in war work, at the cessation of hostilities, I have to advise that the Board at Gladstone comprises the shires of Calliope, Miriam Vale, Monto and the town of Gladstone, and from this it will be noted that Gladstone is the pivot of operations, and to give effect to this with the greatest amount of weight, it is asked that your body co-operate in this gigantic operation, and it is asked that any efforts your body may have in this connection be sent here with details for submission to the Executive heads at Brisbane for determination.

"It is unnecessary for me to point out the advantages to be obtained by co-operative effort as against isolated action, together with the facilities the port offers in conjunction with the railway. I look forward with much eagerness to your co-operation and assistance as indicated."—Received.

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES.

Mr. H. Neill Ballantine, Galloway Plains, wrote regarding the activities of the Gladstone Employment Exchange Board, and stated they had held their first meeting, and it was decided to submit schemes so they could be gone into, and some post-war reconstruction schemes got ready, so that they could be commenced as soon as the war was over.

As the Council's representative on the Board, he asked the Council to submit to him any proposed schemes it had in view so that he could present them to the local Board.

As both Aldermen Anderson and Deveney were members of the Board, he would not go into details, as these gentlemen would be able to explain the details to aldermen.

He hoped they could count on the co-operation of the Town Council, and he would do his best to supply any further information that might be required.

Received, and a sub-committee consisting of the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) and Aldermen Golding and Tudman were appointed to go into the matter with a view to submitting post-war reconstruction schemes.

ACCEPTED.

Gladstone Hospitals Board advised that it accepted the Council's offer to supply water to the Hospital and other buildings for three years, commencing on 1/7/43, at a flat rate of £40 per annum, and to pay £20 in settlement of all charges and arrears, if any, to June 30. The Department of Local Authorities would be supplied with a copy of this letter, and subject to confirmation by the Council to that department, the Board would waive any objection to the proposed by-laws.—Accepted.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME.

Mr. W. J. Reinholdfi consulting engineer, Brisbane, advised as follows:—(a) Professional fees charged for preparation of plans and supervision will be based on the cost exclusive of sales tax.

(b) Council's instructions regarding the calling of tenders for the reservoir work are noted and will be carried out.—Received.

DRAINAGE.

Mr. F. Williams, Gladstone, desired permission to put an extended v-type drainage system on the piece of land in front of his house, and he forwarded a rough drawing of the proposed layout.

It was decided that the Health Inspector, with members of the Health Committee, make an inspection and advise Mr. Williams.

OFFER ACCEPTED.

Mr. H. Padget, Gladstone, advised that he was prepared to contribute half the cost of connecting the water to his property.—The offer was accepted.

APPLICATION SUPPORTED.

A. E. Holder, Gladstone, asked the Council to support an application for his release from the C.C.C. with a view to starting a wood depot.—It was decided to support the application.

WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

Ald. Golding said in connection with their application for a tractor-grader from the Calliope Shire Council, it should have arrived in town that day (Monday), and the work would be started on Wednesday morning. They would reform the whole of the road from Rolla Street to the jetty, the work to be carried out at the expense of the Allied Works Council; also Side Street, from Kent Street to Coney Island would be formed. It would be necessary, said Ald. Golding, to provide piping to carry off the storm water.

PIPES.

Ald. Tudman moved that the Works Committee be given power to purchase the pipes for these jobs.—Seconded by Ald. Deveney and carried.

PIPE LINE INSPECTED.

Ald. Golding said he had made an inspection of the laying out of the new pipe line to the Waterworks, and suggested that the Council give consideration to tarring the pipes, as in his opinion it would prolong their life and justify the expenditure involved.

PIPES TO BE TARRED.

Ald. Tudman moved that the Works Committee be empowered to carry out the work of tarring the pipes.—Seconded by the Mayor and carried.

GRADING A ROAD.

Ald. Golding then brought forward the question of grading the road from the Riverston turn-off to Mt. Golegumma, which he considered was necessary in connection with the work of the Boyne River water scheme.

The Mayor stated he would like to visit the locality, and it was decided that the Mayor make an inspection and report at next meeting.

RESUMING LAND.

Ald. Deveney said at the last meeting of the Council Ald. Golding stated it would be necessary to resume portions of Mr. G. Doble's and Mr. N. Lee's properties for the purpose of putting a pipe line through, and, he (Ald. Deveney) stated that these gentlement were prepared to give a portion of their land to the Council to carry out the work.

Ald. Golding suggested that these gentlemen should submit their offer in writing, when the matter could be dealt with.

AUCKLAND HILL.

Ald. Smith moved that the Council write to the Minister of the Interior, asking that another road be constructed in lieu of the road removed from Auckland Hill.—Seconded by Ald. Tudman and carried.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—General £2095/7/9, and water £1156/11--.

ELECTRIC AUTHORITY.

At a recent meeting of the Authority, Mr. Judge, of Bell Street, made application to have his house connected with electric light, and he was notified that until more houses were built along the line the application could not be entertained.

Speaking in regard to the matter, Ald. Deveney asked if Mr. Judge contributed £10 towards the cost of extending the line would the Authority be prepared to carry out the work

Ald. Golding: Yes, but Mr. Judge would have to make his application in writing, stating he was prepared to contribute £10 towards the cost of carrying out the work.

UNITS PER HOUR.

Ald. Anderson: What units per hour did the pump use at the Waterworks?

Engineer Phillips: 19½ to 20 units per hour.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £1577/19/1 were passed for payment.

SALVATION ARMY

VISIT OF LIEUT. COMMISSIONER E. J. HAREWOOD

BRITISH EMPIRE - "THE IMMOVABLE FOUNDATION"

The Territorial Comamnder, Lieutenant E. J. Harewood, O.B.E., of the Salvation Army, accompanied by Mrs. Harewood, the Divisional Commander for North Queensland (Brigadier Terracini), and the Young People's Secretary (Major Scotney), arrived in Gladstone on Friday afternoon, and at night addressed a largely attended meeting in the Salvation Army Hall, his subject being "The Immovable Foundation.

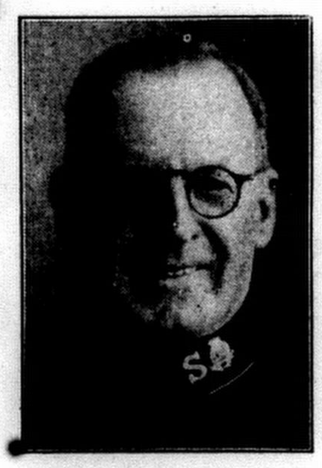
The President of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A., Mr. P. A. Friend, presided, and on the platform were the Lieut. Commissioner and Mrs. Harewood, the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Brigadier Terracini, Major Scotney, and the local representatives of the Army. An apology was tendered for the absence of Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, who was indisposed.

IMPRESSIVE PRAYER.

Proceedings commenced with an impressive prayer offered up to Almighty God by Major Scotney, after which Brigadier Terracini introduced Lieut. Commissioner Harewood, and mentioned that Mr. Friend had accepted the invitation to preside over the meeting.

GLADSTONE FORTUNATE.

Mr. Friend, after suitably returning thanks for the invitation to preside, stated they all looked forward to meeting Lieut. Commissioner Harewood again, and remarked that Gladstone was fortunate in having another visit from the Commissioner.



LIEUT. COMMISSIONER E. J. HAREWOOD, O.B.E.

SCRIPTURE READING.

Mrs. Commissioner Harewood took part in the meeting, and led the audience in a responsive scripture reading, Psalm 118, "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever," etc.

SAFETY OF THE KING.

Lieut. Commissioner Harewood, in his opening remarks, expressed his pleasure at being able to visit Gladstone again after an absence of three years. Since his return to Australia he had made eight visits to North Queensland, and on this occasion they had wonderful meetings at Atherton. He had learnt that night, per medium of the wireless, of the splendid news of the safe arrival in England of the King from his North African tour, and at his request the audience rose and sang the National Anthem, followed by an impressive prayer of thankfulness, offered up to Almighty God by the Commissioner for His Majesty's safety.

BRITISH EMPIRE.

Continuing his address, the Commissioner went on to say they had so much to thank God for—the many privileges which were being challenged on all sides by the forces of evil. God in His mercy, he said, had been good to the people of the British Empire which had done more for humanity and to preserve peace than any other country. The British Empire was built on the solid foundation of freedom for all peoples and was still the greatest living force for good in a world torn asunder by those rulers who had turned their eyes away from God.

NAZI SYSTEM.

On the other side of the picture, said the Commissioner, was the Nazi system, which was based on crushing the people of all lands by force, the military domination of the world, the trampling down of the wonderful works of God, "but such a system," added the Commissioner with emphasis, "cannot survive."

MARVELLOUS RULE.

Proceeding, the Commisioner briefly referred to what had been achieved by the British in India, and he characterised the English rule in that country as really marvellous.

MAINTAINING CIVILISATION.

Continuing his forceful and eloquent address, Commissioner Harewood said the British Empire was being guided by God in the world's greatest conflict against the forces of evil, and added, "God's will would prevail." The speaker then traced the many incidents that led up to the fall of France, with General Petain asking the little Austrian painter what terms he was prepared to offer France, and everyone knew what happened. Britain was left alone to continue the struggle for the freedom of the world, and the maintenance of civilisation itself.

DID NOT FALTER.

That was the Empire's darkest hour, said the Commissioner, and Mr. Churchill in simple but telling language informed the world that the battle of France was over, and that the battle of Britain was just commencing, and on its result depended the survival of civilisation and christianity. But Britain and the Empire did not falter; God was on our side.

"AN UNSEEN HAND."

The Commissioner then drew a graphic picture of the British troops falling back on Dunkirk in a masterly retreat, and the evacuation across the English channel in a fog that spread rapidly and embraced its skies and waters. After it was all over and the British forces, numbering some 300,000, were safely back on English soil, Mr. Churchill, in a statement, said: "I have a feeling that an unseen hand has been at work." It was a miracle, said the Commissioner, performed by God, the British troops were saved, and that bad man Hitler could not continue his attack. Let us, therefore, give thanks to Almighty God for His wonderous work.

BATTLE FOR EGYPT.

Commissioner Harewood also referred to the fact that at one stage of the battle Field Marshal Rommell was only 60 miles away from the naval base of Alexandria, and when he said, "I have the key to Egypt and the Suez Canal in my hand, and will open the door," which, said the Commissioner, would have cut the Empire in two—its lines of communication—and this would have brought about disasterous results, not only to the Empire, but Russia. The door, however, thank God, was not opened, and is closed forever against the forces of evil.

"GREAT SPIRITUAL FORCES."

The Commissioner then traced, step by step, the defeat of the enemy, culminating with the great victory in North Africa, and the opening of the Mediterranean, and General Alexander exclaimed, "Great spiritual forces have been at work." Yes, said Commissioner Harewood, "God had been at work, and was watching over the British Empire, which will live as long as its spiritual basis remains an effective force."

PREVAILING EVILS.

The speaker then referred to the growing menace of terrible prevailing evils—gambling and betting and drinking, while the spread of venereal disease in Australia was appalling, and he gave some startling facts regarding four young girls and their mother, who were all suffering from this dreadful disease. There were forces at work, he said, that were sapping both moral and spiritual vitality, and he made a stirring appeal to parents to wake up to their responsibilities. Think about it, said the Commissioner and take action, and added in conclusion, "God bless you and the British Empire, and all that it stands for, and see to it that it is built on an 'immovable foundation'."

THANKS.

Brigadier Terracini thanked the Rev. Phillipson and the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) for their attendance, and Mr. Friend for presiding over the meeting.

VISIT NOT IN VAIN.

Mr. Friend thanked Commissioner Harewood for his thoughtful address, and added, "your visit will not be in vain."

ENJOYABLE EVENING.

During the evening an enjoyable musical programme was contributed by the Harold sisters, Methodist choir under the baton of Mr. R. Stevens), and Major Scotney.

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1. Venereal Diseases have increased since the war and are still increasing: many new cases are now occurring yearly among civilians alone. Venereal diseases cause much misery. They bring tragedy into many homes, and considerably damage our war effort by causing reduced efficiency and wasted hours.

2. Ignorance and secrecy are highly dangerous. Only from a plain and frank statement of the facts can we all know what these diseases are, how they are spread, how they can be avoided and how and where they can be cured.

3. The two principal venereal diseases are syphilis and gonorrhœa. They are caused by quite different living organisms or germs.

4. Syphilis is a dangerous, a killing disease. If not treated early and thoroughly by a doctor it can cause serious mutilation, heart disease, paralysis, and insanity, any of which may be fatal. Syphilis can be passed on to an unborn child from its mother and (unless skilled treatment is given early in pregnancy) is one of the causes of blindness, deafness, and mental defects.

5. Gonorrhœa, though not so dangerous to life, is more serious than is generally believed, and is one of the causes of arthritis, sterility, and chronic ill-health.

6. Syphilis and gonorrhœa are almost always contracted through intercourse with an infected person. The germs of these diseases quickly die outside the human body. In practice, therefore, there is no need to fear their spread by accidental infection.

7. Professional prostitutes are not the only source of infection. Any free-and-easy sex behaviour must mean a risk of infection and cannot be made safe. Clean living is the only way to escape infection—abstinence is not harmful.

8. Venereal diseases can be cured if treated *early* by a doctor. Advice and treatment are available in Brisbane for the purpose and at Public Hospitals throughout the State. Treatment is confidential and *effective*. Any family doctor will give the address of the nearest clinic. Quack treatment or self-treatment is absolutely useless and may even be disastrous.

9. Disappearance of the early symptoms does not necessarily mean that the patient has been cured. It is essential to continue the treatment until the doctor says it may be stopped.

10. Anyone who has the slightest reason to suspect infection should seek medical treatment AT ONCE. A doctor or clinic or public hospital should be consulted immediately about any suspicious sore or unusual discharge. It may not be venereal disease, but it is best to be sure. *These are the signs.* The first sign of syphilis is a small ulcer. It appears from 10 to 90 days after infection; usually about three weeks. Gonorrhœa first shows itself as a discharge which usually appears from 2 to 10 days after infection.

Further information can be obtained IN CONFIDENCE from the State Health Department, Brisbane.

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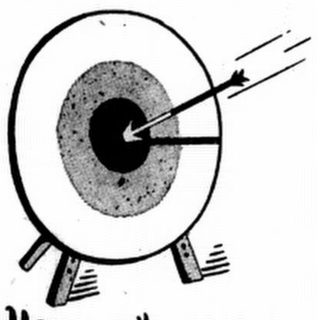

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National Tragedy Foreshadowed

Deep anxietp over the problem of boys leaving school at the primary stage of education is being felt and expressed at present by magistrates, youth guidance officers, parents, and employers.

The opinion is that a major national tragedy is foreshadowed in New Zealand in the behaviour of boys in the 14-17 age bracket, on many of whom the effect of war-time conditions has been to develop a feverish irresponsibility. Preference among the boys for the temporary and unskilled, but highly paid war industries, it is considered, will have a serious effect on the national life in a few years.

The root of the problem lay in the demand for labour, one speaker recently said. The absence of a big proportion of the former labour supply on military service meant that lads as young as 13 had, sometimes by mis-stating their age, obtained jobs formerly held by older youths or grown men.

Without the discretion taught by experience the high wages were psychologically bad, the speaker continued. The boys were acquiring a false view of the value of their labour that would be rudely shattered when the war ended and they were requird to accept juniors' rates of pay.

One effect already apparent, he said, was the increase in juvenile crime, which had already been commented on by magistrates. High wages had not prevented some lads from stealing, and there was a widespread disregard for the employers' rights leading to damage to machinery and property, also absenteeism and slackness.

With the portents so clear after three and a half years of war, the speaker insisted that something must be done at once. It was suggested that where sufficient parental control was lacking some kind of trusteeship might be arranged in which part of the boys' earnings were held until mature years were reached.

To engrain some spirit of discipline and citizenship, and at the same time prepare them for the age of 18, when they must go into the services, a training system for the technical branches of the forces might with great advantage be instituted.

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LABOUR MODERATES

Communists Win Again

For the second time in a few weeks the Communists have defeated the moderate section in the bitter fight which is raging for control of the Labour Party.

Last month the Communists gained control of the N.S.W. Labour Council, and last week they were able to force their policy through the Australian Council of Trades Unions Congress in Melbourne.

The A.C.T.U. represents 700,000 out of the 900,000 trades unionists in Australia. These 700,000 are now committed to a policy of collaboration with the Communist Party.

The motion for unity with the Communists was passed after a bitter two-hour debate. The moderates, lead by Mr. W. O'Neill (A.R.U., N.S.W.), contended that co-operation with the Communists would split the Labour Party open and cause nothing but disunity within Australian industrial life.

In the course of debate Mr. O'Neill caused an uproar when he recalled the days before June 1941, when Stalin and Hitler were friendly.

Other moderate speakers included the President of the A.C.T.U. (Mr. P. J. Clarey), who was howled down on many occasions.

Amongst those who spoke for the Communists were Mr. T. Wright (Sheet Metal Workers), who said that he had been a Communist for twenty years. He launched a bitter attack on present day trades unionism, which he described as being too moderate.

Mr. Wright was supported by Mr. Murison (Townsville), who said that if the workers thought they could win by constitutional methods, then they had another think coming.

Mr. J. J. Moloney (N.S.W.) said that if the Communists were sincere in their war effort they would disband. He also stated that Communists were threatening delegates with basher gang tactics.

On the taking of the vote the Communist proposals were agreed to by 130 votes to 120.

LAND SETTLEMENT BILL

"Ruinous Legislation"

"A ruinous piece of legislation," was Sir Henry Manning's comment after the Legislative Council in Sydney had refused to ratify the McKell Government's Land Settlement Promotion Tax Bill.

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JUNE.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
30	7.50	8.30	.....	2.07	1.48

JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	.....	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	.....	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	.....	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	.....	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	.....	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	.....	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	.....	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	.....	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	.....	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	.....	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	.....	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	.....	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	.....	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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"SPLITTING LABOUR PARTY"

STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL

Labour's Internal Troubles

Trades Hall officials who were hopeful that the faction fights which have been splitting the Labour Party during the past six months would be settled by election time, were decidedly gloomy when interviewed last week by "Industrial News Service."

The struggle for control of the movement, which has been waged by Communists and moderates, with the Lang group making the fight a three-cornered one in N.S.W., has resulted in a series of defeats for the moderates, which have only had the effect of intensifying the fight.

Typical of the Communist victories in the past few weeks have been the N.S.W. Labour Council's vote for full co-operation with the Communist Party in a united front, and the Australian Confress of Trade Unions' vote on the same thing in Melbourne last week.

In N.S.W. the cancellation of the Senate ballot has caused a wide split, and it is felt that many firm Labour supporters will refuse to pull their weight this time, because they dislike the idea of the N.S.W. Central Executive selecting the Senate team.

For a Government which depends on Independent support for its majority, the situation in the Reid electorate is most disquieting.

Many Labour men consider that if Mr. Lang nominates for the Reid seat against the sitting member (Mr. Morgan) he will record a victory, which would be most embarrassing to many members of the Federal Cabinet towards whom he has shown personal as well as political animosity.

In Queensland the swing away from Labour, as evidenced by several by-elections, and the Brisbane and country municipal elections, has caused a good deal of recrimination, and the Communists have not been slow to take advantage of this disunity over key positions.

In Victoria the Communists control the industrial wing, and the bitterness between the industrial wing and the more moderate parliamentary wing of Victorian Labour was strikingly illustrated in the recent State elections when Communist second preferences elected one U.A.P. candidate in opposition to the official labour man.

All this, added to the fact that the Communists will run candidates against many sitting Labour M.H.R.'s, has made it certain that no mater what bitterness is engendered between rival parties during the election, the most savage fight will be within the ranks of the Labour Party itself, and will be carried on after the polling—win or lose.

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THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

Warning Note Issued

(By Bruce Pie, M.L.A.)

Following a recent visit South, when I made direct contact with many Government departments, I felt it is my duty as an elected representative of Queensland people to issue a warning not against the rapid advancement in Commonwealth departments of the bureaucratic system. To my mind, this represents a very grave threat to democratic principles and the future freedom of Australians of all classes.

The present Federal Government, in bringing their recent constitutional proposals before the people, stressed that their adoption would preserve freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want and fear. Yet they are encouraging and developing a system of Federal bureaucracy which I think is one of the most potent enemies of personal freedom.

AMBITIOUS CIVIL SERVANTS.

The present system is controlled in many cases by ambitious Federal civil servants, striving one against the other for increased powers. It is reported that in many cases large salaries are being paid to these civil servants with large allowances made for expenses, the latter being free from income taxation.

Unlike members of Parliament, these highly paid servants are not responsible to the people, but only unto themselves. Yet to-day they are framing many laws and regulations vitally affecting industry and the business community as a whole.

INCAPABLE FEDERAL MINISTERS.

In many cases these laws and regulations are being implemented by Federal Ministers who have had very little industrial or commercial experience and lack the natural ability to realise that many of these bureaucratic ideas are impracticable, as well as creating confusion and wasting manpower. At the same time, they are taking away our freedom and leading us round in circles with no clearly defined objective.

LEADERSHIP NECESSARY.

We must have liberty. We must have leadership, and ever since mankind began the progress of civilisation has been measured by the people able to lead, to create industry and happiness; people, who by their success, have given some sense of security to those dependent on them for their advancement.

The economic conditions of war are creating in Australia a bureaucratic system which, if continued in peace, must eventually destroy the system of leadership and responsibility, reverting to the methods which to-day we are fighting, and which eventually will lead us back to the totalitarianState.

AUSTRALIA WAS DEVELOPING.

When World War II. commenced Australia as a nation was progressing and becoming more and more independent, particularly as far as secondary industries were concerned. Opportunities were being given to the people in the right to work, the right to earn a living, the right to happiness, and the right to security.

This position was being created by semi-governmental control in relation to public utilities and by private enterprise with regard to industry.

These activities have formed the basis of great manufacturing and commercial undertakings which in times of war have forged the weapons for our nation. Gradually, and in most cases willingly, the industrialists, the citizens and the State Governments have handed over to the Federal Government all the economic powers they desired to assume control of these developments in war.

WAR-TIME CONTROL SHOULD NOT BE PERMANENT.

I agree that in war these powers, handled by practical men and without abuse, should not alarm us, but what should be alarming is the now obvious assumption on the part of unpractical, academic and bureaucratic reformers that this economic control over the individual, the industrialist and the States, will become a permanent Federal Government power.

I am of the considered opinion that the present Federal Government has as its ultimate goal the general socialisation of industry, which means that the economic freedom taken from us under the necessity of war will not be restored to the Australian citizen in times of peace.

A few months before this war commenced I visited a number of European countries, and I fully realise what the loss of this economic freedom can mean to the people as a whole.

RATIONING COMMISSION

Industrial Clothing Scale

Steps have been taken by the Rationing Commission to iron out a number of minor anomalies that exist in the industrial clothing scale, said an official of the Rationing Commission.

An initial step is that clothing supplied by an employer under an award or established custom now requires the surrender of coupons.

Items affected will be footwear of all descriptions, oilskins and waterproof clothing, leggings and trousers, snowsuits, and other garments for wear in refrigeration chambers.

These articles have been couponed because the provision operating in the past has worked unfairly. Some men issued with articles coupon free under an award have been working alongside men who have not been issued with these articles, and who therefore have had to surrender coupons for them as well as pay for them.

Deletion of this provision will mean that extra coupon issues for some heavy wear groups must be revised, bearing in mind these alterations.

Garments used in the handling of food now require the same coupon ratings as the corresponding garments worn by other workers, with one exception, white trousers. As these can now be worn for leisure, the high rating of ten coupons has been retained for them in shops, but application to buy these at the lower rating of five coupons can be made to the Deputy Director of Rationing by persons handling food.

RATIONING TOWELS, SHEETS

Application For Replacements

Needs of those groups in the community whose occupations require extensive replacement of towels, tea towels, sheets and pillow slips will be dealt with as special cases, said the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming).

They include ambulances, baby health centres, creches, kindergartens, hospitals, and other institutions, cafes and refreshment services, hairdressers and professional occupations.

Although the specific coupon allowance in each case has not yet been determined, persons needing immediate replacements should make application to the Commission on form R.G. 51, obtainable at the office of the State Deputy Director of Rationing.

As with other couponed goods, special allowances will provide for only minimum essential replacements.

Form R.G. 51 is also used for application for replacements by hotels, boarding houses, lodging houses, hostels, furnished houses, and flats.

TENNIS AND GOLF BALLS

Relief For Golfers

The tennis and golf ball shortage is as acute as ever, but relief for golfers is expected any day with the release of hundreds of dozens of recovered used balls.

The re-covered balls have been made under Government control, and are awaiting a price from the Prices Commission. Sports stores have been expecting their release for weeks. Some tennis balls are being made, but they are all going to the services.

"Although we cannot state a specific time in which the re-covered golf balls will be released, they definitely will come," said Mr. R. W. Webb, the Queensland distributor for Slazengers Ltd.

"When I was in the south a couple of weeks ago, there was a big proportion of balls stripped ready for recovering. Permission had been granted by the Government for the materials to be used, and for the manufacture, but this is coupled with the proviso that the work must only be done when it does not interfere with defence contracts,' said Mr. Webb.

Questioned on the release of tennis balls, Mr. Webb replied: "We are not expecting any tennis balls."

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A.B.C. NEWS TIMES
NATIONAL PROGRAMME
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SUNDAYS
a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Oversens and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS
a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME
(Relayed from No. 2 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals)
DAILY
p.m.
9.00—B.B.C. News.
11.0—B.B.C. News.
11.15—State News.

PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF
THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
RED CROSS
(GLADSTONE BRANCH)
TO BE HELD AT
RED CROSS ROOMS, GLADSTONE
ON
WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY, 1943, AT 8 P.M.

NOMINATIONS for Office Bearers and Members of the Committee shall be in writing, signed by at least (2) two Financial Members of the Branch, and have the consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, and be in the hands of the Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting.

NOMINATION FORMS may be obtained at the Red Cross Rooms, Gondoon Street on any sewing afternoon.

THE BALANCE SHEET to be presented at the Meeting will be published in this space immediately the financial year closes on the 30th June.

MEMBERS are requested to attend the Meeting, and Representatives of kindred bodies are especially invited to attend.

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sunday, 4th July, 1943: 9.45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Public Worship, 7.30 p.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Ordination and Induction of Ruling Elders. Visiting Elder, Mr. B. G. Patterson, B.E., Deputy Clerk of the Presbytery. All Communicants are hereby notified and urged to be present.—Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A., Minister.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 4th July, as follows:—11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Boys will parade, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Girl Comrades will parade. Communion at close of Evening Service.

Engagement

MURRAY-MALPAS.—The engagement is announced of Sister Mary Heaford, A.A.N.S., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malpas, Herbert Street, Gladstone, to James Frederick Hawke, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Murray, Queen Street, Rockhampton.

In Memoriam

BROWN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, who departed this life on 28th June, 1938.

He lives with us in memory still:
Not just to-day but always will.

(Inserted by his loving wife and family, Mrs. T. Brown, Dawson Road.)

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CURRENT TOPICS

CAFE SPOONS.

To prevent "souveniring" of sugar spoons, several Brisbane cafes have attached the spoons to strong chains, which are securely fixed to tables.

HOSPITAL COSTS.

The State Cabinet has decided to increase its share of the cost of hospital services from 60 per cent to 75 per cent, thus reducing the responsibility of local government bodies, comprising the hospital districts, from 40 to 25 per cent.

PETROL PRODUCTION.

An increase of petrol production at Glen Davis shale oilfield to 22,400,000 gallons a year, fourteen times more than the 1942 production, was urged on the Commonwealth Government by the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works in a report tabled in the Federal House. The report is based largely on the evidence of a mission of American experts which visited Australia.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) has announced that official advice of the names of another 647 Australian prisoners of war in Japanese hands, and stating where they are located, had just been received through the International Red Cross. Mr. Forde said that the information disclosed that 500 of the Australian prisoners of war are in Java, 131 in Osaka, and 16 in Manchukuo. This is the first official advice of actual names of Australian prisoners of war held in these areas.

WATALGAN MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. F. M. Forde, Minister for the Army, is in receipt of the following reply from the Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Brisbane, in response to his representations, made in regard to the mail service from Watalgan:—"The Postmaster General's Department has decided, in view of the investigations recently made as to the general utility of the service and the number of property holders who are directly benefitted by the mail delivery, not to distrub the existing mail service arrangements, and the twice a week delivery will continue to operate for the benefit of the residents interested."

POLICE COURT.

George Willy Tumlin, an allied sailor, appeared in the Police Court on Wednesday, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), charged with unlawfully wounding Thomas Clinton Hannah, an Australian sailor. Evidence was given by Constable Gerber that on the night of June 29 a fight occurred near a dance hall, and Hannah received an incised wound on the lower portion of the body. After evidence of arrest had been given, an officer of the American Navy asked that the defendant be handed over to him to be dealt with by the American Naval authorities. The application was granted by the S.M. (Mr. Dwyer).

Sergt. S. Coxon prosecuted.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

LOAN OF £90,000

After Many Years

The Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson) is in receipt of a communication from the manager of the State Insurance Office, Brisbane, to the effect that he was prepared to advance by way of a loan to the Gladstone Town Council the sum of £90,000 for the completion of the Boyne River water supply scheme.

The loan will bear interest at the rate of £3/12/6 per cent.

This news will be received with complete satisfaction by residents of Gladstone, who will support and compliment the Council on its success after many years of strenuous negotiations, in which the member for the district (Mr. T. L. Williams) and the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) have done their share.

LADIES' AND GENTS' HAIRDRESSER.

Mr. Tom Balaam, ladies' and gents' hairdresser, late of Bundaberg, is now open for business in the premises lately occupied by Mr. H. R. Carter, tailor, just below Lance R. Weiske's.

GRAZING PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Mr. Lance Weiske, Gladstone, and Messrs Winchcombe Carson Limited, Brisbane, auctioneers in conjunction, announce that they will offer the well-known property "Woodstock" for sale at Weiske's office, Gladstone, on Friday, July 30, at 2 p.m. An advertisement will appear in our next issue, giving full details.

BOYNE WATER SCHEME.

Progress in connection with the laying of the pipes of the first section of the Boyne River water supply scheme is being well maintained. Over half a mile of trenching has been opened up, and some hundreds of feet of piping laid. Approximately 25 men are at present employed, and the progress is up to expectations, which is only natural, as 90 per cent are local men, and are anxious to see the scheme completed.

PADDY'S MARKET.

Once again the monthly Paddy's market is near, the function being set down for Friday next, July 9. The convenors (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her committee would be pleased to have the assistance from town and country people so generously given in the past. Donations of fruit, flowers, vegetables, sweets, cakes, home manufactures, etc., should be sent to Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in good time for the market next Friday. A special feature of the function will be a nice collection of pot plants. The raffles will be for a doll in bed (made and donated by Mrs. R. Ricketts), and a hand-woven belt (donated by Mr. G. W. Draper).

SPECIAL PERMIT NECESSARY.

No butter will be supplied without a special permit to restaurants, sandwich shops, hotels, and other catering establishments, or to industrial users such as cake and biscuit manufacturers. In stating this the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) said that any establishment which did not get a permit by June 30 will be unable to obtain fresh butter supplies. Any caterer or industrial user who has not yet applied for a permit should obtain application form RG-30 from the State Deputy Director of Rationing, complete, and lodge it immediately. Applications must show the quantity of butter used during the three months prior to rationing, and must be supported by invoices or a certificate from an independent accountant.

"B" CLOTHING COUPONS.

"B" clothing coupons in the new ration books cannot be used yet, said the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming). Although this was clearly stated when the new books were issued cases of traders accepting them, apparently in ignorance, have been reported to the Rationing Commission. The date from which "B" clothing coupons can be used will be announced in due course, said Mr. Cumming. Until then only "A" clothing coupons can be used for purchases of clothing or household drapery. Mr. Cumming also pointed out that the sheets of coupons marked "G" and "H" in the new ration book are not clothing coupons, and cannot in any circumstances be used for clothing and household drapery. They are reserve coupons in case further commodities are rationed.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

P.O.W. STREET SCHEME

New Record Reached

Gladstone Prisoner of War street scheme wound up the financial year by setting a new high, the collections for the 19 days, June 12 to 30, reaching the record amount of £94/15/-, which would total over £1500 per annum.

The splendid result reflects the greatest credit on the lady collectors, who continue to do their various areas each week. Some of the streets, especially in the outlying suburbs, are anything but good, and collecting has been a task.

The present organisers (Messrs. V. A. Summers and D. J. Connellan) took over the scheme early in February, with Mesdames K. Coppin, R. Elliott, A. J. Watson, and Clyde Smith as pioneer collectors. From small collections that month the totals have grown progressively, until they now reach around £30 per week.

All books were called in early this week to be handed to the auditor (Mr. L. S. Johnston) for the annual balance. They are now available again to collectors, who are reminded that all receipts must be preserved and attached to the books for presentation to the auditor.

The organisers have prepared a table showing the amounts received from the various streets, and this will be included in future notes. It shows that Roseberry Street (Mrs. Clyde Smith), Auckland Hill, and Marine Parade (Mrs. Watson), Scenery Street (Mrs. Hallam and Miss Perkins), Oaka Lane (Mrs. W. H. McCray), Auckland, Pier and Short Streets (Miss V. Erbacher), Yaroon Street (Mrs. Geo. Phillips), Central Lane (Mrs. Tait and Mrs. Elliott), and Auckland Street (Mrs. C. D. Cooper) lead in that order.

Included in the latest collections were cheques of £2/12/- from Mr. Walter Ferris (through Mrs. D. Steed, Boles Street), and 10/- from Mr. F. W. Robinson.

The first business subscription to the scheme came from Mr. Fred Williams, Port Curtis Motors, who sent in one year's subscription at 2/6 per week, totalling £6/10/-.

Miss Erbacher now has four books, having taken over from Mrs. C. Stitt, who is on holidays.

A collector is required for Bonar Street, where Mrs. Linnane had to discontinue collecting. Any lady living in or around that area could assist by getting in touch with the secretary or organiser 'phone 174.

OBITUARY

MR. F. F. MENZIES.

As reported in our last issue, Mr. Frank Fogg Menzies passed away suddenly at his home, Stowe Station, in the Calliope district.

Born near Castlemaine (Victoria) 75 years ago, he came with his parents to the Raglan district in the late 70's, when his father, the late John Menzies took up Raglan Station. Then members of the family acquired Wycheproof Station, in the Mt. Larcom district, and with a sister-in-law and an eldest son more land was taken up, and the grazing property enlarged. After it was purchased by Messrs. W. P. and J. A. Shaw, the former bought the property and put his son Mr. J. R. ("Bob") Shaw on it.

Mr. Menzies then purchased Stowe, where the family have resided for over 20 years.

"Wycheproof" was named by the Menzies after a Victorian property of the same name.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Master Isador Masterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Masterson, of Gladstone, has arrived home from Whinstanes, Brisbane, on his mid-winter vacation.

WOMEN'S AND INFANTS' SINGLETS.

A quantity of spun cotton yarn suitable for manufacturing civilian clothing, has been released for use by the Queensland manufacturers. It will manufacture from 3000 to 4000 tons of high quality women's and infants' singlets, which are urgently needed.

TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

Smokers are to receive increased supplies of cigarettes and tobacco from July 1. The arrival of tobacco leaf has made possible an increase of almost 15 per cent on supplies available in June. Cigars will continue to be rationed on a scale equal to the actual reduction of 40 per cent on average monthly sales during last year.

CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL

TIMETABLE OF THE FERRY SERVICE ALTERED

DISTRICT POST-WAR SCHEMES SUBMITTED

At the monthly meeting of the Calliope Shire Council, held on Friday, June 25, there were present: The Chairman (Councillor W. Beak), and Councillors J. H. Cummings, W. Hansen, J. Schafer, H. Neill-Ballantine, J. M. Campbell, G. H. Potter, W. C. Dickinson, J. F. Drynan, E. H. C. Steel, and the Shire Clerk (Mr. H. H. Whittle), and the Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne).

NOT GRANTED.

Mr. L. N. Pitter advised that the request for the temporary release of Division 1 patrol grader could not be granted for the reason that the Allied Works Council would not allow its employees or plant to operate on other than jobs under its control.—Received.

RECEIVING CONSIDERATION.

The Co-ordinator General of State Public Works advised through Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., that the Council's application to have the Division 1 patrol grader permanently released was receiving consideration.—Received.

DAMAGE TO ROADS.

The Co-ordinator General of Public Works advised that all complaints regarding damage to shire roads by heavy traffic are to be referred to him and not to the authorities concerned.

It was decided to advise that £15 had been expended by the Council to repair damage during heavy rains by heavy vehicles to the Mt. Larcom-Butlerville Road.

LICENSES RENEWED.

Mr. V. A. J. Byrne objected, on behalf of his client, Mr. M. Lang, to the renewal of the license for two gates to Mr. S. J. Murray.

Cr. Schafer stated having inspected the road on which the gates are erected, and as the reasons stated in the objection were not sufficient to warrant the refusal of the renewal of the licenses, moved that the licenses be renewed as for the year commencing July 1, 1943.—Seconded by Cr. Cummings and carried.

PROPOSED RESUMPTION.

The Mining Warden, Gladstone, stated that the Council should either repair the existing surveyed road or assist financially towards the payment of £100 compensation asked for by Mrs. Althouse.

It was decided to ask the Warden (Mr. M. Dwyer), who has recently been transferred to Gladstone, to inspect the site of the proposed resumption, with the object of finalising the matter.

APPROVED.

Mr. H. E. B. Plumpton asked that the ferry servce call at Garden Island in accordance with the timetable after July 7.—The request was approved.

FERRY SERVICE.

Mr. W. P. McGuire advised that he and other persons served by the ferry service would accept the Council's invitation to form a deputation and wait on the Council to discuss the unsatisfactory timetable of the service.

After the members of the deputation, comprising Messrs. W. P. McGuire, E. F. Byrne and D. Day, and the ferryman (Mr. H. B. Randall) withdrew, Cr. Ballantine moved that Mr. Randall be asked to consider the suitability of altering the timetable as suggested by the Shire Clerk, for the service to commence at Vallis' Landing on each Friday instead of at The Narrows.

Alterations to the existing timetable are to be furnished to those forming the deputation which waited on the Council, and to Mr. M. J. Thompson.

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

The Commissioner of Main Roads advised, through Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., that the request for the construction of the Maryborough-Gladstone Highway, from the Boyne River bridge to the Gladstone Town Council boundary, was under consideration.

FOR TRAVELLING STOCK.

Mr. L. N. Pitter advised having with Cr. Ballantine and Mr. R. S. Wilson, made a joint inspection of the clearing required in the Catfish Scrub on the Port Curtis-Callide Highway, to give access for travelling stock. Mr. Pitter stated having forwarded a report to the district engineer, pointing out it was necessary to clear a strip two chains wide for 3500 feet from chainage 4000' to 47.500'.

Cr. Ballantine had, shortly after inspection, arranged with the Clerk to support Mr. Pitter's report by a letter to the district engineer, asking that the clearing be carried out without cost to the Council.

It was resolved that the matter be held over pending the decision of the district engineer.

ACTION ENDORSED.

Gladstone Town Council asked that one of the shire's patrol graders be made available to grade the road from the Shell Company's installation to Coney Island.

The action of the Chairman in making the grader available, as arranged with Alderman Golding, was endorsed.

MAINTENANCE WORKS.

The District Engineer advised that Mr. R. E. Brown should be paid the foreman's rate of wages, as provided in the industrial agreement published in the Government Gazette of May 8, 1943, when carrying out maintenance works with funds approved by the Main Roads Commission.—Received.

RECEIVING CONSIDERATION.

The District Engineer advised that the request to have the unconstructed sections of the Port Curtis-Callide Highway, from the Rockhampton turn-off towards Gladstone, constructed was receiving consideration.—Received.

OFFERS ACCEPTED.

Messrs. Bruce Bros. offered £1/10/- for the five sets of old harness belonging to Division 2.—The offer was accepted.

Mr. V. E. Vallis offered £5 for a tip dray belonging to Division 3.—The offer was accepted.

LEFT TO THE CHAIRMAN.

Mr. A. H. Waldron advised having to use his utility to cart fuel and provisions for the gang while Division 3 truck was out of commission for about 12 days, and asked to be paid for the use of same.—The request was left in the hands of the Chairman to arrange for the amount to be paid.

SALARY INCREASED.

The Secretary, Local Authorities' Association, advised of an increase of £16 per annum from the first pay period in May, 1943, to local authority clerks who are members of the Municipal Officers' Association.—Received.

POISONOUS WEED.

Mt. Morgan Shire Council forwarded a specimen of a poisonous weed known as Green Cestrium, which had caused the death of stock in that locality.

It was resolved that the Council be thanked for advising of the presence of the weed, and that the specimen be kept for inspection by anyone who wished to see it.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE BOARD.

Cr. Ballantine, as the representative for the local authorities of Calliope, Miriam Vale and Gladstone on the Gladstone Employment Exchange Board, advised having attended the first meeting of the Board, which desired that the preparation of post war schemes be prepared and lodged as soon as possible.—Received.

POST WAR SCHEMES.

The Chairman, Gladstone Employment Exchange Board, asked that any post-war schemes the Council wished to bring forward be prepared and lodged at his office for transmission to the Department of Labour and Employment.

It was resolved that the construction of the Calliope River Crossing-Yarwun Road, and the road from the end of the constructed section of the Yarwun-Targinnie Main Road, near the Targinnie State School, to the sites where the boring for shale and deposits have been carried out in the parish of Targinnie, be submitted for consideration.

ISOLATION WARD.

The Secretary, Gladstone Hospital, advised that a meeting of the representatives of the component local authorities would be called for the purpose of considering carrying out improvements for the treatment of patients in the isolation ward at the Gladstone Hospital.—The two representatives of the Council on the Hospitals Board were asked to attend.

ROADS NATIONALISED.

The Normanby Shire Council wrote seeking support of all local authorities in its proposed representations to have all main roads nationalised, and that the maintenance of all such roads including State highways, be a charge against the State.—It was decided to support the movement.

SANITARY WORKERS.

The Director General of Health advised that no further sanitary workers were to be withdrawn from such calling for national service, and that collecting outfits would be forwarded to health inspectors shortly to collect species of mosquitoes for forwarding

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HOCKEY

THE GAME THAT GROWS

Week-End Matches

(By "Skylark")

Last Sunday saw the competition for the Rigby Shield advanced a further step. Sparks are now leading with two points, and should they beat A.T.C. to-morrow (Sunday), will have won the competition. However, they have the job in front of them, being opposed by the young and energetic A.T.C. team, who put up a good game last Sunday by beating the Bandit B team by six goals.

Sparks defeated Bandit A by 3-1, and A.T.C. beat Bandit B 6-0, while Y-Nots beat Imps 2-1.

COMMENT.

Sparks and Bandit were the first out, both teams being at full strength, and looked evenly matched. Shortly after first bully Sparks showed more dash and initiative, and gave Bandits a fair beating, playing easily the best hockey.

R. Scot was back in the old team at full- back, a popular, safe, and entertaining player. He gave a good display, and gave his forwards plenty of the ball.

Len Flack, at half-back, played a safe, forceful game, as is usual with this boy.

Tom Morgan (captain) was the outstanding player, the same as his "dad" on the football field, and the boy knows all the hockey tricks. He has great stick work, and an abundance of energy.

The balance of the team all worked hard to easily defeat Bandit A.

Generally, the Bandits were a real disappointment. The old dash was not there—a complete lack of team work—but their stick work was neat. It's up to you, Larry, to pull the team together, or you won't be in the race.

Kev. Auer was good in goal. Tim Curran worked hard, and Terry O'Reilly appeared lazy. Get hold of that ball and clear hard and quick, boy.

Kev. Last could do nothing right. Joe Rigby had plenty of energy, and scored the only goal. Merv Ratherson was a trier, while Larry Ryan, generally a great player, was all at sea and very slow.

LADIES.

The second match was very evenly contested, Y-Nots winning by the odd goal. In this respect they were lucky, as an Imp player by accident hit a ball into her own goal, giving Y-Nots the win.

The first half was fast and showed improved hockey, with Imps showing up a shade the better team.

After lemons Y-Nots came to light and had the better of the second half.

For Y-Nots Nance Rigby in goal was safe and cleared well.

At full-back Myrtle Hughes was as safe as the proverbial church, a ball of energy, and can she stop and clear the ball. No beg pardons about Myrtle when she gets the ball.

Glady Chapman was as safe and steady as ever at full-back.

N. Ryalls was in most of it at half-back, urging her team all the way.

Larry Lovett (centre forward) played a good forcing game, displaying plenty of energy, but oh girl, stay in your own position, as you will get better results.

Gloria Power and Miriam Hixon, on the wings, both played good, fast hockey.

For Imps Patsy Lee in goal appeared slow. Wake up, Pat. Joan Chapman and Joyce O'Donnell were safe as full-backs.

Lurl Jacobsen (captain) at centre, has a wonderful capacity for work, made few mistakes, and displayed good anticipation.

Beryl Fenton and Myrtle Barnes, two forceful forwards, did not get as much of the ball as usual, and were slowed up by the Y-Nots' full-backs.

These teams are evenly matched, and some real tussels are ahead.

FINAL MATCH.

The final match was the young A.T.C. and Bandit B. Bandits were again short, and went down badly by six goals.

I hear that two old warriors in Fred Clohessy and Charles Griffiths will take the field with this team in future.

The young fliers gave a great display in their first game this season, and if they are as good in the air I will be happy to have them on my side. The energy displayed was good to watch, the supporting tactics and stick work being a real treat.

Just how they will fare against the old experienced Sparks to-morrow (Sunday) remains to be seen. I think youth will prevail.

All the boys gave a fine display. Special mention, however, is due to K. Last and Kev. Flack in the back division, both giving a polished display.

Jim Irwin, in the forwards, never missed anything, taking opportunity to shoot, and scored three goals.

Bandits again fought hard against the odds, but short of three players is too big a handicap against a strong team. All worked hard. Des Bauer in goal is one of the best. Fred Hunt and Weldon battled hard against the odds.

With Jeff Onions, Fred Clohessy and C. Griffiths in the team next Sunday I will not be surprised to see them give the A team a trouncing.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

MEDAL STROKE ROUNDS

First Round Cullen Trophy

Play on the links this afternoon will be monthly medal stroke rounds for both members and associates.

The first round of the Cullen Trophy will be played to-morrow afternoon, players being asked to be on the tees at 1.45 p.m. to enable all to finish.

The competition will be divided into five monthly series, commencing with the pairs hereunder and allowing new pairings each month.

In the event of any players being unable to play week-ends, mid-week games of 9 holes will be allowed, but they must complete 18 holes in that series during the month.

Players with best scores totalled against bogey will win the trophy, and in the event of a tie a play-off will be arranged.

To-morrow's pairs are:—

O'Sing-Clifford, Moore-Power, Peardon-Bliss, Connellan-Joyce, McCray-Hanson, Fitzgerald-Collins, Elliott-Phillips, and Cullen-Busteed.

MATERNITY ALLOWANCES

Medical and Hospital Services Covered

The total amount payable under the new scale of maternity allowance in respect of each child is £15 where there are no other children under 14 years in the family; £16 where there are one of two children under 14, and £17/10/- where there are three or more other children under 14.

These amounts include an allowance of 25/- a week for the four weeks preceding and four weeks following the birth of a child.

Forms may be obtained at maternity hospitals, or at the office of the local registrar of births, or by post from the Deputy Commissioner of Maternity Allowances.

Payment of allowances will be made by cheque in two instalments.

A warning is issued that medical practitioners and hospital services are included in declared services covered by ceiling price regulations order of April 13, 1943.

TENANCY REGULATIONS

Judicial Powers

Special legislation to give State Parliaments judicial powers to deal with tenancy regulations is being considered by the Commonwealth.

The Acting Attorney General (Mr. Beasley) said the Government was concerned with the position created by the High Court's decision that judicial powers could not be given to the States except by Act of Parliament.

The Government was now discussing with the Opposition the possibility of introducing a short Bill to meet the position before the rising of Parliament.

BRONZE COINAGE.

Provision has been made for the manufacture of bronze coinage without tin contents. The order has been made because tin, which is in short supply, has to be conserved for munitions. No serious disadvantage is expected to arise from the omission of tin from the bronze alloy.

FUNERAL BENEFITS FOR PENSIONERS.

The Commonwealth general benefits scheme for invalid and old age pensioners came into operation on Thursday in respect of deaths occurring on and after that date. In certain circumstances the Commonwealth will pay the actual cost of the funeral, but not exceeding £10. Applications for these benefits should be made to the Deputy Commissioner of Pensions in the State.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

MINISTRY OF POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

Commonwealth Housing Commission

THE Commonwealth Housing Commission will visit Gladstone on Monday, 12th July, 1943, to hear evidence on the housing position in Gladstone and surrounding areas.

Persons, Associations, or Organisations desiring to submit information to the Commission should write to the Secretary of the Commission (Box 4318, G.P.O., Sydney), or communicate with the Gladstone Town Clerk.

All information should be prepared in writing.

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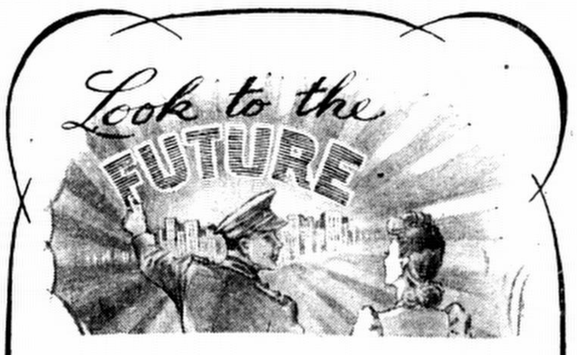

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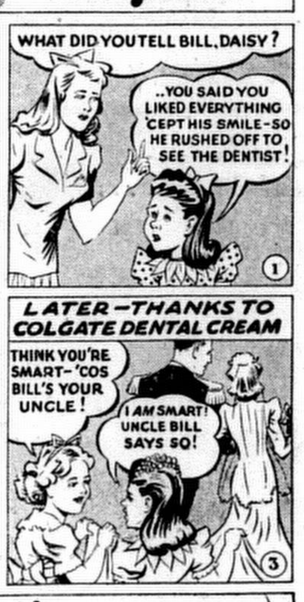

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AMBULANCE Bearers' Annual Dance, Friday Night, August 6th, 1943. Also Bearers' Dance, Calliope, Saturday Night, July 17th, 1943.

ATTENTION!—Presbyterian Flower Show, Town Hall, Friday, 27th August, 1943. Schedules available shortly for large Prize List.

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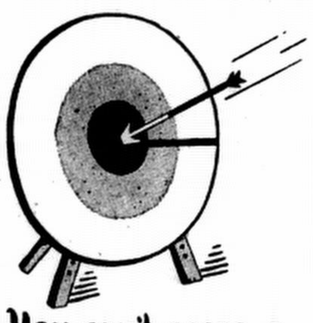

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CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL

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to the University, Brisbane. The matter was referred to the Health Inspector for attention.

DINGO BAITS.

The Land Administration Board advised that baits for the destruction of dingoes were still available at 5/- per case of 250 baits.—Received.

PAYMENT OF 10/. SUGGESTED.

The Land Administration Board advised that the Minister for Lands had under consideration fresh measures for the destruction of dingoes, foxes, and other vermin, and in the meantime had decided to make funds available from State revenue to continue the present method of destruction for the current and ensuing financial year.

On the motion of Crs. Campbell and Potter it was decided:—

(1) To ask the Government to take over and finance from State revenue the destruction of dingoes, foxes and other vermin and to fix the payment for dingo and fox scalps at 10/- each.

(2) That members of local authorities be appointed receivers of scalps.

DUCK HOLES CROSSING.

Mr. J. D. Stirrat complained of the delay in repairing the Duck Holes Crossing, and having to repair the crossing so as traffic could cross. Mr. Stirrat asked that a bridge be constructed over Zig-Zag Creek.

On the motion of Crs. Hansen and Cummings it was decided to thank Mr. Stirrat and others who had assisted in making the Duck Holes crossing trafficable, and to state consideration would be given to the erection of a bridge over Zig-Zag Creek when the budget for the ensuing financial year was being prepared.

EAST END ROAD.

Mr. F. Prestwood asked that repairs be effected to the road from East End to Woodman's corner.—It was resolved that as soon as the tractor and grader completed the repairs on the Mt. Larcom-Butlerville Road repairs would be effected.

A BRACEWELL ROAD.

Mr. W. C. Prestwood asked for repairs to the road leading from his property towards Bracewell Cheese Factory.—It was resolved that as soon as the tractor and grader had completed repairs on the Butlerville Road it would commence repairs to the road complained of.

REQUEST BE CONSIDERED.

Mrs. M. Ebert asked that repairs be effected to the road leading from her property.—It was decided that consideration be given to the request when preparing the budget for the ensuing financial year.

RECEIVE ATTENTION.

Mr. W. E. Goodman asked for repairs to the road leading from his property towards the Bracewell Cheese Factory.—It was desolved that when the tractor and grader had completed repairs to the Mt. Larcom-Butlerville Road this request would receive attention.

CEDAR VALE AREA.

The Dairymen's Organisation, Cedar Vale, asked that repairs be carried out on all roads in the area as soon as possible.

On the motion of Crs. Cummings and Schafer it was decided that repairs be effected as soon as the tractor and grader are available.

HORRIGAN CREEK ROAD.

The Dairymen's Organisation, Raglan, complained of the unsatisfactory nature of the repairs recently effected to the Horrigan Creek Rroad.

The Chairman reported having, in company with Cr. Hansen, made an inspection of the work complained of, and authorised further repairs by members of the organisation to the extent of £13.

It was resolved that the action of the Chairman and Cr. Hansen be endorsed.

CLEARING A ROAD.

Mr. A. J. Gunston advised that he had completed the clearing of the road from the Galloway Plains Road to portion 84, parish of Booroom, as arranged, at £19.

On the motion of Crs. Ballantine and Schafer it was decided that payment be not made until Mr. Gunston lodged a letter in the office stating he would gravel the banks of the first creek and gully within the next three months to the satisfaction of a representative of the Council without further cost.

APPROVED.

Mr. W. G. Day offered to clear and grub 1200 feet of the road leading to his place for 25/- per 100 feet.—The offer was approved.

REPAIRS BE EFFECTED.

Mr. Reg. Brown asked that repairs be effected to the road leading from his property towards the Calliope-Mt. Larcom main road.—It was resolved that the repairs be effected as soon as the patrol grader is available.

LANTANA.

Mr A. H. Janson asked that the lantana on the road adjoining his cleared property, near Briffney Creek, be destroyed.—The request was referred to Mr. R. E. Brown for attention.

AN OFFER OF £1.

Mr. W. Thorogood asked that the holes in the road near the railway bridge close to his property be filled in.—It was decided to offer the writer £1 to carry out the work to the satisfaction of a representative of the Council.

GRAVILLA CREEK.

Mrs. Stark asked that repairs be effected to the road across Gravilla Creek, which also served Shaw's dairy.—The request was referred to Mr. R. E. Brown, with a request to have the work carried out as soon as the grader was in the vicinity.

CHARTERS CROSSING.

Mr. J. A. Chandler asked that Charters Crossing be made trafficable, or failing that, to clear the old Eastern Boyne Road to the Netherleigh turnoff, so as he could market his produce at Boynedale.—It was decided to effect repairs to Charters Crossing as soon as the grader is in the vicinity.

NAGOORIN-NORTON ROAD.

Messrs. A. J. Dunnett, H. Punter, V. Russell, F. G. Clarke, G. Green, C. I. Green, and C. Tucker asked that repairs be effected to the road leading from Mr. Dunnett's property to the Nagoorin-Norton Road.

It was resolved that the request received consideration when the budget for the ensuing financial year was being prepared.

The Chairman stated that owing to it having been previously arranged for the Division 2 patrol grader to carry out other work in Division 2 it was unable to have Mr. Clarke's verbal request for repairs to the road near his place carried out.

FOURTEEN DAYS' NOTICE.

On the motion of Crs. Ballantine and Steel it was decided to advise Miss A. B. Davies that the fence erected across the eastern end of the road separating portion 52 from portion 55, parish of Riverston, would be removed by the Council after fourteen days from the date of the letter and action taken against those responsible for its erection, unless the fence was removed in the meantime.

BOYNE VALLEY CLEANSING CONTRACT.

Mr. V. A. Davis stated the statement prepared by the Shire Clerk, covering the receipts and disbursements of the Boyne Valley cleansing contract carried out by him for a period of two years and eleven months from July 1, 1940, to May 31 1943, was incomplete, as it did not show that his earnings would have been £997/7/- had he been carrying out the work as an employee of the Council under award conditions, as against £716/6/1 under the contract.

He stated as there was not sufficient time to prepare a further statement for the meeting showing the contract was being carried on at a loss, he asked for an increase of 4d per service. Failing the increase being granted Mr. Davis was prepared to carry on the service by day labour under award conditions.

On the motion of Crs. Steel and Dickinson it was decided to inform Mr. Davis that until he satisfied the Council that the contract was being carried on at a loss the Council was unable to consider his application for an increase in the contract price per service.

REPORTS.

The Chairman's report was read and adopted, including payment of £1 to Mr. G. W. Brown for repairing the spring of the Division 1 Dodge truck in his own time.

Mr. R. E. Brown's report was read and adopted, including the clearing and grubbing of 1200 feet by Mr. W. Day at 25/- per 100 feet.

On the motion of Crs. Ballantine and Campbell the Clerk was instructed to write Messrs. McCray Bros., agreeing to accept their offer of voluntary assistance to repair the road leading to Pike's bridge.

GENERAL.

The Chairman moved that Cr. Ballantine be appointed deputy chairman.—Seconded by Cr. Potter and carried.

On the motion of Crs. Ballantine and Hansen it was decided that applications be called in good time for the meeting in August next for a valuer to make a fresh valuation of the whole of the shire, to commence from July 1, 1944, unless the Director of Local Government advised in the meantime that the existing valuation was to be extended for a further period from June 30, 1944.

Accounts amounting to £3635/3/7 were passed for payment.

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JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	8.35	9.08	.....	2.57	2.27
2	9.17	9.47	.....	3.41	3.06
3	9.58	10.22	.....	4.22	3.45
4	10.38	10.57	.....	5.02	4.25
5	11.18	11.32	.....	5.42	5.02
6	11.57	——	.....	6.20	5.42
7	12.06	12.38	.....	6.58	6.25
8	12.40	1.18	.....	7.38	7.10
9	1.15	2.04	.....	8.18	8.03
10	1.56	2.59	.....	9.03	9.07
11	2.46	4.05	.....	9.53	10.15
12	3.49	5.15	.....	10.46	11.23
13	5.03	6.18	.....	11.40	——
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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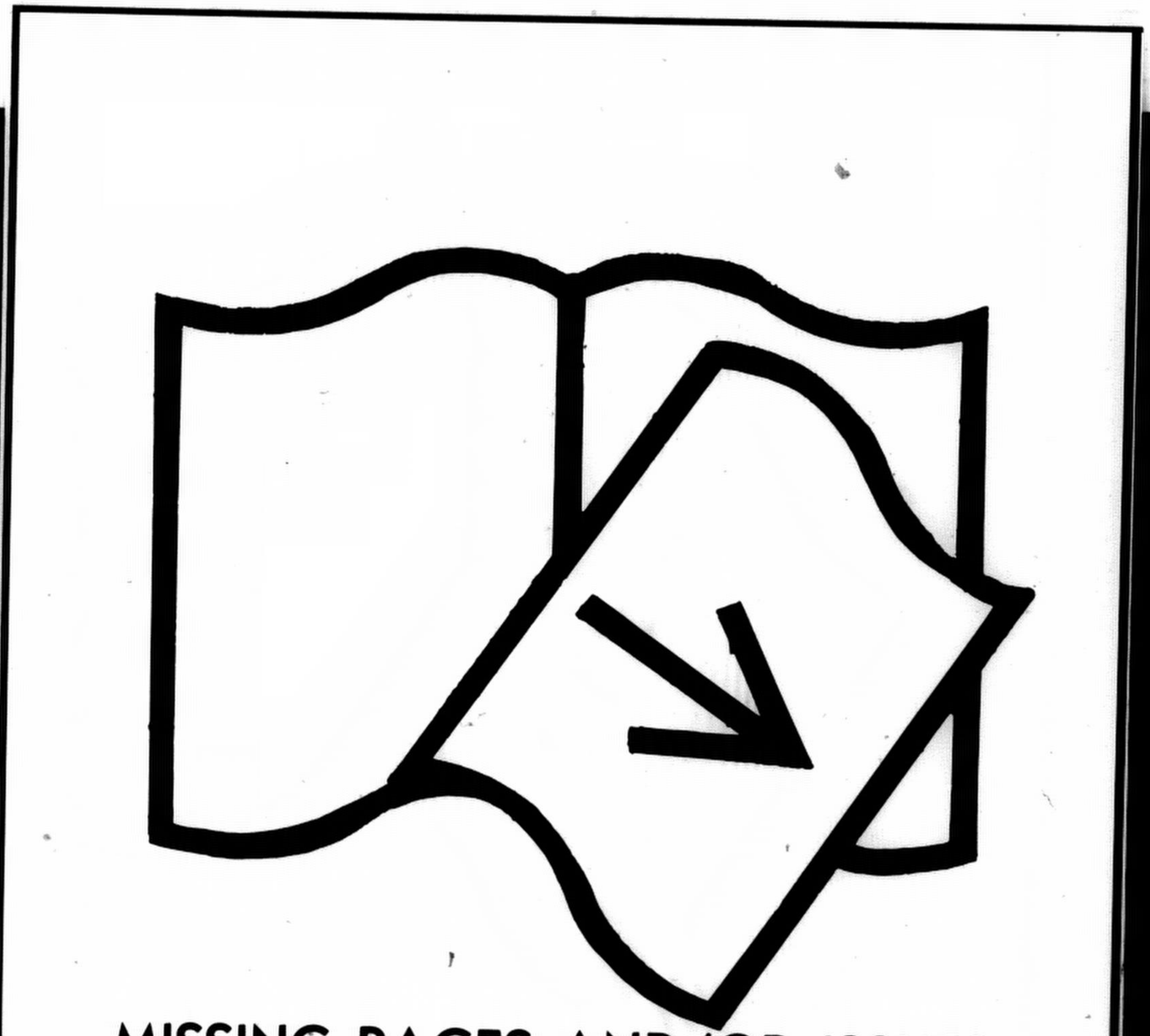

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NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS

CRITICISED BY JUDGES

"Impossible To Interpret"

The recent mass of National Security Regulations have created a boom in the legal profession, according to a prominent member of the Australian Bar, in an interview with "Industrial News Service," Sydney.

He points out that every day some of these regulations are being challenged and sometimes overthrown in the Courts of the Commonwealth.

"Both the Government and the people who are challenging these regulations are forced to brief expensive counsel, and fees of fifty guineas per day are common.

"Money spent on such litigation by the Government comes directly from the public purse, while money spent by private individuals is also diverted from the war effort.

"In effect, it means that money which is subscribed by the public in war loans and for war savings certificates, might easily be spent in an effort to prove the validity or otherwise of a National Security regulation whose peculiar working makes it almost incomprehensible."

In recent months no less than eight National Security Regulations have been overthrown in Australian Courts.

These include regulations on such diverse subjects as price regulation and the University student quota.

Throughout the Commonwealth various judges have criticised National Security Regulations on the grounds that they are almost impossible to interpret, and also that many of them actually are illegal and invalid.

For instance, Sir Frederick Jordan, N.S.W. Chief Justice, in attacking one of the price fixing regulations, said: "Apparently it is necessary for people to be prosecuted before they know their legal obligations under this regulation."

He described another regulation as "the utter negation of established principles of British law."

Another judge, Mr. Justice Magennis, in Melbourne, said that he had spent "a terrible night" trying to make head or tail of a set of price fixing regulations which he described as "the worst I have ever seen."

But in the meantime more and more cases in which National Security Regulations are being challenged are on the legal lists, and the Bill for costs will be staggering.

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There are others like I,
With their hopes held high
As they joke and talk and grin.

The names are called out,
And someone will shout:
"That's me!" as he winks at his mate.
There is nothing for some,
And their faces turn glum
As they hope and they pray and they wait.

The men all sent up here,
Where there is no beer,
No women, no parties, no fun.
But we'll all do our best
And work with a zest
Of a so-and-so son of a gun.

We can take all the bombs,
The smell of pom-poms,
The mud and the slush and the wet,
And this tropical sun,
Which is second to none,
At taking out gallons of sweat.

Now you folks at home,
Do your thoughts ever roam
To the boys on this island of hell?
So just write every day
In your own sweet way,
And say you are happy and well.

And when we get back
With rifles and pack;
You'll be waiting the day we arrive.
And on that great day
We can look back and say
'Twas your letters that kept us alive.

Now here ends this ode,
As I sit in the road,
In rain, in slush, and in wet,
Then I jump with glee,
For there's letters for me!
I knew you would never forget.

—Sergt M. Andrawatha.
Somewhere in New Guinea.

PROMISES! PROMISES!

Elections August 21

During the last week or so we have been promised:—

More cigarettes, by the Minister for Trade and Custom (Senator Keane).

More paper, also by Senator Keane.

More beer, and more eggs, by the Minister for Commerce (Mr. Scully).

More holidays.

More potatoes, by the Commonwealth Potato Controller (Mr. A. C. Foster).

More time for meals in Government war factories.

More money for maternity cases, by the Minister for Social Services (Mr. Holloway).

More commissions for airmen, by the Minister for Air (Mr. Drakeford).

More money for dairy farmers, by the Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. Scully).

More spare parts for radios, by the Chairman of Production Executive (Mr. Dedman).

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POST-WAR INDUSTRY

SWITCH-OVER PERIOD

Mr. Churchill has promised us "heavy fighting in the Mediterranean and elsewhere before the leaves of autumn fall."

American and Allied forces have launched successful advances on the Pacific front, and the whole world seems to be geared for the final "winding-up" phase of the war.

Industry, particularly private industry, is already looking ahead to post war, when all its resources will be called on to help iron out the tremendous problems of rehabilitation. New industrial developments of the war will bring new problems as well as new advantages.

Some of the substitute products, for instance, have proved so successful that they will be serious rivals to the original goods. This means that workers now in the Army will have to be taught new methods of handling new raw materials.

Fresh markets must be opened up, and with the increased production of all essential goods in every factory all over the world, competition will be so keen that only those wide awake now to post-war needs can hope to be in the running.

Private firms in Australia are already looking ahead preparing for the switch over from war to civilian production. One industry was discussed the other day by Government and private experts.

"It can't be done under 18 months," said the Government expert, discussing the switch-over.

But experts from private firms, which naturally have more freedom in enterprise than businesses financed with public money, and therefore are more likely to be quick off the mark, were more optimistic.

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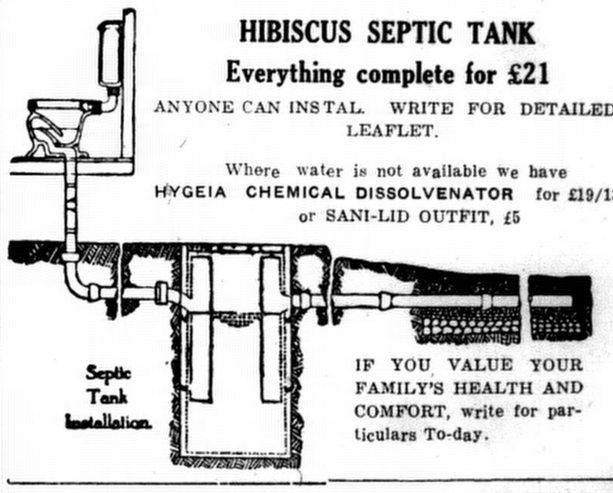

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HOUSING COMMISSION

VISITS GLADSTONE

Commissioner O'Connor Impressed

On Saturday the Chairman of the Commonwealth Housing Commission (Mr. L. P. D. O'Connor), accompanied by the Secretary of the Commission (Mrs. Phillips), arrived in Gladstone, and were met at the Railway Station by the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

TRIP AROUND THE TOWN.

On Sunday they were taken for a trip around the town by the Deputy Mayor (Ald. W. R. Golding). Visits were paid to the Meatworks, Barney Point, Auckland Point, the Jetty, Ferris' Hill, and Hospital Hill, and Mr. O'Connor was able to obtain first-hand information as to the type of dwelling in Gladstone. A motor trip was also made to Calliope, where a brief survey of the buildings were made.

COMMISSION WELCOMED.

On Monday morning the Commission took evidence at the Town Hall, and prior to the commencement the Deputy Mayor (Ald. Golding) extended the Commission a hearty welcome to Gladstone on behalf of the citizens. He congratulated the Commissioner on his appointment. Mr. O'Connor, he said, had been entrusted with a big job, but he felt sure he would do justice to the position. Everyone was viewing with grave concern, he said, the acute shortage of houses in Australia at the present time, and big things were expected from the Commission. Ald. Golding trusted that Mr. O'Connor's stay in Gladstone would be very pleasant, and that he would carry away with him happy memories of his visit to the harbour town of Gladstone.

IMPRESSED WITH GLADSTONE.

Commissioner O'Connor, after sincerely thanking the Deputy Mayor (Ald. Golding) for his kind remarks, stated it was the first time he had been in Gladstone, and he was greatly impressed with the appearance of the town. He considered there was big development ahead of Gladstone, and trusted that the civic authorities would lose no time in having the town properly planned before it was too late.

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Commissioner O'Connor, in outlining the functions of the Commission, said it would investigate and report on the present housing position, establish the deficiency of dwellings, and the number of sub-standard dwellings. The Commission would also estimate the future housing requirements, formulate a plan or plans to be sponsored by the Commonwealth Government, which would ensure adequate, sound, effective, and hygienic housing for the people in relation to their economic and social life, and to recommend ways and means to implement the plan or plans.

FUTURE REQUIREMENTS.

The Commission would estimate the number and type of dwellings required, future requirements (including repairs and alterations to existing buildings), and areas in which dwellings were required. It would recommend plans, including an annual housing programme designed to overcome the shortage in housing, and provide for future requirements, and assist with the erection of houses and their purchase on easy terms.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

The Commission would also recommend action if any to be taken during the war, to inaugurate the programme, and report on the financial implications of any sections regarding financial relations between the Commonwealth and State Governments, other authorities, property owners and occupiers.

AFTER THE WAR.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out that the Commission was concerned only with housing after the war, and not with the position as it was to-day.

FARMING COMMUNITY.

The Crown Land Ranger (Mr. George Matthews) was the first to give evidence, and dealt with the farming community and the need for better housing, and more liberal advances, so that farmers' houses could be brought up to the same standard as the city dweller.

PERPETUAL AND FREEHOLD.

Mr. E. M. Breslin dealt chiefly with the outlook of the individual towards perpetual lease land as against freehold, and pointed out that trading banks, as a rule, would not make advances against perpetual lease land.

BASIS OF DISCUSSION.

The Commissioner asked if any of those present had prepared a statement on the questionaire as asked for by the Commission, and as Ald. Golding was the only one who had complied with the request, the Commissioner stated he would make it the basis of the discussion.

This procedure was followed, and Ald. Golding's statement was dealt with at considerable length, and those joining in the discussion included Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., the Mayor (Ald. Dennis), L. R. Weiske, P. F. Browne, R. H. Grayson, J. Burrows, J. Watson, Ald. H. Anderson, and Mrs. E. Burnham.

Ald. Golding's statement dealt with the need for economy in house construction and the conserving of timber for the huge demands that would be made upon it for the post-war construction of houses.

COMMISSIONER THANKED.

After the taking of evidence the Minister for Agriculture and Stock, Mr. T. L. Williams, thanked the Commissioner for visiting Gladstone, and for the interest and consideration he had given to all those who had attended.

IMPRESSED WITH GLADSTONE.

Commissioner O'Connor, after thanking Mr. Williams for his appreciative remarks, said he was pleased to come to Gladstone, and the advice received would prove of value to the Commission. He had been greatly impressed with the potentialities of Gladstone, and he felt sure it would grow and develop in importance. He hoped the sittings of the Commission would be the means of bringing forward a sound plan for the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth. In conclusion, he thanked the Deputy Mayor (Ald. Golding for his hospitality, and Mr. Williams and the Town Council for the assistance they had rendered the Commission, which was deeply appreciated.

The evidence tendered by Ald. Golding and by Mssrs. Willey and C. Boles on behalf of the Trades and Labour Council, will be published in our next issue.

OBITUARY

BENTLEY.—In loving memory of our dear Mother, Julia Bentley, who passed away at Rockhampton just three years on July 12th, 1940.

Ever Remembered.

(Inserted by her daughters and sons, Phebe, Ann, Alex, Will, Nell, Alice and Jack.)

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CURRENT TOPICS

JAM FOR SALE.

The convenors of the jam stall at the forthcoming Comforts Fund fete will be selling jam at a stand in Tank Street, near Jack and Jim Cafe, on Saturday, July 17. The patronage of residents will be appreciated.

WAR DAMAGE INSURANCE.

Rates of contribution for war damage cover are likely to be reviewed before the end of this year, as was done last year. The total amount received since the inception of the fund approximates £13,000,000.

STREET STALL.

A street stall, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild, will be held on Thursday, July 15, in Tank Street, Valley, opposite the Regent Theatre. Donations of jams, cakes, sweets, etc., will be greatly appreciated by the Guild, and same can be left at the Manse.

POLICE COURT.

In the Police Court yesterday, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), Gordon Roy Hare was charged with driving a motor vehicle without a permit (certificate of competency). He pleaded guilty and was fined £2, with 6/- costs of court. He was also charged with driving a motor vehicle without a lighted tail light in Dawson Road. He was similarly fined. Harold Thomas Roe was fined 16/-, with costs of court 6/-, for riding a bicycle at night time without a lighted lamp attached.

ORDER NISI GRANTED.

Edwin Stoneley, of Gladstone, sued his wife, Matilda Stoneley, of Gladstone, for divorce on grounds of desertion. Mr. Bradford, instructed by Messrs. T. De Lacy Kellett & Joseph, appeared for plaintiff. There was no appearance of the defendant. Order nisi was granted, returnable in three months. The matter was heard at Rockhampton on July 2.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dougall, of Littlemore, were in town on Friday to see their daughter Eleanor go through to Townsville. Eleanor has just finished her rookie course in the A.A.A.M.W.S.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE SCHEME - DEBENTURE LOAN £90,000

ISOLATION WARD - ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT £250

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Alderman W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson). Apologies were tendered for the absence of Alderman M. A. Busteed and J. Deveney, and leave of absence was granted.

GRANT OF £10,000.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) advised that the Commonwealth Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) was prepared to approve of a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of the Boyne River water scheme.

It was decided that Mr. Forde be thanked for his assistance in the matter.

TERM OF THE LOAN.

Minister of Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) wrote in reference to the proposed debenture loan of £90,000 for the Boyne River water scheme. He noted the desire of the Council that the term of the loan be extended from 15 to 40 years, and he would approach the Insurance Commissioner in this connection.—Received.

DEBENTURE LOAN £90,000.

State Government Insurance Office advised (through Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.) that subject to the approval of the Treasury it would be prepared to make available a debenture loan of £90,000 for the purpose of completing the Boyne River water scheme. The loan to be for a term of 15 years, carrying interest at the rate of £3/12/6 per centum per annum.—Received.

DETAILS HELD UP.

Mr. W. . Reinhold, consulting engineer Brisbane, advised that owing to the illness of Mr. Sharpe, of the Department of Local Authority Affairs, discussion of the details of the Boyne River water scheme had been held up. However, directly Mr. Sharpe was available these matters would be attended to.—Received.

PROPOSED PUMPING PLANT.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engigineer, Brisbane, forwarded two copies of a report from Mr. A. E. Axon on the proposed pumping plant at the Boyne River. As would be seen from the report, the cheapest scheme for a plant without standby units was that consisting of a gas producer, a suction gas engine, and electrical generation at the site of the pumping station.

Electric driven by power transmitted from the Gladstone Power House was very little dearer, and becomes cheaper when duplication of the pumping machinery was undertaken. Duplication would undoubtedly be necessary very soon, if not immediately, and thus it would appear that the most economical scheme was that in which the power was generated at Gladstone and transmitted to the site.

This scheme was accordingly recommended. As the necessary generating machinery would be probably the most difficult part of the whole scheme to obtain, the matter required an early decision, so that orders could be placed as soon as possible.

It was decided that the report lie on the table, and in the meantime the aldermen to be supplied with a copy of the report.

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES.

Mr. H. Neill Ballantine, local authority representative,—Gladstone Employment Exchange Board, asked the Council, under direction from the State Employment Council, to submit a tentative programme of suitable public works to be carried out during the post-war period.

It was desirable that the schedule be forwarded to the next meeting of the Board, to be held on August 6.

It was decided that a letter be written to the Calliope Shire Council asking that three delegates be appointed to confer with the three Town Council representatives to deal with post-war reconstruction schemes.

MAIN ROADS.

Normanby Shire Council forwarded the following resolution, which was carried at its last meeting: "That this Council commence a campaign for the nationalisation of all main roads, and that the maintenance of same be made a charge on the State, and that this Council seeks the co-operation of all other Councils in the matter."

It was pointed out that the Council was much concerned with the increasing amounts to be met annually for the maintenance of main roads.—Received.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY.

Mr. H. Ambrose, Ambrose, advised he regretted to learn that people were using certain premises, and he would place the matter in the hands of the police. He would have the building repaired and made tenantable, if allowed, but owing to the scarcity of labour and carpenters he was held up at present. He would try and get someone to fix the locks, etc., to keep offenders out.

It was decided to inform Mr. Ambrose that he must take immediate action to carry out the necessary improvements, and failing that the Council would carry out the work at his expense.

GRANTED.

Mrs. A. J. A. Stanfield, Gladstone, made application for permission to construct a concrete invert into her property, and it would, therefore be necessary to break the water channelling.—The application was granted.

RECEIVE ATTENTION.

Mr. L. Thompson, Gladstone, advised that the C.C.C. had removed a full length of 20-inch concrete drain pipe from Lord Street, and had replaced it with two short pieces of 6in. pipe. These pieces of pipe were much too short, and during the operations of the grader in Lord Street, the end of the pipes had been totally buried.

To be advised that the matter would receive attention.

OFFER ACCEPTED.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Doble, Gladstone, advised that they were prepared to co-operate with the South Gladstone and Barney Point Association for the purpose of getting some relief from flood waters that flowed through their property. They were prepared to offer the Council a free strip of land to carry out the necessary drainage, and their allotment faced Off Street. The allotment, which was situated in front of Mr. Doble's property and faced Auckland Street, carried Mrs. Doble's name, and she was prepared to make the same offer.

It was decided that the offer be accepted.

THREE REQUESTS.

The South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association forwarded the following requests for the Council's consideration:—

CULVERTS.

(1) The dangerous condition of the culverts in Toolooa Street was a very urgent matter, and worthy of inspection. One was in front of the late Mrs. Lusk's property, which was a death trap for children. Two other exposed culverts were situated in front of Mr. A. Zwar's residence, and the old Fertilizer. The Association considered a guard rail should be erected to prevent a serious accident.

GUTTER WASHED OUT.

(2) Attention to the gutter in front of Mr. C. Binnington's residence. The flood waters that flowed down the road in Toolooa Street had washed out the gutter, and now flowed through his property. The Association requested the Council to grade this drain, and so give Mr. Binnington some relief.

SLIT TRENCHES.

(3) We draw the Council's attention to the slit trenches left open on the property recently occupied by Allied troops on Barney Point, and also the pits on the old Fertilizer property, and now owned by the Small Holdings Co. The citizens in this locality viewed with concern these mosquitoe nurseries, and the Association ased the Council to contact the responsible persons.

DECISIONS.

Requests No. 1 and 2 were referred to the Works Committee, and before taking action in regard to request No. 3 it was decided that an inspection be made by the Council.

NEW WATER SCHEME.

The Works Overseer (Mr. R. Tait) reported on the progress of the work on the new water scheme for the period between 28th May and 24th June. At the beginning of the period there was only two men employed, and when the concrete piers were finished we worked a few days in the quarry for the town gang.

The tractor and grader arrived on the job on June 15, and the next day the gang was increased to fourteen men. I started trenching at the 5200' peg, and at the end of the period on June 24 2000 feet of trench was completed.

The trench between 5200' and 5400' peg had to be taken out with pick and shovel, the hillside being too steep for the tractor. We encountered rock on this section, and explosives had to be used. This delayed the pipe laying at the start, and let the trenching get well ahead.

I was only able to get two days on pipe laying before the end of the period. However, we completed 162 feet, but since then the gang has been able to lay and joint 200 feet a day. I have had the scoop in use, but I had to get an alteration made in the bridle before it would operate satisfactorily.

The Mayor stated he was satisfied with the progress of the work, and that a good job was being carried out.

The report was adopted.

WASTE WATER.

The Mayor drew attention to waste water from Myola Flats in Off Street, and considered that something should be done in regard to the matter.

Ald. Golding said the Works Committee would make an inspection with a view to having the drain cleaned out to cope with the water.

TO BE ATTENDED TO.

Ald. Tudman drew attention to the necessity of keeping the earth well up against the shoulders of the bitumen in the streets, as some sections were showing signs of breaking away.

Ald. Golding stated the Foreman had already received instructions to have the matter attended to.

ISOLATION WARD.

Ald. Golding reported that in company with the Mayor he had met representatives of the Calliope and Mirjam Vale Shire Councils, and the Hospitals Board, and made an inspection of the local authority isolation ward. Since Christmas there had been only two cases of infectious disease. However, they agreed to the installation of some electrical equipment at a cost of £250, and the Shire Council representatives had signified their intention of bearing their share of the cost.

Ald. Golding went on to say that Mr. Dwyer (Chairman of the Hospitals Board) spoke strongly on the necessity of the local authorities doing something in connection with a new isolation block. It was pointed out to him, said Ald. Golding, that any delay in the completion of this block must be borne by the Department of Health and Home Affairs, as the Town Council and Shire Councils had agreed to spend £2000 in this direction, but this had been turned down by the department, which had suggested a bigger scheme, involving an expenditure of £6000, and the councils were not prepared to do this.

The Mayor: That is the position as stated by Ald. Golding.

ACTION CONFIRMED.

Ald. Tudman moved that the action of the Council representatives be confirmed.—Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

AERODROME SITES.

Ald. Golding reported that in company with Surveyor Murray he had inspected two sites for an aerodrome. Mr. Murray was greatly impressed, and suggested that a contour survey be carried out. He (Ald. Golding) had taken the matter up with the Deputy Chairman of the Calliope Shire Council (Cr. Ballantine), and asked that they contact the Main Roads Commission with a view to having a surveyor made available to carry out this work. Cr. Ballantine had agreed to this being done.

SURPLUS WATER.

Ald. Golding reported that in company with Ald. Anderson and the Health Inspector (Mr. Browne), he had made an inspection of Mr. Williams' property, with a view to taking certain action to dispose of the surplus water, and a trial hole had now been put down for this purpose.

DEPLORABLE DRAIN.

Ald. Anderson again drew attention to the old railway drain behind the refreshment rooms, which he stated was in a deplorable condition, and he would like the Health Committee to make an inspection with a view to taking definite action to remove the nuisance in the interests of public health.

In accordance with the statement made by Ald. Anderson, an inspection will be made by the Health Committee.

UNREGISTERED DOGS.

It was decided that all unregistered dogs found straying on the streets would be destroyed, and a notice to this effect will be inserted in the "Observer."

ACCOUNTS.

Following accounts were passed for payment: General £461/9/4, and water £163/5/11.

ELECTRIC AUTHORITY.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

It was decided, as a post-war reconstruction scheme, to discuss at a special meeting the question of extending electric light to country districts, with a representative of their consulting engineer, Mr. A. E. Axon, Brisbane.

Accounts amounting to £421/7/9 were passed for payment.

GLADSTONE RED CROSS SOCIETY

WORK OF THE YEAR INTERESTINGLY REVIEWED

MRS. H. V. PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

When a small band of ladies in Gladstone reformed the Red Cross shortly after the outbreak of war, nearly four years ago, the branch started in a very small way, and for a long time activities were limited and finance very restricted. However, excellent work was performed, and gradually the various units took shape. Right from the start the Sewing and Knitting Circles were the chief organisations, and they soon developed into important undertakings.

CHEQUE FOR £100.

When the branch was struggling a benefactor in Mr. W. B. Shaw (now Lieut. Shaw, and a digger of two wars), came along and astonished the ladies by leaving a cheque for £100. At that time it seemed a fortune, and the finances never looked back.

HUNDREDS GROW TO THOUSANDS

When some 50 ladies and gentlemen assembled at the Red Cross rooms on Wednesday night to hear the President (Mrs. Phillips) read her annual report, the small band of ladies referred to must have listened with amazement to the balance sheet, which showed receipts for the year of £3000, and remittances to headquarters of £2667. The hundreds had grown into thousands to form a record year in the branch operations, a tribute to the splendid work of the pioneers who had kept the organisation alive through the difficult years.

Many of these ladies are still connected with the various activities, principally the Sewing and Knitting Circles, and their work well merited praise each month from headquarters.

MANY UNITS.

From the initial sewing and knitting classes sprang other units—the Paddy's market (which has proved so successful in raising funds each month), the V.A.D.'s (who are highly efficient and well organised), the Entertainments Committee (which raised over £300 during the year), the Hospital Visiting Committee (recently formed), Emergency Service, Junior Red Cross, two sub-branches, Builyan-Many Peaks and Benaraby, and last but not least, the Prisoners of War street adoption scheme, which holds pride of place on the balance sheet with collections.

Now the branch has a chartered accountant (Mr. V. A. Summers) as secretary, with Mrs. H. Browne as assistant secretary, the joint secretaries having taken over from Mr. H. P. Hallam, who did excellent work last year.

ANNUAL MEETING.

When Mr. Summers took the chair there were present: The Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. G. G. Dennis), Mr. R. W. Lodder (representing the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.), Mesdames A. Fry, G. M. Lodder, and M. J. Hewart (Red Shield), Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan (Australian Comforts Fund), Mesdames H. V. Phillips, J. Bennedick, E. Schneider, H. Browne, E. M. Joseph, M. Ricketts, B. Lewis, L. M. Janson, L. Rigby, E. C. Connellan, A. Hartley, A. Martin, J. H. Taylor, E. E. Robinson, M. Leadbetter, L. E. Herbert, R. M. Yum, V. Masterson, A. P. Farnsworth, G. Hughes, V. J. Burnham, D. Clark, E. C. Taylor, E. Hall, E. M. Quodling, H. M. Hando, E. Friend, L. Golding, E. McCray, Miss A. Joyner, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, Messrs. E. W. Phillips, D. J. Connellan, K. Neil-Ballantine, L. S. Johnston, R. Ricketts, A. A. Norris, and A. W. Drewe.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Mesdames L. Johnston, H. W. Gollnick, Messrs. A. H. Friend, and J. W. Rigby.

WELCOME EXTENDED.

In extending a welcome to the Mayor and Mayoress and representatives from the Diggers, Comforts Fund, Patriotic Fund and Red Shield, it was mentioned that a well-known digger, Mr. Arthur Greasley, who had assisted the Society in its Prisoner of War appeal, was unfortunately unable to attend.

Mr. Greasley, who had given the branch correspondence received with his Red Cross parcels when he was a prisoner in Germany in the last war, advised that he would continue to assist the P.O.W. fund in every possible way.

After the President (Mrs. Phillips) had read her annual report (which has already been published), and many complimentary references were made on the finances, as shown in the balance sheet read by the Treasurer (Mrs. Golding), the following officers were elected for the year.—

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. H. V. Phillips (re-elected), vice-presidents, Mesdames A. H. Friend and W. Yum (re-elected), joint hon. secretaries, Mr. V. A. Summers and Mrs. H. Browne (re-elected), hon. treasurer, Mrs. Golding (re-elected), committee, Mesdames Hall, Ricketts, Messrs. A. H. Friend, A. W. Drewe, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, D. J. Connellan, J. W. Rigby, H. P. Hallam, A. A. Norris, and K. Neil-Ballantine; convenors sewing, Mesdames J. W. Rigby and G. Byrne; knitting, Mrs. D. Connellan; buyers, Mesdames H. Hall and G. Hando; paddy's market, Mrs. A. H. Friend; entertainments committee, Miss Alma Joyner, with power to appoint her own assistants; P.O.W. street scheme, Messrs. Connellan, Summers, and Rev. Phillipson; Hospital visiting committee, Mrs. H. W. Gollnick and assistants; auditor, Mr. L. S. Johnston, A.F.I.A; delegates to headquarters, Mrs. Drewe and Miss L. Cribb; supervisor Junior Red Cross, Mr. F. C. Thompson (with Miss Grundy as leader); publicity officer, Mr. D. J. Connellan.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE.

The appointment of Mr. Ballantine to the committee is the first election of a country representative, and a tribute to the splendid support received from the section of Red Cross supporters.

CONGRATULATED.

Mrs. Phillips, who is entering on her third year of office as president, was warmly congratulated on her re-election. Her splendid work, particularly in organising functions for the entertainment of allied servicemen, and her tact in dealing with all branches of the extensive organisation won the admiration of all members, and led to a unanimous request that her services should again be available.

FINANCES.

A table prepared by Mr. Summers showed the phenomenal growth of the finances. The branch commenced its operations in 1939 with £38/2/5. In 1940 to June 30 it raised £586/16/2, of which nearly half came from one function (the "win the war" ball), 1941 contributed £655/7/. In 1942 £1343/-/10 was raised, and this year the record amount of £2990/3/-, the latter being £366/16/7 more than the first three years together. The total collections of £5613/9/5 since the commencement of the war must take some beating, and as Secretary Summers remarked, "it was not done sitting down." Either on a membership or per capita basis Gladstone must rank very high in a state-wide survey of revenue. The P.O.W. scheme, with £1240 (including £518 street scheme) leads the way with Paddy's market £452/9/7, dances, donations, fetes, and sub branches £727, and Red Cross week appeal £720, all high contributors to receipts.

CONGRATULATIONS.

In congratulating the branch members and officers on the remarkable achievement during the year Mr. A. W. Drewe, the Executive chairman, said that the whole picture was not reflected in the finances. The Sewing and Knitting Circles had done an amazing amount of excellent work, which did not figure in financial returns, and which few of the general public were aware of. The amount spent on the purchase of materials for sewing and knitting during the year, viz., £405, was an indication of the tremendous turnover. These ladies worked throughout the year, and their work had won high praise from headquarters.

Continuing, Mr. Drewe said that all sections had worked in harmony and gained general support. Undoubtedly, the chief new activity in finance was the Prisoner of War street adoption scheme, and he congratulated the organisers and lady collectors on the high degree of efficiency attained. An amount of over £500 had been collected in five months. The scheme entailed an enormous amount of organisation and detail, but Gladstone had done its part, and prisoners of war in enemy camps were benefiting from the effort.

The Paddy's market, entertainments, and other units had also contributed materially to the record year.

The re-elected President, Mrs. Phillips, and other officers thanked members for their continued support. It was mentioned that Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson had been elected to the P.O.W. Committee, and that Mr. Ken Ballantine, of Galloway Plains, was representing country interests on the committee.

SEWING CIRCLE.

Mrs. L. Rigby (Sewing Circle) reported that Mrs. Cavill had resigned the position of convenor early in the year, and that it was a pleasure to take over from her. She wished to place on record an appreciation of Mrs. Cavill's services. The Circle now comprised a very happy and efficient band of workers. Progress should continue, and the coming year prove even more satisfactory, as much was needed to provide the necessities for servicemen and women. 2800 articles had been made and despatched to headquarters during the year. In addition a chest of linen, towels, pyjamas, dressing gowns, etc., were held in stock for emergency. Two cases of materials, sufficient for 120 persons, had been provided for the local V.D.C. Sub-branches Many Peaks-Builyan and Benaraby had sent in regular consignments, which were forwarded to headquarters. The quality of the branch work was outstanding. All supporters of the circle—Mr. Bartlett for servicing machines, Friends (Pty.) Ltd. for despatching goods, Mr. E. J. Masterson for casing, and Mr. A. W. Drewe for the use of the rooms, which were most comfortable and convenient, were thanked.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. J. Connellan (Knitting Circle) reported that knitting articles had been sent regularly to headquarters, the garments coming from the local branch and Builyan-Many Peaks and Benaraby sub-branches. Following instructions from headquarters we discontinued making certain articles, and concentrated on socks, pullovers and cardigans with good results. We were also asked, as an urgent request, to make white cotton socks for tinnia patients, and although headquarters were having difficulty in procuring knitting cotton for same, we were able to obtain our supplies locally and go ahead. Our appeal for knitters for these socks met with ready response. Later we were sent wool for making bed jackets for sick servicewomen. A large quantity of this wool had been donated headquarters specially for this purpose, and all branches were asked to make a certain number as quickly as possible. We hope to distribute the last of the wool this week. Owing to altered domestic conditions, several of our knitters, including some of the original ones, find that they no longer have time to do their usual output of knitting. We are hopeful, however, that additional help will be given the circle to enable it to keep up the consignments. Mrs. Schneider has been a great help, and on several occasions carried on during my absence, and once again I must express my best thanks.

In thanking all who assisted during the year I would like to specially mention those people who donated knitted garments to the circle. Our work generally was of an excellent standard, and we hope to maintain this in a satisfactory manner during the coming year.

PADDY'S MARKET.

Mrs. A. H. Friend (Paddy's market) reported that the functions had been held on the second Friday in each month, and had raised £452, which sum exceeded the total purchases of materials necessary to carry on the sewing and knitting. This amount did not include the Red Cross week fete, when the committee ran four stalls and raised £181/7/7 on that day. The year had been a pleasant one, and the loyal band of workers were sincerely thanked for their co-operation. Mrs. Hall, as assistant convenor, had taken charge on several occasions. During the year the market had lost some of its best jam makers, and this, coupled with butter rationing, was a serious threat to the finances. Any ladies able to make jam for the market were asked to advise the convenor. The necessary fruit and sugar would be supplied. Those who had regularly helped by contributions in cash or

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DAIRYMEN'S ORGANISATION.

The annual State conference of the Q.D.O. will begin in the board room of the Producers' Distributing Society's office, Turbot Street, Brisbane, to-morrow (Thursday). The Lord Mayor (Ald. Chandler) will open the conference.

COMMONWEALTH PASS BOOKS.

The Commonwealth Savings Bank asks its depositors who have not presented their passbooks to the bank for addition of interest since June 8 last to do so at the first opportunity. Interest for twelve months was added to depositors' accounts on June 8, and the bank desires to enter the amounts in passbooks as soon as possible. This presentation will also serve as the annual audit of passbooks in accordance with the bank's regulations. Receipts will be given for passbooks lodged at any point other than the ledger branch.

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(In aid of the Gladstone and District Patriotic and A.C.F. Funds)
CATTLE will be delivered at the Gladstone Meatworks on July 20th, 1943.
Each Beast will be valued separately, and stock owners wishing to donate Fat or Tinner Cattle are asked to please notify one of the undersigned organisers.
A. K. WALKER,
ALLEN CHAPMAN,
H. N. BALLANTINE,
Organisers.

THE LAND TAX ACTS (STATE).

NOTICE is hereby given that every person, firm and company liable to make returns under the above Acts, are required to duly make and furnish to me in the prescribed form or forms a return of—

Particulars of land owned at midnight on 30th June, 1943.

The returns are to be furnished not later than the 30th September, 1943.

Returns are to be addressed to the Commissioner of Taxes, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane.

Penalty for failure to render a Land Tax Return by the due date, £100.

Dated this first day of July, 1943.

F. J. McCARTHY,
Commissioner of Taxes.

Note.—Return Forms may be obtained at any Post Office or Office of Clerk of Petty Sessions, or at the Taxation Department, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane.

Postage on all Returns must in all cases be paid by the sender.

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CUSTOMERS' Drums refilled, immediate delivery. Price, freights (empty and full) paid to Stations Lowmead, Korenan 19/6; to Colosseum 20/; Bororen 21/; Marrawing 21/6; Toolooa 22/; Yarwun 22/6; Ambrose 23/; Marmor 23/6; Bajool 24/; Boyne Valley to Talaba, 22/6; to Barmundu 23/; Nagoorin 23/6, Barrimoon 24/; Mungungo 25/; Monto 26/. Cash with order. Brand your Name on drums.
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SAVINGS BANK INTEREST
Savings Bank Regulations prescribe that depositors' passbooks must be presented to the Bank once in each year for examination and insertion of interest.
Depositors who have not presented their passbooks since 8th June last are requested to do so at their earliest convenience.
COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK OF AUSTRALIA

TEN PLAIN FACTS about VD
Venereal Diseases
"It is very important under present conditions that the public should know of the existence of venereal diseases; their prevalence in war-time; how they are caused; the urgent necessity for early treatment; and where advice and treatment can be obtained."—THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

1. Venereal Diseases have increased since the war and are still increasing; many new cases are now occurring yearly among civilians alone. Venereal diseases cause much misery. They bring tragedy into many homes, and considerably damage our war effort by causing reduced efficiency and wasted hours.

2. Ignorance and secrecy are highly dangerous. Only from a plain and frank statement of the facts can we all know what these diseases are, how they are spread, how they can be avoided and how and where they can be cured.

3. The two principal venereal diseases are syphilis and gonorrhœa. They are caused by quite different living organisms or germs.

4. Syphilis is a dangerous, a killing disease. If not treated early and thoroughly by a doctor it can cause serious mutilation, heart disease, paralysis, and insanity, any of which may be fatal. Syphilis can be passed on to an unborn child from its mother and (unless skilled treatment is given early in pregnancy) is one of the causes of blindness, deafness, and mental defects.

5. Gonorrhœa, though not so dangerous to life, is more serious than is generally believed, and is one of the causes of arthritis, sterility, and chronic ill-health.

6. Syphilis and gonorrhœa are almost always contracted through intercourse with an infected person. The germs of these diseases quickly die outside the human body. In practice, therefore, there is no need to fear their spread by accidental infection.

7. Professional prostitutes are not the only source of infection. Any free-and-easy sex behaviour must mean a risk of infection and cannot be made safe. Clean living is the only way to escape infection—abstinence is not harmful.

8. Venereal diseases can be cured if treated *early* by a doctor. Advice and treatment are available in Brisbane for the purpose and at Public Hospitals throughout the State. Treatment is confidential and *effective*. Any family doctor will give the address of the nearest clinic. Quack treatment or self-treatment is absolutely useless and may even be disastrous.

9. Disappearance of the early symptoms does not necessarily mean that the patient has been cured. It is essential to continue the treatment until the doctor says it may be stopped.

10. Anyone who has the slightest reason to suspect infection should seek medical treatment AT ONCE. A doctor or clinic or public hospital should be consulted immediately about any suspicious sore or unusual discharge. It may not be venereal disease, but it is best to be sure. *These are the signs.* The first sign of syphilis is a small ulcer. It appears from 10 to 90 days after infection; usually about three weeks. Gonorrhœa first shows itself as a discharge which usually appears from 2 to 10 days after infection.

Further information can be obtained IN CONFIDENCE from the State Health Department, Brisbane.

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ATTENTION!—Presbyterian Flower Show, Town Hall, Friday, 27th August, 1943. Schedules available shortly for large Prize List.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Red Shield Committee will be held in the Salvation Army Hall To-night (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of members is requested.

A. A. PRING, Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Tank Street, Gladstone, for Houses, Land, and Business Propositions.

BUSTEED'S for Batteries, Car or Truck, of first quality only sold. Make your application To-day.

BYTE, the False Teeth Immersion Powder, now in stock. Only a limited amount on hand. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

BUSTEED'S (the Tyre People) will pay highest prices for Second-hand Tyres and Tubes, all makes, all sizes. If your car is laid-up, sell us your Tyres for essential users.

COME to Griffiths' Cafe for your Ice Cream, Cakes, and Fruit.

CIGARETTE Lighter Flints.—We still have a large stock of these on hand, 1/9 per dozen. P. M. Jones, Newsagent.

EXCHANGE Tenancy large unfurnished House, central position, for similar House outskirts of town. Apply "Observer" Office.

FOR SALE.—A Chev. Six Utility, good tyres, and in good running order. Apply J. Fitzgerald, Ormonde Street, Gladstone.

FOR SALE.—Buy while Stocks last: Kitchen Cabinets, 4-Drawer Duchess, Kitchen Safe, and Kitchen Chairs. Weiske's, the Furniture Place.

FURNISHED HOUSE, Flat, or Unfurnished House wanted urgently. Apply "Permanent," this Office.

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FOR SALE.—Five Panels Verandah Railing, good condition. Apply this Office.

FISHING TACKLE.—Cord Lines, Gut Lines, Hooks, Sinkers and Swivels. All at keen prices. Also a line of Cane Rods at 10/6 each. P. M. Jones, Sport Depot.

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The good citizen (whether managing a factory, or growing cabbages, or mining coal) also works harder at his daily tasks so as to produce as much as he can, thus playing his part in avoiding the evil of Inflation.

We get Inflation (with rising prices) when men and women have more purchasing power than there are goods to spend it on.

Unless enough of the essential things that the people *must buy* are produced, the effect is simply a rise in prices all round, and higher prices bring no economic benefit. They merely use up the money that should be going into War Loans, and to pay Taxes, and into A.M.P. policies by which men and women provide security for their families and comfort for their old age.

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RED CROSS SOCIETY

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kind were thanked, also the publicity officer (Mr. Connellan) whose notes each month had been the means of making the function so well known. The Press, picture theatres, V.A.D.'s (for sale of flags and collections), and Mr. Fred Stitt for keeping the grounds clean, were also thanked.

V.A.D.'s.

Miss Alma Joyner, Commandant V.A.D's., advised that all members had attended meetings, church parades, first aid lectures, and physical culture classes, also four air raid tests. Lectures had been given by Mr. Farnsworth and Matron Cairncross, picture slides by Captain Rutherford, and a talk to members by Captain E. R. B. Pike. Two members had joined the forces.

Mrs. Farnsworth had resigned as superintendent, and Mrs. Joseph as commandant. Mrs. Friend was elected quartermaster, and Miss P. Friend section leader.

Dr. Byrne gave efficiency tests, and new members sat for home nursing exams. conducted by Dr. Skinner. A donation of £1/10/- was made to the A.A.M.W.S., and £45/3/- was collected by members for Red Cross week appeal. Five new members had been enrolled, making the total 18. The bank balance was £12/1/8.

Messrs. W. V. Coase and P. Hutcheon were thanked for arranging first aid lectures each Tuesday night at the Ambulance building.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

Mr. F. C. Thampson reported that Junior Red Cross members had been given tuition in needlework by Miss Grundy, and Miss Rath had taken the first aid lectures. Members had continued sewing and making dolls and animals.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Mrs. H. W. Gollnick reported that since the commencement of the year 20 servicemen had been visited bi-weekly, including allied and Australian soldiers and sailors. Daily and Sunday papers had been distributed regularly, and donations of reading material had been made. The Survey Unit, under Major Eggling, had generously given a dance, which raised sufficient money to instal a radio in the service ward. The wireless was definitely needed, and should be installed as soon as possible. Members who had visited regularly included Mesdames Hando, G. Phillips, Hall, Barker, Taylor, C. Smith, Quodling, and P. Friend, A. Friend, Golding, Easterby, Elliott, Thompson and Johnston as auxiliary committee. The work was not a social phase of Red Cross, but a vital part of morale building. In one particular case at the Hospital the members did as fine a mental piece of therapy as could have been done by trained psychologists, simply by human kindness and sympathy.

Mr. Rallstone ('bus proprietor) was thanked for conveying members, the staff of the Hospital for courtesy, and committee members for their fine spirit and loyalty.

P.O.W. STREET ADOPTION SCHEME.

On behalf of the organisers, Mr. D. J. Connellan reported as follows:—"Although in comon with others towns Gladstone commenced its P.O.W. street scheme in November, 1942, it was not until February of this year that the scheme was put into operation. Excellent pioneering work was performed by Mrs. K. Coppin (organiser) and a small band of ladies, Mesdames H. P. Hallam, A. J. Watson and R. Elliott were the original collectors and they opened up some of the main streets late in the year. However, only £28 was collected to January 31, 1943. When the reorganisation came in February Mesdames Ricketts, Clyde Smith, Hartley, F. Johnsone, and Lodder, and Miss M. Hill joined the organisation, and new streets were opened up under the direction of Mesdames Elliott, Watson and Coppin. February returned an amount of £45/16/-, but this was considered a long way below the objective of £1000 per annum. New collectors in Mesdames Funk, M. Tait and Miss Liddicoat helped in March, when Mrs. Ricketts did valuable work organising the Fowler Estate end. Then Mrs. Geo. Phillips, D. Lewis, E. Masterson, Miss Perkins, Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Stitt, Mrs. Ellington, and Mrs. Linnane took over books to swell April collections. Finally Mrs. Tait, who had too many streets, was relieved by Mesdames Cooper and McCray, and Mesdames Hall and D. Steed became official collectors. Mrs. Kissicker did valuable work relieving Mrs. Hallam at West Gladstone. Boy scouts from both groups assisted the ladies right through, and were undoubtedly of great help. At the present time Miss V. Erbacher has four books, and is also relieving the collector at Bonar Street. However, despite many difficulties, not the least being the rapid wear of shoes on the rough streets, we reached a total of £256 for May and June, and averaged approximately £30 per week, or £1500 per annum. This appears to be our maximum, as few short lanes and parts of streets require to be completed.

A tremendous amount of work is involved, the weekly collections of amounts from each collector, the collection of books for review and audit, and return of books promptly to enable continuance of collections. There are two 100 per cent areas—Barney Point (Mrs. F. Johnstone) and Parson's Point (Mrs. K. Coppin)—where every resident is a contributor.

As the scheme covers an area of some twelve square miles, from Parsons Point to Fowler Estate to West Gladstone, Auckland Hill and Barney Point, the difficulty of keeping contact with all collectors is realised. Many contributors have thoughtfully given annual, monthly and fortnightly amounts, thus relieving the ladies of much hard work. The backbone of the scheme is undoubtedly the assembling of reliable lady collectors, who organise each week, wet or fine. Our experience is that collections missed through any cause are seldom recovered the following week. I must express my thanks to co-organiser and Secretary, Mr. V. A. Summers, who often left his work at short notice to come considerable distances to straighten out collectors' problems. His efficiency and enthusiasm were a big factor. Secretary, Mrs. H. Browne, also attended promptly to deposits for banking.

Letters from some of our boys who are unfortunately prisoners of war were published from time to time, showing that the weekly Red Cross parcels actually saved the lives of many in enemy camps.

MAGNIFICENT RESULT.

Correspondence included the following letter from Mr. J. S. Robertson, hon. secretary Queensland Division Red Cross Society:—

In acknowledging receipt of your letter enclosing cheque to the value of £400 I have been directed by my President, His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, and the members of my committee to convey to you our sincere thanks. Your assistance in our efforts to raise £300,000 for Red Cross during 1943 is very much appreciated. It is noted that with your previous donation of £500 and the £400 just received, the total to date from your branch for Red Cross week is £915, and I take this opportunity of congratulating your members on this magnificent result.

RED CROSS PARCELS.

The Chairman of the P.O.W. adoption scheme, Mr. Geo. Wilson, advised the despatch of a number of phamplets, which showed beyond any doubt that Red Cross parcels were reaching Australian Prisoners of war in European camps, and were of material assistance in keeping them alive and well.

COOKING CAKES.

In advising that the Paddy's market came under the heading of street stall or public refreshments, Miss K. C. Bird, Divisional Rationing Officer, said that no permits could be issued for butter for use in cakes, etc. However, a good cook had tried the following with excellent results:—

1 lb. lard, 2 lbs. beef dripping; render down just enough to blend. When using for cakes to 1 lb. of the mixture add one dessert spoon of vinegar or the juice of half a lemon, and one dessert spoon of black treacle, golden syrup or honey (treacle is best). The addition of treacle keeps the cake moist. Cakes made on Saturday are in good condition on Monday.

RADIO.

In acknowledging receipt of letter asking that a radio be purchased for the military ward, Gladstone Hospital, the general secretary advised that the matter had been handed to the Commissioner for his attention. At the moment it was impossible for wireless sets to be purchased except under contract by the Society, and manufacturers were behind with their deliveries. Demands in forward battle areas had to be given precedence. However, when stocks were available Gladstone's order would be given consideration.

The Treasurer, Benaraby sub-branch (Miss G. J. Turich) forwardede donation of £1 from Mr. E. O'Connor for Red Cross week appeal.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

Immediately following the annual meeting Mr. A. W. Drewe was re-elected Executive chairman for the ensuing year. New members present included Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson and Mr. K. Ballantine.

Mr. Drewe briefly thanked committee members for his election, and said he trusted the same harmony and success would prevail during the current term.

PORT CURTIS TIDES

JULY

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
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HOUSING COMMISSION

INTERESTING EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

ALD. GOLDING AND TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL

As reported in our last issue, the Commonwealth Housing Commission sat in Gladstone on Monday, and the following evidence was submitted by Ald. W. R. Golding:—

ALD. W. R. GOLDING.

It is not only desirable, but imperative that included in the Government's post-war plan, the abolition of slum areas and the demolition or remodeling of sub-standard dwellings should be regarded as of major national importance, not only from a point of view of comfort, but mainly for health reasons and the future outlook of the individual and the welfare of the nation.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

Whether housing schemes should be the right of the Government or shared with building societies would depend principally on whether the Government would make their housing scheme sufficiently attractive that no other source would be desired, and in this connection I would say that this would mean, not only which monthly repayment would be the most attractive, but to a large extent upon the expeditious handling of the application for an advance, coupled with the least preliminary capital outlay in fees, etc.

GLADSTONE HOUSE SHORTAGE.

The cause of the house shortage in Gladstone has not been brought about by the war, nor do I consider that it has been accentuated by it. The three main causes can be briefly stated as:

(1) The rapid increase in the population of the town brought about mainly through Swifts Australian (Pty.) Ltd. purchasing the Gladstone Meatworks, and increasing the number of employees may times over.

(2) Centralised control of housing, with its many aggravated delays in dealing with applications for advances, due perhaps to the limited amount of money available to the State Advances Corporation.

(3) The apathy of the investor towards house building as a profitable investment, brought about mainly by Government regulations and restrictions.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO BUILD.

Given every encouragement to build, that is, a minimum of delay upon application, easy monthly repayments, and the assurance of supplies of material and labour necessary for a continuity of housing, there would be no danger of a recurrence of the present shortage of houses.

SUITABLE LAND.

There is, however, a real need for suitable land of an area large enough as will permit of numerous subdivisions, so that it could be regarded as a residential area, remote from the uncongenial atmosphere of industrial centres. To determine the area to be allotted to each occupier, omitting any desire to turn the allotment into a miniature farm, would be generally determined by the size of the house required. I would say that an area of one chain frontage by 2½ chains deep would be sufficient.

HOME-BUILDER.

Wherever possible the home-builder prefers to own the land on which he intends to build, and looks with a good deal of suspicion on perpetual lease blocks, preferring to pay fancy prices to obtain a block of land which he can call his own.

STABILISE PRICES.

Whether there is any necessity for the control of prices for building materials in normal times is questionable. I would suggest that it is necessary in boom periods, and in normal times it would assist the small sawmiller to carry on against his somewhat better equipped competitor, and at the same time tend to stabilise prices for similar buildings.

TAP FORESTRY RESERVES.

There will be, not in the far distant future, an urgent need to tap forestry reserves, which through distance have remained untouched, as owing to the enormous demands made on all sawmills, present supplies are fast becoming exhausted. Greater distances means increased costs, and substitutes for wood will be used in the future in ever increasing quantities.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

Government control of housing, and by this I mean a standard of new construction should only operate where local authorities' by-laws on buildings are out of date. Even so, it would, I feel, be more acceptable to the home-builder if the Government insisted on a standard set of building by-laws administered by the Local Authority, and these by-laws could and generally do give the necessary authority to order the demolishing of old buildings or repairing of sub-standard dwellings.

BE DISASTROUS.

For the Government to contemplate the erection of dwellings on a large scale, and to retain control of them would be disastrous in many ways, unless such large scale housing was carried out in a manner similar to Canberra of the Yallourn housing scheme, when individuality of design is as marked as the individuality of the average citizen.

CHARACTER OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

I repeat that it would be disastrous to construct rows of houses all similar in design, as it would clash with the character of the individual, and create in him the reverse that is generally found in the home lover—a horror of his place of abode, a carelessness and contempt for his surroundings, a restlessness and dissatisfaction which would soon be apparent not only in himself, but in his or her work.

CIVIL SERVANTS.

If, however, the Government insists on the erection and control of a number of houses in each centre for renting purposes, these should be confined for the exclusive use of civil servants, and the number to be erected would be determined by the number of civil servants employed in any one centre, and by civil servants I mean school teachers, the police, and court house staff, as from my experience it is those people who are more frequently moved on and have the greatest difficulty in securing the necessary housing.

STANDARD OF COMFORT.

That there is need for a greater degree of comfort in many of the existing houses, particularly houses for renting purposes, goes without saying, but an up-to-date set of by-laws setting out the standard of comfort required in each house would overcome this omission. Should this avenue, as an investment remain unattractive for the investor, then there would be an obligation on somebody to take his place when the present house becomes inhabitable, or a rapid increase of population takes place, but in this respect I would again stress the necessity for a dissimilarity in design, and would utter a word of caution, as there would be many pitfalls for such a venture as the wholesale erection of dwellings for what might be only a temporary increase in population of any one centre.

LONGER PERIOD OF REPAYMENT.

Dealing with the internal arrangement, number of and position of rooms, etc., I have found as a builder that the prospective builder has a very definite idea of what he requires, and his only worry is juts how far he can go without over-stepping the amount set aside for his purpose, or his ability to meet his monthly dues. If he were allowed a longer period of repayment, and at the present low rate of interest—that is, £3/12/6 per cent—he would, from my extensive knowledge, be able to include everything necessary for the completion of his home, and in this I would include electric light, water, stove, bath, hand basin, hot water system, concrete tubs, bricked-in copper, laundry, sink, pantry, and refrigerator, and this last item should be purchased in bulk by the Government and distributed to the home-builder at cost, and included as part of the capital outlay of the building.

CONTRACT SYSTEM.

As one who has spent a lifetime in building, it perhaps is only natural that I should favour the contract system as against day labour, more especially in the construction of dwellings, and Government experience must show this, even if their policy is the reverse.

LOCAL AUTHORITY.

It is my considered opinion that it would simplify the granting of advances and permission to build, if whatever system is adopted, was decentralised and placed under the control of the local authority in each city or town, working as agents for the Government, with full power to make advances and let contracts, with the right of the applicant to select his own builder if he so desires, as experience shows that many persons prefer a particular builder, and will pay quite an appreciable sum to obtain his services.

30 OR 40 PLANS.

I further suggest that the Government prepare a set of say 30 or 40 plans, which would be available at a nominal charge, with the right of the applicant to have any detail altered to suit his convenience, and in this respect I would go as far as cutting out the inspector and his fee, as generally a satisfied applicant results in a satisfied inspector; but should he desire one, then an inspector should be available; or, better still, let the inspector be a charge on the Government, and not upon the applicant.

FINANCED HOME-BUILDERS.

Over the last ten years my firm has financed dozens of home-builders, and found that it was impossible to determine the amount of the initial deposit by any set rule, relying exclusively on the honesty of the applicant to determine his deposit, and in nearly every case accepted £1 per week as the maximum repayments, and not one of these applicants are in arrears.

LIMIT OF ADVANCES.

On the other hand, we have financed many a one who has built a worker's dwelling, and not always with the best result, and tending to prove that the present conditions of advances, under the Workers' Dwelling Act, has a limit beyond which, in some cases, it is not wise to go.

LARGER FAMILIES.

Everyone realises that a man with a large family has little chance of paying off a home under the present system, and larger families should be encouraged. He should be considerably assisted by the Government, and this could be done by paying him a grant or subsidy on every child after his third from income tax collected from those who have no children, and up to two children, and this grant to be equal to the determined cost per annum of each child.

QUESTION OF PENALTIES.

The question of penalties for late payments is one that would need careful handling, and only very flagrant breaches should be taken into account, as I am convinced that given reasonable conditions, that any advances made by the Government for the better housing of the population of the Commonwealth, provided that it is not bound up in red tape, will have an immediate and beneficial effect on the whole of our national life. And here I would enter a plea for the primary producer to share in any scheme, as it is usually to be found that these hard working people are living under conditions which are anything but congenial.

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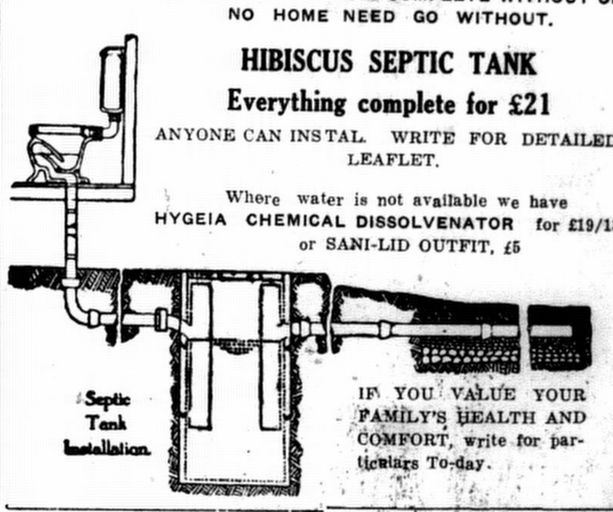

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Engagement

HILL-EMERSON.—The engagement is announced of Nancy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Emerson, Postal Department, Monto, to Driver Steve Hill, A.I.F., eldest son of the late Mr. J. M. Hill and Mrs. J. E. Herbert, Glenlyon Street, Gladstone.

Thanks.

MR. ALFRED H. GENT, of Gladstone desires to tender sincere thanks to Dr. Skinner for his skilful treatment, and the Matron, Sisters and Nurses for their kindness and attention during his long illness in the Gladstone District Hospital.

In Memoriam

VOCK.—In loving memory of Ronald Alfred Vock, who passed away on July 9th, 1939.

This is a day of remembrance,
And one of sad regrets;
This day we shall always remember
When the rest of the world forgets.

(Inserted by his loving father, mother, brothers and sisters.)

GENT.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Donald Alfred, who departed this life on 19th July, 1929.

Loved in life,
Treasured in death;
His loving memory
Is all we have left.

(Inserted by his loving parents and sisters, Auckland Street, Gladstone.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB.

Members and associates of the Gladstone Golf Club are reminded that the important eclectic stroke competitions will be held this afternoon (Saturday) on the local links. Associates will also compete for the Jones Cup. To-morrow (Sunday) the second round of the popular four ball best ball competition for Rev. Father Cullen's trophy will be staged. Partners will be the same as in the last round, but any new players not paired will be allowed to select their own partners for the day. The President of the club invites servicemen to make use of the links during the week, and to take part in club competitions during the week-end. Officers and men from any Allied units are specially welcome.

P.O.W. SCHEME.

Mrs. Bayntun (Roseberry Street) has kindly taken over collections at Glenlyon Street until Mrs. Funk junr. is able to resume in that area. In addition to doing four regular collections, Miss V. Erbacher, who is a Lone Ranger, has relieved Mrs. D. Linnane at Bonar Street. Mesdames Bennedick and Schneider (West Gladstone) have taken over collections from Mrs. Hallam at View, Side and Ormonde, also Scenery Streets. Mrs. C. D. Cooper has had to give up her collections in Auckland Street (two books), and the organisers would be pleased to hear from any lady or other person able to assist in this locality (from Tank Street to the railway line). Mr. Cliff Henderson (Queen's Hotel) has handed Mrs. Masterson a donation of £1/1/- for Gondoon Street book.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Attention is drawn to an advertisement in to-day's issue calling on all persons liable to furnish income tax returns to forward same to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane, on or before July 31, in the case of employees or persons in receipt of income from property only, and on or before August 31 in the case of all persons in business or professions, or companies. It should be noted that if any person or company liable to make any income tax return fails to do so by the due date, he or it is liable to a penalty of £100. Return forms may be obtained at the Taxation Department, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane, or at the Taxation Department, Commonwealth Government offices, Adelaide Street, Brisbane, or at any post office, or office of the Clerk of Petty Sessions in Queensland. Postage on all returns must in all cases be paid by the sender.

CONVENT SCHOOL FUND DANCE.

The popular weekly dance will again take place on Monday night next in the Empire Hall, and a feature will be the fox trot competition. There will be twelve competitors, and judging by the keeness shown in the heats, the final should attract a large attendance. The prize for the lady is a permanent hair wave, and for the gent 10/6. The floor is in excellent order, and first-class music will be provided. The function is in aid of the Convent School Fund.

MR. T. L. WILLIAMS, M.L.A.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) spent the past week-end in Gladstone and district, including Mt. Larcom, and attended a meeting of the local A.L.P., and received a deputation from the Trades and Labour Council also during his visit. On Monday he was present at the hearing of evidence taken by the Commonwealth Housing Commission in the Town Hall, in which matters Mr. Williams has always shown a keen interest, especially where a better type of home and communal facilities for the worker and his family are concerned.

21st BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Ailsa Greasley, who attained her majority on Saturday, July 10, entertained a small party of friends at her parents' (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greasley) residence, Auckland Street, to celebrate the occasion. Singing and games were indulged in, and the guests sat down to supper at 10 p.m. A beautiful birthday cake (made by Mrs. L. M. Walker) took pride of place at the table. Ailsa was congratulated on her coming of age, and received some very nice presents, amongst them being a beautiful fur, presented by her father. The function terminated at 11 p.m. after a most enjoyable evening.

STATE LAND TAX RETURNS.

An advertisement appeared in our last issue notifying that all owners of freehold, the aggregate unimproved value of which is £200 or more, are required to lodge State land tax returns on or before September 30 next. In ordinary circumstances all persons liable to lodge returns should furnish particulars in full in form "B" but owing to war conditions, this requirement has been varied and simplified to the extent that the return may be made either in form "CA" (the simple declaration where there has been no change during the year), or in form "C" where changes have been effected. All returns lodged after September 30 but before November 30 are subject to a penalty of 5 per cent of the tax for late lodgment, and all returns lodged after November 30 to a penalty of 10 per cent of the tax.

RED CROSS HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Through a typographical error the number of servicemen visited by the Red Cross Hospital Visiting Committee was shown in the annual report of the branch as 20, whereas it should have read 206. This worthy organisation, the most recent of the Gladstone Red Cross to function, is doing a splendid job, and many complimentary references have been made to the convenor (Mrs. A. F. Gollnick) on the service. Through this circle the public of Gladstone and district have an opportunity to show their appreciation of the wonderful efforts of members of the fighting forces in various units and theatres of war. Many of them have recovered their health and strength in the hospital ward. It is hoped to provide a radio for the patients at an early date, the Queensland Division of the Red Cross Society having placed the order under contract with the distributors.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. Archay, of Calliope, have now received word that their son, Pilot Officer Ken Archay, is safe and well in England.

Miss Lorna Hallam, who is attending St. Faith's School, Yeppoon, is home on her mid-winter vacation.

Mrs. J. Treacy has arrived from Longreach to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Quirk, of Short Street, before leaving for her future home in Bundaberg.

Nurse Hazel Hallam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hallam, of Gladstone, is at present spending her annual holidays with her parents. Nurse Hallam is on the staff of the Murwillumbah General Hospital.

The Inspector of Schools, Mr. Pestorious, is spending a few days in Gladstone. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Farnsworth, at a pleasant bridge evening at their residence, Gondoon Street, on Thursday night.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PADDY'S MARKET

Receipts £47/15/10

Once again the monthly Paddy's market, conducted by the organiser (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her able committee, was an outstanding success, the receipts amounting to £47/15/10. Features of the function were the wonderful collection of cut flowers (principally roses), and sweets amounting to 41 lbs. made by Mrs. Chas. Barker.

The raffle of a doll and bed (donated by Mrs. M. Ricketts) was won by Miss Alison Tudman, with ticket No. 399, and the hand-woven belt (donated by Mr. G. W. Draper) by Mrs. F. C. Thompson.

DONATIONS.

Mesdames A. V. Worthington £2 (sale of dragons), R. Broughton £1/1/, P. A. Friend £1, D. J. Connellan 10/6, J. Schneider 5/-, Shirley McCray's pupils 3/6, Miss Hall 2/- (sale of posy) and Master Des. Ballantine 1/9.

Fruit: Mesdames Shaw (Boyne Island, seville oranges; J. Simpson, comquats and citrons; R. Wilson, oranges and lemons; W. Collins, mandarins; H. C. Dougall, oranges and lemons; W. Shaw, comquats and lemons; A. H. Mann, case fruit; Messrs W. Bruce, mandarins; J. Comino, pineapples; Ricketts, seville oranges; W. Wyndham, pineapples; W. Dickinson, oranges.

Vegetables: Messrs. K. Ballantine, tomatoes; J. Comino, tomatoes; J. Worthington, carrots; Mesdames Watson, beetroot; Steed, parsley; Hall, lettuce; Easterby, chokos; Walters, lettuce; Collins, lettuce; Joseph, vegetables; Hadgraft, vegetables; Farnsworth, vegetables; Jordan, lettuce; G. C. Clark, and F. H. Pike, carrots and potatoes.

Eggs: Mesdames Steed, W. J. Barker, J. C. Simpson (Benaraby), Martin, Miss M. Hadgraft, Mr. K. Ballantine.

Flowers: Mesdames S. Geddes, Jim Worthington, Jac. Worthington, Steed, P. M. Jones, Uni, M. Vallis, Groundwater, H. Parsloe, W. Walters, H. Hall, Easterby, A. W. Young, A. Sly, P. A. Friend, Labatt, D. Pidgeon, R. Farnsworth, W. Collins, C. Howard Burnham, A. Martin, H. Ballantine.

Plants: Mesdames J. S. Henderson, Uni.

Jam: Mesdames W. Shaw, J. S. Henderson, L. S. Johnstone, Ambrose, Jim Worthington, Ricketts, Bennedict, W. Golding, Leadbetter, McDermott, A. Friend, R. Farnsworth.

Pickles and Chutney: Mesdames G. Kirkham, W. Golding, and Bennedict.

Cakes: Mesdames Ambrose, Yum, S. Geddes, Keane, J. Taylor, E. J. Masterson, H. Hall, W. Collins, G. Wilson, G. C. Clark, C. Joseph, A. Friend, Viv. Smith, P. Paxton, Watson, Ladner, Parsloe, G. Clark, J. Tracy, Pat Ryalls, Hando, P. Browne, H. Moore, W. Golding, L. Woodrow, W. J. Barker, Geo. Phillips, Pring, Condon, F. Thompson, P. M. Jones, Moore junr., Hodge, Mackay, Bycroft, Elliott, Martin, Ricketts, W. Barker, Pring, Condon.

OBITUARY

MRS. E. TURNER.

The death occurred at the Gladstone General Hospital on Saturday last of Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, wife of Frederick Albert Turner, of Calliope.

Deceased was 58 years of age, and prior to her marriage to Mr. Turner she was Miss Elizabeth Phillips, and was born at Gootchie, in the Gympie district. She was married in Maryborough in 1910.

The deceased was well known in the Gladstone district, being gate-keeper at the railway station of Barmundu, Taragoola, and Calliope. Her husband was a well-known ganger in the railway department.

She is survived by her husband and three sons, Sydney, of Goolembil, William, of Calliope, and Thomas, of the A.I.F; also three daughters, Lily (Mrs. H. Neal, Rockhampton), Evelyn (Mrs. P. McGuire, Comet Downs, Clermont), and Phyllis (Mrs. F. Coplick, Calliope) also four brothers, Joseph and Edward (Wondai), William (Biggenden), Alfred (Nanango), and one sister, Mrs. C. Kajewski, of Littlemore.

The funeral took place at Calliope on Saturday last, and was largely attended. Rev G. T. A. Phillipson officiated at the graveside.

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CAPRICORNIA ELECTION

MR. C. P. WARD, C.N.O. CANDIDATE

A Returned Soldier

Mr. Charles Power Ward, Rockhampton, has been selected as the Country-National Organisation candidate to oppose Mr. F. M. Forde, Minister for the Army, for the Capricornia seat at the coming Federal election.

MR. WARD'S CAREER.

Mr. Ward was born in Brisbane in 1893. At an early age his parents moved to the Woodford-Kilcoy district to take up dairying and cattle raising. At 18 he commenced work with a Rosewood blacksmith, and during that time was a member of the local Light Horse Troop. He enlisted with the A.I.F. in 1916, being a member of the 15th Battalion. He served in France as a non-commissioned officer for the greater part of 1917, and lost his right arm at Polygon Wood in October of that year. He returned to Australia to be discharged from the forces in 1918.

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN.

In February, 1919, he joined the staff of Mactaggart Bros., livestock salesmen, Brisbane, and remained with that firm until 1925, when he transferred to Sturmfels Ltd., as stock auctioneer and manager of the stock department. He continued with Sturmfels until the end of 1938. In February, 1939, with Mr. Norman Geddes, he founded the firm of Ward, Geddes & Co., Rockhampton, and has built up a successful business, with outside saleyards at Baralaba and Nebo.

Mr. Ward is married, with four children, his eldest daughter being attached to the W.A.A.F. He is a member and past treasurer of the Crippled Soldiers and Sailors' Association of Queensland.

MR. C. P. WARD.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FORMED.

At a largely attended meeting at the School of Arts, Rockhampton, Mr. Ward's Central Campaign Committee was formed. Mr. H. S. Beaney was elected chairman, Mr. W. H. Kettle treasurer, and Mr. J. H. Fitzpatrick campaign secretary. A committee of twenty, with power to add, was appointed. The desirability of committees forming in all centres in the electorate was strongly recommended.

A RETURNED SOLDIER.

In introducing Mr. Ward to the meeting, General Thompson said that in addition to being a successful business man of high integrity and a returned soldier, who had lost an arm in the last war, Mr. Ward had a special qualification to represent Capricornia in the knowledge he possessed of the cattle industry, upon which the prosperity of much of the district, town and country depended.

MR. WARD IN REPLY.

Mr. Ward, in responding, was fully conscious, he said, of the honour that had been paid him in asking him to stand for Capricornia. If his only qualification was that he was a returned soldier who had lost an arm in the last war he would not have considered himself any more entitled to seek return to Parliament than many thousands of others who had done their duty in the last war.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

He was influenced in coming forward by the fact that it appeared to him that in many respects the political aspect was the least creditable part of Australia's war effort. Everywhere was a desire for stable government, preferably a National Government, but influences were always working for its frustration. There was a sincere desire to end the conditions that has characterised the last Parliament.

A.L.P.

FREIGHTS AND FARES

Boyne River Scheme

At a well attended meeting of the Gladstone A.L.P. several important matters were dealt with.

A PROTEST.

It was decided to write the Town Council protesting against the very summary manner in which the Council dispensed with the services of the bodies formed to further the Boyne River water scheme.

COMMUNIST PARTY.

The Communist party is to be informed that the Labour Party had already formed a campaign committee, and that they did not require the assistance of the Communist party. If the Communists were genuine in their statements that they were anxious to assist the Labour Party, why were they putting forward candidates against sitting Labour representatives in both State and Federal elections.

MONEY ORDER OFFICE

Mr. F. M. Forde advised that as soon as a safe could be procured a money order office would be established at the South Gladstone Post Office.

FOR THE SCHOOLS.

Mr. Power reported that the Labour Day Picnic Committee had donated a new football and the sum of £3 to each of the schools, Convent, State and Meatworks.

FREIGHTS AND FARES.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., who was present at the meeting, reported that Cabinet had reduced railway freights and fares. He also reported an increase in subsidy to district controlled hospitals. He also said that Mr. Kemp (Co-ordinator General) had asked him to urge the Town Council to advise the requirements as to equipment and material for the Boyne water scheme as soon as possible.

Mr. Williams spoke on the water requirements, and on the reduction of freights and fares. Personally, he would sooner have seen a bigger reduction in freights, leaving fares for the present. By this the costs of country foodstuffs, etc., would have been reduced.

"PLANS SHOULD BE EXPEDITED."

Following Mr. Williams' statement that the Co-ordinator General was concerned at the delay in placing orders for equipment and material for the Boyne scheme, it was decided to write the Town Council urging that the plans of the scheme should be expedited so that the material and equipment could be ordered immediately.

VISITING DENTIST.

It was decided that a request be made to the department that a visiting dentist be sent to the Gladstone Hospital at an early date, also that if possible a dentist be released from the military to take up permanent duties at the Hospital.

SOCIAL EVENING.

A social evening and old-time dance was held at the Oddfellows' Hall last Wednesday night by Mesdames M. McLeod and L. Padget, and the sum of £5/8/5 has been handed to the Brigade. Mr. Schuck acted as M.C., and carried out his duties in a most capable manner. The committee appreciates the action of the ladies.

CATTLE INDUSTRY.

In coming forward he believed he was giving the people of Capricornia an opportunity of ending a position that had become intolerable to them. Election day would show whether they wanted that opportunity. As General Thompson remarked, he could claim to have some knowledge of an industry that was vital to the prosperity of Central Queensland—the beef cattle industry. But whilst he had a special knowledge of that industry he was conscious of the fact that there were other industries in this district that called for championship.

A MYSTERY.

It had been a mystery to him, as doubtless it had been to others, that such a strong case for the Mt. Morgan copper refinery had come to nothing. Roads that were essential to the welfare and safety of the district had been neglected in spite of the strongest representations. There was a feeling that the Parliamentary representation of the district was at fault. That was the main reason why such strong requests had been made for him to stand. He had acceded to those requests, and he now placed himself in the hands of the people who could help in his return. (Applause).

GLADSTONE GIRLS

JOIN THE W.A.A.A.F.

Interview Flight Officer Dow

"We have had quite a number of inquiries since our arrival," said Flight Officer Lilias B. Dow yesterday. Flight Officer Dow is in charge of the W.A.A.A.F. Mobile Recruiting Unit which is visiting Gladstone at present.

"Some of the girls are under the age of 21, and have to get their parents' consent before enlistment, added Flight Officer Dow, who with her assistant, Corporal J. Vaughan, is at the W.A.A.A.F. Recruiting Bureau, next to the Grand Hotel, where inquiries may be made.

"All the girls already in the service are happy and contented in their many and varied jobs. When I have visited Airforce stations in the course of my travels, I have seen the girls at their work, and they are doing a grand job. In fact, that is their answer when you ask them how they like service life."

"I have seen S.Q.A.'s working in the hospitals with an every-ready smile and untold patience. I have seen the dental orderlies quickly and quietly handling the necessary instruments to the R.A.A.F. dentists and sterilising those instruments. I have seen D.M.T.'s driving not cars, trucks and tenders, but ambulances and tractors, taking bomb loads to planes. To see the fabric workers busily stitching and doping aeroplane wings, others repairing and folding parachutes, which may save the life of brave airmen some day is most interesting."

"In the R.A.A.F. kitchens cooks, mess women and mess stewardesses do great work too, serving meals at all hours, day and night, to fliers. In the offices they work complicated switchboards, teleprinter machines, and send and receive Morse code. Even in the meteorological section there are W.A.A.A.F.'s recording vital weather information. These are only a few of the many interesting jobs now being done by girls who have given up excellent positions to join the W.A.A.A.F. They are happy in the fact that they are releasing a man to do more active service."

"A great comradeship exists between the W.A.A.A.F. and the R.A.A.F. both in working hours and out of them. At most stations the W.A.A.A.F.'s have an 'open house' night, when each airwoman is allowed to ask an airman to the W.A.A.A.F. recreation hut for a sing-song or a dance. In return the airmen sometimes take the W.A.A.A.F.'s to the station cinema or to a dance in the recreation hut.

"The work the W.A.A.A.F. is doing is 100 per cent efficient. The airwomen are proud of their service, and the Airforce tradition that lies behind it, proud of their uniform and what it stands for.

The age limits are 18 and 40. I know it is asking a lot for mothers to give up their girls at 18, but you must give up your girls as you gave up your sons. If they were boys they would be away, so mothers, when your girls come to you for permission to join the W.A.A.A.F.'s don't turn them away and tell them they can't go. Listen to them and let them explain their request, not only that, come and have a chat with me, and I will be only too pleased to explain any details."

Flight Officer Dow may be interviewed at the W.A.A.A.F. Recruiting Bureau, next to the Grand Hotel.

HARBOUR BOARD

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. C. W. Macfarlan), and Messrs. W. R. Golding, J. F. Donovan, E. W. Crow, A. W. Drewe, C. S. Schache, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. R. S. Wilson, who was granted leave of absence from the meeting.

APPROVED.

The Treasury Department advised that approval had been given by the Marine Board for the Port Curtis Dairy Association Ltd. to lay a pipe line across tidal lands, and to erect a pumping plant at Barney Point.—Received.

WORKS.

The Works Committee reported that Mr. W. R. Golding had been appointed chairman of the committee

PAYMENTS.

Payments amounting to £1152/17/4 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £601/16/8 were passed for payment.

SOUTH GLADSTONE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

The President (Mr. E. T. Daley) presided over the usual and largely attended monthly meeting of the South Gladstone and Barney Point Progressive Association.

Letters were received from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) and the Postmaster General (Senator Ashley), dealing with the postal delivery to Barney Point, and the installation of two public telephones.

The Town Council forwarded a letter dealing with their requests.

The letters were received.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement, and this showed a credit balance.

The secretary's report dealt with his activities during the month.

Reports were adopted.

Several new members were admitted.

GENERAL.

A committee was elected to inquire into the Council's refusal to connect Mr. Judge's residence with electric light. Measurements will be taken with a view to asking the Council to reopen the case.

The removal of the Parsons Point State School to a more suitable locality was discussed at length, and it was pointed out that 34 out of a roll-call of 38 school children were forced to travel long distances under adverse conditions to school, which was of great concern to parents.

The Association will take the matter up with the Government immediately.

It was decided to form a "busy bee" for the purpose of erecting several tree guards at Barney Point.

This work will be carried out under the direction of Mr. L. Short.

SCOUTS STREET STALL.

The street stall, conducted by the Second Gladstone Group of Scouts last Saturday, was most successful, the net takings being £14/6/-, and is a most acceptable contribution to the group funds. Mrs. Owbridge, of Barney Point, won the guessing competition, the weight of a cake, which weighed 4 lbs. The Group desires to thank all those who contributed to the success of the stall.

Commonwealth of Australia.
INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT 1936-1943.

NOTICE is hereby given that every person, firm and company liable to make returns under the above Act, is required to duly make and furnish to me in the prescribed form or forms a return of his or its income for the year ended 30th June, 1943.

The returns are to be furnished not later than the dates set out hereunder:—

(a) Employees in receipt of salary or wages only, and pensioners who have no other income, £104 or over, use Form S. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st July, 1943.

(b) Employees in receipt of income in addition to salary and wages, or persons in receipt of income from property only, £104 or over, use Form A. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st July, 1943.

NOTE.—Employees who are members of the Defence Force and whose income during the year ended 30th June, 1943, included pay and allowances as members of that Force, are only required to lodge returns where the individual member's gross income exceeded £250.

Employees who are members of the Defence Force, and whose income during the year ended 30th June, 1943, did not include pay and allowances as members of that Force, are liable to lodge returns if the individual member's gross income exceeded £104.

(c) All persons in business or professions, use Form B. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st August, 1943.

(d) All companies, use Form C. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st August, 1943.

Returns are to be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane.

Penalty for failure to render Income Tax Returns by the due date, £100.

Dated this first day of July, 1943.

F. J. McCARTHY,
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation.

Note.—Return Forms may be obtained at the Taxation Department, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane, or at the Taxation Department, Commonwealth Government Offices, Adelaide Street, Brisbane, or at any Post Office, or Office of Clerk of Petty Sessions in Queensland.

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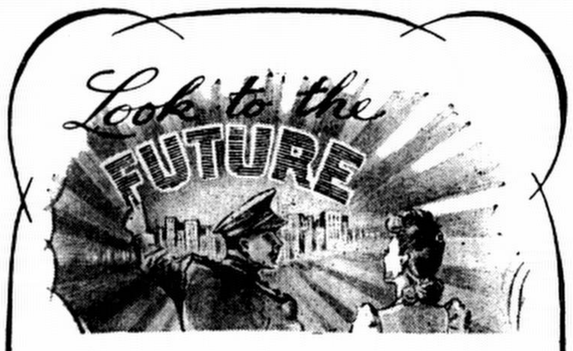

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Business: (a) To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Q.A.T.B. (Gladstone Centre) for the period 1st July, 1942, to 30th June, 1943. (b) To consider any general business of which due notice has been given.

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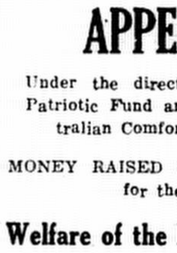

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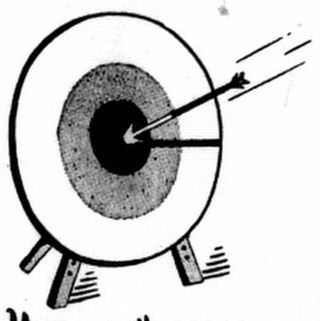

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HOUSING COMMISSION

(Continued from page)

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

The following evidence was submitted to the Commission on Sunday last by Messrs. V. J. Willey and C. Boles on behalf of the Trades and Labour Council.

We believe that a large scale Federal Government housing programme is necessary in Gladstone in the post-war period. Accommodation will also have to be built for single persons and pensioners should be well provided for.

POSITION IN GLADSTONE.

The shortage of houses is Gladstone is not due to the war, but to the fact that with the expansion of the Meatworks and other local industries, workers who previously left here at the completion of the season are now permanent residents of the town.

FINANCE.

Under the prevailing schemes finance to prospective home builders is not cheap and easy to acquire. The necessity of purchasing a block of land, the supplying a deposit, and the furnishing of the home, is beyond the reach of most wage-earners. Most of these problems could be overcome by the strict control of the perpetual lease system of land tenure, whereby all blocks would be assessed at a nominal upset price and balloted for, and not sold by auction to the highest bidder.

RATE OF INTEREST.

In the case of average size families, and even couples on a low rate of pay, assistance would have to be given in regard to the deposit. The rate of interest should never exceed the current rate of Commonwealth Savings Bank interest, and redemption should be assessed at the rate of 10 per cent of the weekly wage of the purchaser. Plans and administration cost should be reduced to a minimum.

CHECKING SPECULATION.

As a method of checking speculation in land or other tenure, we suggest that it should be sold in single blocks, and each purchaser allowed only one block, which must be built on in five years to avoid resumption.

66ft. FRONTAGE.

A strict control over the price of all building material would be necessary, and to stabilise the building industry permits would be necessary. Many and varied designs would be necessary, as each home-builder likes to be somewhat different from his neighbour. A high standard of domestic equipment and facilities, including refrigerator, would be essential. Each house should have a frontage of 66ft. of land, and in the interest of health all waste water, etc., should be drained from the property to street channeling.

DAY LABOUR SYSTEM.

As members of the working class, we favour the work to be carried out by Government departments, under the day labour system, which we believe, if properly controlled and administered, would be satisfactory, and private profits would thus be avoided.

PERIOD OF SERVICE.

To ensure a continued supply of skilled labour the apprenticeship system should be overhauled, and the period of service reduced from five to three years. In the past boys serving their time have in lots of cases been used as labourers or kept continually on one class of work, whereas if they were correctly taught and allowed to learn all sections of the trade the three-year period would be ample.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

It will be necessary to have houses built and controlled by the Federal Government for letting to the floating population, and here again it is stressed that designs should be many and varied. Local tenants' committees would be necessary to control the letting and supervision of these houses.

FOR GLADSTONE.

In conclusion we are convinced that the most important item is the introduction of a large scale Government housing programme for Gladstone, and we believe that any anomalies that may arise in its early prosecution will soon be overcome by the earnest co-operation of all persons concerned with it.

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

SINGLES HANDICAP

Busteed and Hogan Win

Two matches in the handicap singles at the Gladstone bowling green resulted in M. A. Busteed defeating R. Humphries 31-16, and J. Hogan beating C. Bycroft 33-25 after a very close game.

In the social games a rink skipped by member Tom Williams narrowly defeated a four led by George Matthews. Results:—

Mackay, Chapman, Greasley and Busteed v. Pring, Jenkinson, Drewe and Johnston 28-19.

Garrett, Schmidt, Dahl and Williams v. Ferris Fewster, Smith and Matthews 22-20.

Comino, Archay, Humphries and Friend v. Joyner, Skinner, Golding and Loveday 28-16.

Bycroft, Jenkinson, Drewe and Cooper v. Pring, Skinner Cameron and Friend 30-13.

Schmidt, Stringer, Weiske and S. Wilson v. Ferris, Weldon, Williams and G. Wilson 26-18.

Hando, Lodder, Browne and Matthews v. Coxon, Neal, Smith and Dr. Yum 29-19.

Comino Joyner, Golding and Loveday v. Sly, Chapman, Greasley and Johnston 27-21.

Corones, Ladner and Dr. Yum v. Norris, Witty and Wilson 26-13.

Hunt and Dahl v. Trott and Buettel 18-17.

Hunt and Barker v. Dennis and Duff 19-9.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

BISOUE COMPETITION

Win For Peardon

Playing excellent golf, Captain F. Peardon won the bisque competition at the Gladstone Golf Links on Saturday afternoon. His 2 up led H. C. Moore sq., L. Collins sq., M. Clifford 1 down, R. James 2 down, and E. W. Phillips 3 down.

Mrs. Easterby and R. Elliott won the mixed foursomes with the excellent card of 32 from a gross 42. Other scores were: Mrs. Fitzgerald and M. Clifford 37, Miss McGahan and L. Collins 40, and Miss Dingleton and J. Fitzgerald 44.

P.O.W. LABOUR.

Tweed Shire Council has decided to ask the Federal authorities that prisoner of war and internee labour be made available to maintain Tweed roads. The Council now has only 20 workmen, compared with a pre-war peak of 180.

MENDING STOCKINGS.

Several Brisbane skilled hose menders who specialise in repairing gossamer stockings and other quality garments state that human hair for mending stockings might be worth trying on the ordinary "ladder." This followed a report that British women were using human hair in this way.

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14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.06
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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Lights Shine Again

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Yet scarcely a day passes when further evidence is not forthcoming of the agonies of the peoples whose lands have actually suffered invasion.

Their fate might have been our fate. As it is, Australia, of all the countries actually involved in the conflict, is one of the first in which the lights may shine again.

It is worth thinking about; worth asking ourselves what would have been our fate had we imagined that neutrality would protect us, or failed to gird our loins, and earn the assistance that has come to us from Great Britain and her Allies.

If for a moment we allow ourselves to disregard what other freedom loving peoples are still suffering, what our own kith and kin are still enduring, and what we owe to those who stand between ourselves and the enemy, then we shall deserve only the cold contempt of those who, when victory comes, will have earned it.

Are we thinking, for instance, of how some of the underlying causes of this war can be removed so that peace may be more than a prelude to another and even more catastrophic war?

There is an indication of the answer to this problem in a book newly published. The authoress, Eve Curie, writes about a recent visit to the battlefronts of freedom. In Russia she asks why the Allied observers are not given more freedom to move about and see things for themselves.

"We are not going to forget so easily," replies a Russian spokesman, "the way the Soviet has been calumniated, insulted and attacked for 25 years in the countries that are now our Allies. You ask us to be trustful. Trust is a two-way proposition."

Some of us might be offended with this attitude, but resentment cannot eradicate the element of truth. Even setting aside the case of Russia, we have many other sad examples of distrust and international suspicion to look back upon with regret and discomfiture.

Liberation is in the air, and the prospect of relief for threatened and oppressed peoples is no longer in doubt. But liberation from an alien oppression is no guarantee of lasting freedom. Liberation from suspicion, from fear and want, from the hate that springs from these, will still be needed to seal the victory and safeguard the peace.

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

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a.m. SUNDAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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6.45—B.B.C. News.
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7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
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12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
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7.18—State News.
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"The Taxpayers' Association has evolved a scheme, based on the United States and Canadian practice, which offers a practical solution to these problems," Mr. White continued. "The scheme was submitted to the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Chifley), who rejected it on the apparent ground that, coming from the Taxpayers' Association, the Treasury would lose somewhere!

"Actually, the scheme is equally beneficial to the Treasury and the taxpayer. Since Mr. Chifley's summary rejection, the leading political organisations, including the United Australia Party, the United Country Party, and the Australian Council of Trades Unions, have all endorsed the principle of 'pay-as-you-go' taxation.

"To summarise the issue," Mr. White concluded, "the proposals are not a matter of 'pay-as-you-please,' but a scientific system of tax incidence."

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Further to the East the ragged, battered remnants of the Sixth Divvy were streaming back from Greece and Crete, bereft of everything but their fighting spirit, and a burning desire to avenge the chaps who couldn't make it.

In Australia a Council composed of delegates of Australian Trades Unions was meeting. The main burden of the discussions at the Council dealt with proposals for obtaining the greatest possible profit out of the war, which many of the delegates claimed was simply an imperialistic conflict. The Communist section of the Council put forward a motion condemning the war as an imperialistic struggle and urging the negotiation of a democratic peace.

This motion was defeated, to the great disgust of the Communists, who, however, got some satisfaction out of boasting that they had been responsible for more planned strikes than any other body in the industrial life of the community.

Imagine that! Boasting of keeping Australians fighting for their lives short of equipment and ammunition.

And that particular statement brought cheers when it should have brought violent retaliation from anybody worthy of the name 'Australian.'

And now, at a time when the Communists are supposedly whole heartedly in favour of the war, we find their efforts directed solely towards the development of propaganda machinery designed to overthrow our democratic way of life.

At a time when the average citizen has been asked to dig deep in his pocket to help finance the war effort this band of 20,000 war-shy traitors have raised enough money to finance four newspapers and offer £90,000 for an elaborate building in Sydney. They collect compulsory levies from workers every week. They solicit funds on the radio to further the spread of their anti-British poison.

And good men have been fighting and dying to keep the enemy away from them since 1939.

But those of us who are left know them. While to them we are "loathsome toads" and "six bob a day murderers," we have a variety of names to describe them.

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They won't get the opportunity to stab Australia in the back as they did the workers of Germany and the democrats of Spain.

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The average Aussie gets sick at heart when he thinks of the fellows who won't be back, and contrasts them with this band of squibs who did everything to sabotage our war effort until it suited them, and are now reaping all sorts of advantages from a post of patriotism.

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Engagement

BELL-JENKINSON.—The engagement is announced of Heather May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jenkinson, Flinders Parade, to Corporal Virgil A. Bell (U.S. Army), son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bell, Flamath Falls, Oregon, U.S.A.

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CURRENT TOPICS

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

COMFORTS FUND.

The Gladstone branch of the Comforts Fund is now situated in the Grand Hotel building, where visitors interested in this work will be welcomed. The meeting days are Tuesday and Friday.

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. S. Coxon advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held at the Fire Brigade Station to-morrow (Thursday) at 7.45 p.m., when a large attendance is requested. A demonstration and lecture will be given by the Fire Chief, Mr. Trott.

FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS.

Intending candidates sitting for the coming October examinations of the Federal Institute of Accountants are notified in another column that entries, etc., must be lodged on or before Thursday, August 19.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT.

A Sunday School concert, held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, July 30. Tickets are obtainable from the children or at the Manse. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Edith Roebuck sustained serious injuries when she was struck by a passing car in Toolooa Street. First aid was rendered by the Ambulance, and she was conveyed to the District Hospital for medical treatment. We are pleased to state that the condition of Mrs. Roebuck has greatly improved.

SOCIAL EVENING.

At her home on Saturday night Miss Pamela Pring held a very bright and extremely enjoyable social evening. Pam entertained a number of her friends, including Elwyn Allen, Norma Cameron, Desma Condon, Patricia Connellan, Noelle Hall, Pamela Weiske, Max Friend, Gordon Grant, Lex. O'Neill, Graham Keiseker, Max Scheimer, Roe O'Neill and Keith Upton. A delicious super was served, and competitions, indoor and outdoor games, caused much merriment.

MINISTER FOR THE ARMY.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) addressed a largely attended meeting of electors in the Embassy Theatre on Monday night. He opened his campaign in Rockhampton on Friday night, and on Saturday addressed four meetings, the first at Wowan, second at Thangool, third in the main street of Biloela, and the fourth at the Picture Theatre at Biloela during the interval. On Sunday night he addressed a meeting at Theodore, and travelled from there to Gladstone, and last night spoke at Calliope. A report of the Gladstone meeting will be published in our next issue.

BATTLE STATIONS FRONT

Stock and Donations

The following stock and donations have been received to June 16 from Diglum and Dan Dan in aid of the Battle Stations appeal of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund.

From Diglum: 1 bullock each, A. C. Chapman, C. Chapman; cows, G. Chandler J. Ferguson, F. Hickson, Mrs. Stovold, one each.

From Dan Dan: 1 steer and 2 cows Messrs. A. K. and C. M. Walker; 2 cows, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cameron, and one cow each, Messrs. E. D. Streeter and W. C. Chapman.

Donations from Dan Dan: A friend £3/3/-, Robertson Bros £2/2/-, Mrs. E. D. Streeter £2/2/-, Miss D. Streeter £1/1/-, Miss I. Streeter £1/1/-, Mr. P. Streeter £1/1/-, Miss G. A. Walker £1/1/-.

The organisers of the appeal are Messrs. A. K. Walker and A. C. Chapman.

TOWN COUNCIL

METHOD OF PUMPING WATER

Additional Machinery at Power House

A special meeting of the Council was held on Friday night last. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. R. Tudman, the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson), Mr. Claperson (electric engineer representing Mr. A. E. Axon), and Mr. Fenwick (water engineer representing Mr. W. J. Reinhold).

PUMPING.

The business of the meeting was to discuss the question of the most economic method of pumping water to the town from the new Boyne River scheme, and the need for considering the advisability of installing additional machinery at the Power House so as to cope with the increased demand that will be made upon the plant immediately the war is over.

THREE POINTS.

A lengthy discussion took place on the question of:—

(1) Steam pumping plant at the Boyne River.'

(2) Suction gas pumping plant at the Boyne River.

(3) Electric pumping from the Power House.

NOT ENTERTAINED.

The engineers contended that pumping by steam would cost approximately 9d per thousand gallons, and therefore could not be entertained.

SUCTION GAS.

On the question of items Nos. 2 and 3 there was very little difference in the capital outlay for suction gas, the cost being £12,750 against £13 200 for electric plant, the cost per thousand gallons pumped being 6.14 pence and 6.9 pence respectively. The latter cost is based on the supply of electrical energy at 1½d. which in the opinion of the aldermen was on the low side.

ADDITIONAL MACHINERY.

It was pointed out by Mr. Phillips, manager of the Power House, that even now they were in a position to pump electrically from the Power House after the peak load at night, and the installation of additional machinery at the Power House was for the growing needs of the town.

DECISION DEFERRED.

The Council deferred making a decision until the Government Engineer had been interviewed on several aspects of the proposal, which seemed at variance in the different propositions.

600 H.P. OIL ENGINE.

On the question of plant for the Power House, the engineers were instructed to consult with the authorities as to when a 600 h.p. oil engine would be available for Gladstone.

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

Week-End Matches

Play on the Gladstone Bowling Green over the week-end consisted of social games, which resulted as follows:—

Ferris, Young, Barker and Pestorius v. Smith, Coxon, Brown and Matthews 26-14.

Joyner, Chapman, Greasley and Busteed v. Mackay, Cameron, Christensen and Friend 23-18.

Honery, Weiske, Drewe and Cooper v. Garrett, Chapman, Greasley and Busteed 23-16.

Garrett, Waldron, Buettel and G. Wilson v. Hixon, Quodling, Jenkinson and Dr. Yum 20-20.

Mackay, Barker and Dr. Yum v. Ferris, Young, Browne and Pestorius 26-23.

Norris, Trott, Dr. Skinner and G. Wilson v. Ladner, Witty, Joyner and W. Archay 18-15.

Hixon, Coxon and Matthews v. Duff, Schmidt and Christensen 22-10.

Pring, S. Wilson, Golding and Loveday v. Sly, Weiske, Drewe and Cooper 25-15.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

A monthly average of 1,000,000 tons of merchant shipping has been repaired and maintained in Australian ports since the introduction ten months ago of a co-ordinated plan for merchant and naval ship repairs.

HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

GOVERNMENT'S RELIEF SCHEME

Town Council and Shires Benefit

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.), is in receipt of the following letter from the Minister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr. E. M. Hanlon), relative to the State Government's proposed legislation in order to give relief in the matter of hospital contributions throughout Queensland, which in the case of the component local authority bodies in respect to the Gladstone Hospital district will amount to an annual saving of approximately £1144.

MR. HANLON'S LETTER.

"With reference to your discussions with me from time to time on the question of the Government relieving the local authorities whose areas are in hospital districts of part of their statutory contribution of 40 per cent to hospitals boards under the Hospitals Act, I desire to inform you that cabinet has reviewed the position and has decided to recommend that as from 1st July, 1943, the contribution of the local authority to the hospital authority be reduced from 40 per cent to 25 per cent.

"The Government will, of course, become responsible for the 15 per cent of which the local authority will be relieved, making the Government's contribution 75 per cent.

"The necessary legislation will be prepared for presentation to the next session of Parliament, and the hospitals boards will be requested to prepare their budgets for 1943-44 upon the new financial basis.

AMOUNTS TO BE SAVED.

In reply to his request to be supplied with particulars relative to the amounts to be saved to the Gladstone Town Council and the Calliope and Miriam Vale Shire Councils separately, Mr. Williams has received the following additional reply:—

"Referring to your inquiries concerning the saving to local authorities in the Gladstone hospitals district under the proposed new financial allocation, I have to advise that the saving to the component local authorities based on last year's precepts will be £1144.

"The saving to the Gladstone town, Calliope shire, and Miriam Vale shire being approximately £174, £543, and £427 respectively.

"The local authority precept for the year 1942-1943 was £2.966, equal to a rate of 1.01 in the £ for the year.

"Under the new allocation the charge on the component local authorities would be £1822, equal to a rate of .62 for the area.

FOR THE AMBULANCE

Dance at Calliope

The Ambulance monthly dance and euchre, held at Calliope last Saturday night, was very largely attended. Dancing was kept going in full swing until midnight with music supplied by Miss M. Archay and Mr. F. Moran, extras being played by Miss Alma Brown and Mr. Don Cameron.

Hon. Bearer Geo. Curran acted as M.C., and carried out his duties in a most capable manner.

The Monte Carlo was won by Miss Ethel Newman and partner (Mr. C. Weldon) and the spot waltz by Miss C. Brown and partner (Mr. V. Moran).

Raffle tickets were in charge of Hon. Bearer Barker and F. Farmer.

The parcel of graceries was won by Mrs. Bellert, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, with ticket No. A2939, and the 1d raffle by Charlie Coplick, Calliope, with ticket No. D909.

Mr. Sam Dickinson was again in charge of the euchre. Mrs. J. Ironmonger winning the lady's prize, and P. Jenning the gent's.

The next Ambulance dance and euchre will be held at Calliope on Saturday night, August 14.

ORGANISED BY COMMUNIST PARTY.

In to-day's issue Mr. Merv. Thompson, of Little Bramston Street, Gladstone, advertises that a public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, July 23, the subject being, "Return a Stronger Labour Government" organised by the Communist Party.

GLADSTONE HOSPITALS BOARD

NEW ISOLATION WARD COST £2000

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH FAULTY TEETH

At the last monthly meeting of the Gladsone Hospitals Board there were present: Messrs. M. Dwyer (chairman), W. O'Reilly, A. T. Power, C. Corr, J. R. Wilson, J. Lester, G. G. Dennis, H. N. Ballantine, G. H. Potter, the Medical Officer (Dr. Skinner), and Secretary (Mr. J. Burrows).

ISOLATION WARD.

Correspondence to and from the component local authorities regarding the improvement of facilities in the isolation ward was read, and the chairman reported that the suggested conference had taken place. It was decided to deal with the report on the conference, and this was received.

COST OF £2000.

On the motion of Mr. Corr, seconded by Mr. Wilson, it was decided to adopt the report, and the statement made by the delegates from the Hospitals Board that they had agreed to an offer of a new building being provided at a cost of approximately £2000, such building to be capable of additions.

ERECTION OF NEW BUILDING.

Mr. Lester moved that the representatives of the various councils refer the matter of the erection of the new building to their respective councils, and report back to the Hospitals Board at its next meeting.—Seconded by Mr. Ballantine and carried.

Mr. Corr moved that a letter outlining the decisions arrived at be sent to the various councils.—Seconded by Mr. Dennis and carried.

RELEASE OF MATRON REDMOND.

It was decided to advise the local Manpower Officer that the Board reaffirmed its previous decision not to release Matron Redmond for military duties.

BUDGET.

Mr. Ballantine moved that a subcommittee consisting of the chairman, deputy chairman, and all members of the Finance Committee be appointed to draft the Board's budget.—Seconded by M. Potter and carried.

Mr. Dennis moved that a copy of such draft be supplied to members one week before the next meeting of the Board.—Seconded by Mr. Corr and carried.

VARIATION IN NURSES' AWARD.

The Secretary stated that he had spoken to Mr. Coll, of the Department of Health and Home Affairs, regarding what appeared to be anomalies in the definitions in the proposed claim, and Mr. Coll had informed him that the Public Service Commissioner would be attending to the matter.

The Secretary's action was endorsed.

VISITING OPTOMETRIST.

The Secretary stated, in reply to a question, that the free optical service only applied to those people who were preared to accept a certain type of frame for their glasses, and in many cases the patients were advised that the standard frames were not suitable, and as a consequence the patients had to enter into a private contract with the optician for a more expensive type of frame.

The Chairman and Secretary were instructed to interview Mr. Henderson's representative on the question of these additional charges.

DENTAL CLINIC.

The reports from the Matrons of both hospitals, Medical Officer, Secretary and Finance Committee were received, and matters arising out of same were dealt with.

The Chairman and Secretary were appointed to interview Mr. F. M. Forde regarding the Board's inability to secure the services of a dentist. This was moved by Mr. Power and seconded by Mr. O'Reilly.

LEAVE FOR SISTER COX.

Sister Cox, Gladstone Hospital, was granted two weeks extra leave.

ADDITIONAL TRAINEE.

It was decided to appoint an additional trainee at the Gladstone Hospital.

DOMESTIC QUARTERS.

Mr. O'Reilly moved that applications be made to the Depatment of Public Works for the services of an architect for the purpose of future buildings at the Gladstone Hospital, and to prepare plans, etc., of new domestic quarters.—Seconded by Mr. Power and carried.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £177/19/2 were passed for payment.

MANY PEAKS HOSPITAL.

Matron Griffiths, Many Peaks Hospital, reported as follows:—

Out-patients 35, attendance 56, and a quiet period was experienced. Gifts received during June included: Milk and fruit from Mrs. Watson, and eggs from Mrs. Young, senr.

The report was adopted.

GLADSTONE HOSPITAL.

Matron Redmond, Gladstone Hospital, reported that thanks were due to members of the Red Cross Society for bi-weekly visits to servicemen in hospital; to members of the C.W.A. for visits to patients, and to Mr. Colyer (Boyne Island) and Mr. Watt for lemons, and Mr. Whetter (Littlemore).

The report was adopted.

DR. SKINNER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. H. B. Skinner) reported as follows:—

In-patients: Remaining in hospital on 31/5/43, 3 males, 12 females; admitted during month, 62 males, 42 females; discharged, 70 males, 36 females; died, 1 male; remaining in hospital on 30/6/43, 24 males, 16 females; daily average, 44.63.

Out-patients, 538, visits 809; operations 36, major 7, minor 29; anaesthetics by Dr. Yum, 17.

Maternital Ward: Remaining in hospital on 31/5/43, 4 mothers, 3 babies; admitted during month, 9 mothers; discharged during month, 9 mothers, 9 babies; remaining in hospital on 32/6/43, 4 mothers, 4 babies; daily average 5.23.

The report was adopted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Burrows) reported as follows:—

Since last meeting the following matters have received attention:—

'BUS SERVICE.

The proprietor stated that he was very hopeful about securing a new 'bus, and promised to give the Hospital run every consideration as soon as he secured this vehicle, but with his present plant he could not offer any relief.

LAUNDRY.

A further inspection has been made by some members of the Board, and the Department of Health and Home Affairs has been communicated with on two occasions with a view to expediting the visit of the engineer. In the meantime the boiler has been slightly improved by inserting a longer copper coil, and an additional laundress has been engaged.

DENTIST.

The Department of Health and Home Affairs was not very hopeful about securing a dentist. This matter is serious, and Dr. Skinner informs me that the number of children he examines with faulty teeth is alarming. I understand that although it was asked, no dentist has attended the local school this year. In my opinion the seriousness of the position should be brought under the notice of the Federal Government.

OUTSTANDING FEES.

I have not had the time, owing to the end of the financial year, to go into this question with the chairman, but our solicitors report progress with those already in their hands.

NURSES' EXAMINATION.

These were conducted this week, and thanks are due to the following for acting as supervisors: Rev. Phillipson, Rev. Father Cullen, Rev. Father McSherry, Mr. J. R. Wilson, and Mr. W. Collins.

BOILER STACK.

The new stack has arrived, and I have asked the Harbour Board to make the services of its Foreman available in erecting same.

STAFF.

Sister Cox, who is on holidays, asked for extra leave, and as a relieving sister was available, this was granted.

Matron requested that an additional trainee nurse be put on, as the present staff is only sufficient when things are normal.

STAFF ACCOMMODATION.

The domestic quarters are overcrowded, and are not satisfactory in other respects. It was suggested that you consider building new quarters.

The report was adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee reported that the following accounts had been paid in accordance with authority received at last meeting owing to the close of the financial year:—Administration £80/12/8, Gladstone £1366/15/7, Many Peaks £30/10/11, total £1477/19/2.

The report was adopted.

GENERAL.

It was decided that the Chairman and Secretary interview the Minister for the Army for the purpose of discussing the possibility of obtaining a Federal subsidy on the building of a V.D. ward at the Gladstone Hospital.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Town Council be asked to repair the road along the railway line and leading to the Hospital. This was seconded by Mr. O'Reilly and carried.

LAND COURT

SITTINGS AT GLADSTONE

Many Cases Dealt With

A sittings of the Land Court commenced at the Gladstone Court House on Wednesday last, and concluded on Thursday, Mr. J. H. Shaw (a member of the Land Court) presiding. There were also in attendance: Mr. J. P. Lucy (Land Commissioner), Mr. C. E. Stewart (Crown Law Advocate), Mr. H. W. Kay (Deputy Court Registrar), Mr. J. W. A. Common (Assisting Ranger), and Mr. G. Matthews (Land Ranger).

THE CASES.

The following cases were dealt with:—

G.S. No. 2284, James R. C. Bailey, present rent 2½d, rent recommended, 2½d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2285, James R. C. Bailey, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2255, John J. O. O'Sullivan, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate ½d, Court's decision 1d.

No. 2245, Eric H. C. Steel, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 1½d.

No. 1893, George McGann, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate 1½d. Court's decision 1½d.

No. 2537, Mathew M. Moran, present rent ½d. rent recommended ½d, lessee's estimate ½d, Court's decision ½d.

No. 2300, Walter Ferris, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2260, Walter Ferris, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate ½d, Court's decision 1½d.

No. 2313, Edward D. Streeter, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, Court's decision 1½d.

No. 2237, Charles Chapman, present rent 4d, rent recommended 4d, lessee's estimate 4d, Court's decision 4d.

No. 2258, Christina Stovold and Joseph E. Ball, executors, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 2d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 2d.

No. 2247, William S. Gill, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 2d.

No. 2257, William S. Gill, present rent 4d, rent recommended 4d, lessee's estimate 3½d, Court's decision 4d.

No. 2259, William S. Gill, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2246, Francis M. Hickson, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2249, Frances M. Hickson, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 3d, lessee's estimate 2½d, Court's decision 3d.

No. 2269, John M. Campbell, present rent 3½d, rent recommended 3½d, lessee's estimate 3d, Court's decision 3½d.

No. 2248, James H. Simpson, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2267, Alexander G. Colyer, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, Court's decision 1½d.

No. 2532, A. G. and A. M. Barton, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 1½d.

No. 2294, John M. Macdonald, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 3½d, lessee's estimate 1½d, Court's decision 3½d.

No. 2266, Joseph J. Lester, present rent 1d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate 1d, Court's decision 1½d.

No. 2545, Francis C. McGuire, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 3d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2280, John Moran, present rent 3½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2531, Muriel V. Moran, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2279, William H. Scoines, present rent ½d, rent recommended ½d, lessee's estimate 1/3rd pence, Court's decision ½d.

No. 2264A, William H. Scoines, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate 1d, Court's decision 1d.

No. 2264B, George H. Ferris, present rent 1½d, rent recommended 1½d, lessee's estimate 1d, Court's decision 1½d.

No. 2265, Vera M. Ferris, present rent 3d, rent recommended 3d, lessee's estimate 2½d, Court's decision 3d.

No. 2297, Otto Christensen, present rent 3d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2276, William Drynan, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2277, William Drynan, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 2d, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2278, William Drynan, present rent 2½d, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 2½d, Court's decision 2½d.

SPECIAL LEASES.

Special lease No. 6925, Wilson and McDouall, present rent £8 per annum, rent recommended £15, lessees' estimate £8, Court's decision £12.

No. 10,144, James R. C. Bailey, present rent £2, rent recommended £2, lessee's estimate £2, Court's decision £2.

PERPETUAL LEASES.

Perpetual lease No. 2225, Arthur A. Reinke, present rent 1 and 4/5th pence, rent recommended 1 and 4/5th pence, Court's decision 1 and 4/5th pence.

No. 2234, Archie L. Dahl, present rent 2 and 7/10th pence, rent recommended 2 and 7/10th pence, lessee's estimate 1 and 4/5th pence, Court's decision 2½d.

No. 2216, Frederick Bailey, present rent 1 and 4/5th pence, rent recommended 2½d, lessee's estimate 1 and 4/5th pence, Court's decision 2½d.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The improvements of special lease No. 12,478, Patrick Ansborough, were determined at the Crown's valuation of £7/9/3.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

Battle Stations Appeal

At a meeting of the Gladstone Golf Club Committee last week-end it was decided to hold a Canadian mixed foursomes competition on the links next Sunday, the whole of the proceeds to go to the Comforts Fund Battle Stations appeal.

It was at first agreed that the amount should be divided between the P.O.W. and Battle Stations funds, but the Red Cross representatives generously stood aside on account of it being Patriotic Fund month.

Mr. H. C. Moore has donated two handsome trophies for the winners of the event, and there is sure to be a very large field.

The associates will provide cold luncheon and refreshments at the club house at 12.30 p.m., so that an early start can be made with the fixture.

Members and associates are asked to select their own partners, and hand the names in to the Secretary or members of the committee not later than to-morrow (Thursday), so that the draw can be published on Saturday.

Next Saturday play will be a stroke round for Mr. Jim O'Donnell's (vice-president) trophy.

ECLECTIC COMPETITION.

Harold O'Sing, with a splendid round of 79, including a 38 over the first nine, led the eclectic field on Saturday. His nett 63 earned a reduction of two strokes by the handicapper. Captain Peardon was second with (82) 68, R. Ellis (87) 70, and H. C. Moore (88) 74.

ASSOCIATES TIE.

There was a tie in the Jones Cup, when Mesdames Starmer and Moore each returned cards of 34 nett. Other scores were Mrs. Easterby 37, Mrs. O'Sing (who had the best gross) 38, and Mrs. O'Donnell 41.

On Sunday the associates played a round for the associate delegate's trophy.

Mrs. Fitzgerald led with 33 from Mrs. Starmer 34, Miss L. Burrows 35, Mrs. O'Sing (46) 37, Mrs. Easterby 37, Mrs. Moore 39, and Mrs. O'Donnell 41.

FOUR BALL BEST BALL.

Again there was some splendid golf in the four ball best ball for the Cullen trophy. H. C. Moore and R. F. Power combining well, handed in a card of 4 up to lead the field. No other pair beat bogey.

J. Fitzgerald and L. Collins were 3 down, H. O'Sing and M. Clifford also 3 down, D. Connellan and D. R. Joyce 4 down, and F. Peardon and J. Bliss 5 down.

The Moore-Power combination now lead in the event with a total of 7 up.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Nurse Daisy Lone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lone, is spending a vacation with her parents. Miss Lone is nursing at the Brisbane General Hospital.

Misses Lorraine and Audrey Taylor, of the Q.N. Bank, Gladstone, were passengers on last Saturday's Brisbane mail, the former to spend a holiday with her aunt, Mrs. C. D. O'Bryen, Union Bank, Toowoomba, and the latter to return to St. Margaret's C. of E. Girls' School.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

ELECTION PROMISES.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Appearing in your issue of July 14 is an article headed, "Promises! Promises!" which, because of its deliberate incompleteness, calls for some criticism. It is unfortunate that you should consider it necessary to use so much valuable space, and endeavour to confuse your readers with such a carefully cut article.

It is quite true, Mr. Editor, that prominent Labour Ministers have made statements which have included "promises" you mention. If you will allow me a little of your valuable space I produce the following facts, which will assist your readers to understand some of the positive achievements of Federal Government under Mr. Curtin's administration. Here is a contrast which your article very carefully failed to mention, particularly fact No. 1. That under the Curtin Government strikes were reduced to 16 per cent of what they were under the Fadden Government, and by 42 per cent of what occurred under the rule of Mr. Menzies.

The position of soldiers too is better under Mr. Curtin than under the U.A.P.-U.C.P.

A soldier with a wife was £2/9/- under U.A.P. and £2/19/6 under Mr. Curtin.

A soldier with a wife and one child was £3/10/- and £4/11/-

A soldier with a wife and two children £4/7/6 and £5/12/-

A soldier with a wife and three children £4/18/- and £6/6/-

That, Mr. Editor, is very briefly some of the reasons why Australia today is in a much better position for her war effort than she was during the reign of U.A.P.-U.C.P. reaction. What is more, C.C. Corp workers' memories are not so short that they cannot recall that these "pig iron" parties advocated that C.C.C. workers should be paid at soldiers' rates of pay and work under military conditions. This would allow the bosses to smash trade union conditions. The Curtin Government rejected this, and gave C.C.C. workers award rates of pay, and preserved trade union conditions.

POSITION OF FARMERS.

Your article further forgot to mention the position of farmers and other rural workers. For nigh on 12 long years U.A.P. administration did just nothing to relieve the crises in agriculture. Despite years of agitation, wheat-growers failed to secure a guarantee of 4/- per bushel for the first 3000 bushels.

The Curtin Government granted this demand shortly after taking office.

The dairying boom collapsed shortly after the last war. For 20 years dairy farmers have been enduring a crises.

The yearly subsidy of 6½ million granted to the industry by the Curtin Ministry gives them security for the first time in 20 years.

Thousands of small wool growers also benefit by the increase of 2d per lb. in wool, which was secured by the Labour Government. The significance of all this will not be lost on the farmers, and the widespread swing to Labour at the last elections reveals that farmers have at last abandoned the reactionary U.A.P.-U.C.P.

Yes, Mr. Editor, the general elections will take place on August 21. The forthcoming elections will see a far wider support for Labour.

Reactionary propaganda will fail to confuse the broad mass of farmers, who now realise that a Labour Government, particularly one enjoying the united support of the industrial wing, can and will, do much to improve the position of the smaller farmers in particular.

Trusting that my letter will receive space in your valuable journal, yours, etc.,

MERV. THOMPSON.

Little Bramston Street, Gladstone.

DON'T FORGET

PUBLIC MEETING to be held Town Hall, at 8 p.m., FRIDAY, 23rd July, 1943.

Return a Stronger Labour Government, organised by the Communist Party.

Authorised by Merv. Thompson, Little Bramston Srteet, Gladstone.

FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS (INC.)

QUEENSLAND Candidates for the October 1943 Examinations of the Federal Institute of Accountants, commencing on Wednesday, 20th October, are hereby notified that their entry forms and fees must reach the undersigned on or before Thursday, 19th August, 1943.

I. T. CRAWFORD,
State Secretary.

115 Queen Street, Brisbane.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

262 CASES ATTENDED

956 Miles Travelled

At the last monthly meeting of the Brigade there were present: The Chairman (Mr. A. T. Power), and Messrs. W. O'Reilly, W. Ross, A. S. Fry, H. H. Ballantine, J. F. Clayton, W. V. Coase (secretary).

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED.

Before commencing the meeting the Chairman referred in suitable terms to the death of Hon. Bearer Ivan Hixon, who had died of burns while on active service. The Brigade had lost, he said, a good lad, and he regretted his passing very much.

All members present stood in silence for one minute.

It was decided that a letter of sympathy be sent to the parents.

GENERAL.

It was decided that the Superintendent's annual leave be granted, and that suitable arrangements be made for a relieving staff.

The balance sheet for the year ended June 3?, 1943, was received and adopted.

The budget for 1943-44 was approved of.

A vote of thanks was passed to all subscribers during the month.

The Chairman said Mr. Fry and himself had been invited to take the position of selling tickets at the dance held by the Buffalo Lodge, Gladstone No 197, when the profit was equally divided between the Ambulance and Red Shield.

Mr. Power then moved that a letter be sent to the Lodge, expressing the thanks and appreciation of the courtesy shown to Mr. Fry and himself at the dance by Messrs. A. Hopper, J. J. Lyons, R. Darling, and the committee.

The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Reilly and carried.

Accounts amounting to £78/3/11 were passed for payment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Superintendent Coase reported as follows:—

During the month of June the Brigade attended 68 accidents, 170 transports, 24 office cases, total 262.

The cars visited the following places and travelled 956 miles:— Meatworks (5), Benaraby, Nagoorin, Wietalaba, Calliope Station, Ubobo, Calliope Road, Calliope, and Benaraby.

The following donations have been received since last meeting:—

Mrs. Bauer 2/-, Paul Punter £2, C. White 2/-, W. Roberts 2/-, Mrs. Gent 2/-, R. Norris 4/-, G. Milford 4/-, C.C.C. Coney Island £2/14/4, Ladies' Committee £19/10/-, D. McGimley 4/-, J. McGregor 4/-, R. J. Mackay 4/-, C. Liddell 2/-, Wall's Camp, C.C.C. (per W. E. Moller) £1/13/-, annual collection £19/18/3, Yarwun-Targinnie dance (per E. R. Lake) £5/10/-, Bearers' euchre £2/13/6, T. Dore 5/-, Mrs. C. H. Fleetwood 2/-, telephone box £4/12/, Waterworks pipe gang (per R. James) £1/2/6.

Gus Anderson, F. Austin, S. Austin, R. Ashworth, J. Austin, E. Baker, W. Buckley, S. Buckley, Vince Boles, Jim Bensted, O. Baynton, F. Collins £1/0/3 each.

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1. Venereal Diseases have increased since the war and are still increasing; many new cases are now occurring yearly among civilians alone. Venereal diseases cause much misery. They bring tragedy into many homes, and considerably damage our war effort by causing reduced efficiency and wasted hours.

2. Ignorance and secrecy are highly dangerous. Only from a plain and frank statement of the facts can we all know what these diseases are, how they are spread, how they can be avoided and how and where they can be cured.

3. The two principal venereal diseases are syphilis and gonorrhœa. They are caused by quite different living organisms or germs.

4. Syphilis is a dangerous, a killing disease. If not treated early and thoroughly by a doctor it can cause serious mutilation, heart disease, paralysis, and insanity, any of which may be fatal. Syphilis can be passed on to an unborn child from its mother and (unless skilled treatment is given early in pregnancy) is one of the causes of blindness, deafness, and mental defects.

5. Gonorrhœa, though not so dangerous to life, is more serious than is generally believed, and is one of the causes of arthritis, sterility, and chronic ill-health.

6. Syphilis and gonorrhœa are almost always contracted through intercourse with an infected person. The germs of these diseases quickly die outside the human body. In practice, therefore, there is no need to fear their spread by accidental infection.

7. Professional prostitutes are not the only source of infection. Any free-and-easy sex behaviour must mean a risk of infection and cannot be made safe. Clean living is the only way to escape infection—abstinence is not harmful.

8. Venereal diseases can be cured if treated *early* by a doctor. Advice and treatment are available in Brisbane for the purpose and at Public Hospitals throughout the State. Treatment is confidential and *effective*. Any family doctor will give the address of the nearest clinic. Quack treatment or self-treatment is absolutely useless and may even be disastrous.

9. Disappearance of the early symptoms does not necessarily mean that the patient has been cured. It is essential to continue the treatment until the doctor says it may be stopped.

10. Anyone who has the slightest reason to suspect infection should seek medical treatment AT ONCE. A doctor or clinic or public hospital should be consulted immediately about any suspicious sore or unusual discharge. It may not be venereal disease, but it is best to be sure. *These are the signs.* The first sign of syphilis is a small ulcer. It appears from 10 to 90 days after infection; usually about three weeks. Gonorrhœa first shows itself as a discharge which usually appears from 2 to 10 days after infection.

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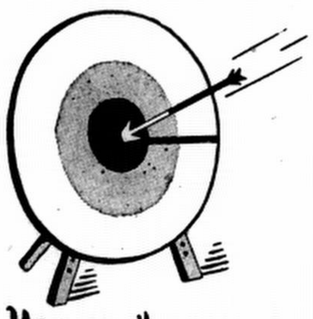

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VICTORY SHIPS

A New Science

Allied public imagination has been captured by the "Victory" ships—their symbolic name, their speed of production, and more particularly because of the fact that they are welded and not riveted. Actually, the first ship designed for welding was launched a couple of years before the war, when the tanker J.W. Van Dyke of 18,105 tons, was launched by the Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company of America.

Welding has only developed from a process not much better than soldering into an exact science during the last few years, and now steel men are regarding it as science's most versatile and promising tool. Great things are expected of it after the war, when its new-found power can be turned to use in peace-time industries, manufacturing welded motor cars, prefabricated buildings and homes.

One of the biggest triumphs for modern welding is its conquest of armour plating, formerly a welder's headache with its toughness and lack of elasticity, which couldn't withstand the stresses set up by gun fire or the impact of projectiles. Now armour plating is being successfully welded with seams of ductile stainless steel to cushion the plates in the same way as rubber seals cushion shatterproof glass in a car body.

This development is likely to be of great value to Australia, as it is only during this war that armour plating has been manufactured in Australia by the Broken Hill Proprietary Steelworks. This armour plating has played its part in Australia's first mass production enterprise—the manufacture of universal carriers for the fighting forces. Every advancement in welding now will help Australia keep her newly won place as an industrial force.

USE OF FLANNELETTE.

The Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. B. Cumming) said that misconceptions have arisen concerning the effect of a new order issued by the Rationing Commission and restricting the use of flannelette. The order deals only with white and cream flannelette in widths from 27 to 32 inches, and requires that this flannelette can be used only for making up napkins. The order does not restrict the use, making up, or sale of striped flannelette in widths outside the range of 27 to 32 inches.

WATERPROOF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.

The Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming) said that employers must collect coupons for waterproof clothing or footwear issued to employees under an award or by established custom. Although this ruling has applied since June 5 last, some employers have not yet collected coupons for these garments issued to employees, he said. The coupons collected must be returned to the Rationing Commission and a coupons permit to make replacements will be issued. Before June 5 persons purchasing waterproof clothing or footwear directly from stores were required to surrender coupons whilst employees receiving these garments from employers obtained them coupon free. As this was obviously an anomaly it was decided to make both cases subject to coupon surrender.

GOOD HOUSING

National Business

The sub-standard housing area with its inadequate sanitation and drainage is a continual menace to the public health of the whole community.

This was the main theme of the report to the Commonwealth Housing Commission by the Sydney Metropolitan Medical Officer, Dr. J. Grahame Drew, recently. Dr. Drew made particular reference to tuberculosis, infantile mortality caused by dysentery, and prevalence of V.D. where sanitary housing is lacking.

He pointed out that an epidemic with its source in a slum area claimed more victims outside the slum than in it. Probably this tendency was due to slum dwellers being better able to resist disease because of their long and continual proximity to germs.

Thus sub-standard housing, with its need for expensive social services, imposes not only a financial burden on the community, but is a real danger to general health.

Dr. Drew favoured the creation of a Central Planning Authority for the whole State, but suggested that existing organisations be used rather than new ones set up. Among the principles he laid down for any new housing policy were fixed standards for every dwelling both for construction and domestic equipment. He considered provision of the best kitchen appliances for every home, no matter how poor, would be a sound communal investment.

ECONOMIC SECURITY.

One of the chief conclusions in Dr. Drew's evidence was that housing and economic needs are so inter-related that if the purchasing of homes be made easier for individual ownership and families be made economically secure, automatic increase in population will follow.

He preferred private ownership, but maintained that multi-unit houses must be produced and maintained on a rental basis. These flats should occupy only a quarter of the land and no more than 40 to 50 flats to the acre should be permitted. He thought it essential that city and suburban areas be zoned, and that in any scheme of planned communities, playing fields, health centres, and communal laundries should be provided. Canteens should be established whereever possible in industrial works.

The effect of Dr. Drew's report was that sub-standard housing drags down both the physical and mental health of a nation. The planning of standard dwellings would be a saving in the national budget.

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
14	6.15	7.15	.....	12.28	12.32
15	7.17	8.06	.....	1.30	1.24
16	8.14	8.55	.....	2.29	2.15
17	9.06	9.42	.....	3.25	3.05
18	9.56	10.29	.....	4.18	3.57
19	10.45	11.14	.....	5.10	4.50
20	11.36	——	.....	6.01	5.41
21	12.00	12.27	.....	6.50	6.36
22	12.47	1.19	.....	7.39	7.32
23	1.34	2.15	.....	8.26	8.31
24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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MR. F. M. FORDE AT GLADSTONE

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME AND BURNETT RAILWAY

ACTIVITIES OF CURTIN GOVERNMENT OUTLINED

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde), who is again the selected Labour candidate for Capricornia, in an address in the Embassy Theatre on Monday night, gave an outline of the activities of the Curtin Government since they had been in office as the Federal Government. He outlined the Government's war record, stressing that this election would be fought mainly on the big questions of the prosecution of the war and post-war reconstruction.

CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Mr. Forde said that he had opened his election campaign in Rockhampton on Friday night last, and had then addressed meetings at Wowan, Biloela, Thangool, and Theodore. The indications were, he said, that he was going to retain the Capricornia seat by a large majority, because the people appreciated the war effort of the Curtin Government. It was his opinion that Senators Collings, Brown and Courtice, the three Labour Senate candidates for Queensland, would all be returned. Each of these Senators had carried out capably the varied and responsible tasks allotted to them.

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME AND BURNETT RAILWAY.

Mr. Forde, who was congratulated by the chairman of the meeting, Mr. W. O'Reilly, for the part he had played in securing a grant of £10,000 for the Boyne River water supply scheme from the Commonwealth Government, said that his association with Gladstone dated back to the days when he was a member of the Queensland Parliament, when he first associated himself with closer settlement and other progressive schemes. He was among the foremost who had advocated building the railway over the Dawes Range, which had resulted in the opening up of a large area and the settling of 8000 to 10 000 people in the Northern Burnett. This was a big scheme, he said, which had resulted in closer settlement, and from which area the produce was largely sent through Gladstone.

HIGHWAYS TO GLADSTONE.

Mr. Forde said that he had travelled to Gladstone from Theodore and Biloela, following for the greater part of the way the highways constructed and being constructed by the Civil Construction Corps established by the Curtin Government. One often heard aspersions being cast upon the C.C.C., but the fact was that this body of 50 000 civilians was doing a magnificent job throughout Australia. Anyone who saw their work could not help being filled with admiration.

DEFENCE WORKS.

The C.C.C., which had been brought into being by the Curtin Government had already carried out £82,000,000 worth of defence works in Australia including great aerodromes and landing strips from which the world's most modern bombers were hammering the Japs and from which fighters were going up to engage enemy Zeros in defence of Australian soil. The expenditure by the Government in Queensland to-day was at the rate of £2,000 000 a month, and in addition thousands of miles of roads, as well as port and other shipping facilities had been constructed by the C.C.C. throughout this country. It had fallen to his lot, said Mr. Forde, as Minister for the Army to approve of thousands of pounds worth of roads in his own electorate of Capricornia.

IN QUEENSLAND.

Speaking on defence preparations in Queensland, Mr. Forde said that the Department of the Army alone in the last twelve months had spent a sum of £45,000,000 in Queensland, as against £2,000,000 spent by the Menzies-Fadden Government in the year 1940-41. It was no wonder that right up through Queensland there was a greater feeling of confidence and greater prosperity now than ever before. A total of £93,000,000 had been spent on war works in Queensland in the last twelve months as against £9,000,000 in the year 1940-41. The Curtin Government was thus spending ten times as much on defence in Queensland as the previous Government.

A £10,000 GRANT.

Mr. Forde went on to say that recently when he was in Gladstone he received a deputation which impressed on him the urgency of providing a water supply scheme, and as a result the work had been given an A2 priority, and a £10,000 grant had been made to the Gladstone Town Council towards the cost by the Federal Government. He had been able to assist the claim upon the Commonwealth Government for financial assistance, because the scheme would be of value for defence when completed, and it would also fill an urgent need for the civil population. Electors of Gladstone would also remember that he had been responsible in obtaining for them their new Post Office.

MR. F. M. FORDE
(Minister for the Army).

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

Post-war reconstruction in Australia was engaging the Government's urgent attention, continued Mr. Forde. A Minister for Post-war Reconstruction had been appointed, and plans now being worked out would come to fruition in the next term of the Federal Parliament if Labour was returned to office—and returned they would be with a considerable majority. The Labour Party believed in a stocktaking now, and not in leaving reforms until after the war. There would be chaos if plans were not solidly laid during the war. The Curtin Government was pledged to see that soldiers coming back from the war, and the workers being transferred from munition works when these were no longer necessary, would not face hardships and poverty because of unemployment as after the last war. The money could be found for war purposes, and it would be found for reconstruction after the war. The Government was taking a realistic view of all problems and believed in long range planning, and this planning was now being undertaken.

RECORD OF UNITY.

Mr. Forde then emphasised that the electors could not have confidence in the opposition parties, because when they were the Government they had a discreditable record of bickering, quarrelling and intrigue, which had prevented even Ministers in the Menzies-Fadden Government administration from concentrating on their jobs. On the other hand, the Federal Labour Party had a record of unity and singleness of purpose, which had enable it to get on with the job of prosecuting the war.

"INTRIGUE AND DISSENTION."

"The Menzies-Fadden Government fell because of intrigue and dissention from within," said Mr. Forde. Although Labour did not have a majority in either House of the Federal Parliament it gave stable government to this country for nearly two years. Here are some of the things that members of the Menzies-Fadden ministries said about one another. They should know one another well enough, because they are members of the parties with the same political ideas, and they worked in the ministries together.

In 1939 Sir Earle Page, then Leader of the United Country Party, said of Mr. Menzies: "The national leader of this country must have courage, judgment and loyalty, but Mr. Menzies does not possess these qualities."

Mr. Archie Cameron, who was Leader of the Country Party and Deputy Prime Minister in the Menzies Government, said when he resigned on October 26, 1940: "I assumed leadership at a time when disruption, doubts and divided counsel ruled the party. I devoted my time for thirteen months to reconciliations, reunions, and endeavouring to produce harmony out of discord. Everlasting intrigue and manoeuvring for personal advantage reached its zenith in the ruptures of the seal of Cabinet secrecy. No party can function if its internal state is a stew of simmering discontent, spiced by insatiable personal ambitions and incurable animosities." That was the view of Mr. Cameron upon his colleagues, and he knew them pretty well, added Mr. Forde.

DEPLORABLE EXHIBITION.

Here are the words in which Mr. W. M. Hughes, Leader of the United Australia Party, described the breakaway National Service Group movement led by Mr. Hughes, a few months ago. Mr. Hughes said in a broadcast on April 6, 1943: "The people looking to the National Parliament to set them an example of that unity without which we cannot win the war, have been treated in the last few days to a deplorable exhibition of intrigue and reckless disregard of national interests calculated to bring into well merited contempt the institutions of democratic Government. Mr. Menzies is the greatest self-seeker, the man behind the scenes in every intrigue; the fountain head of every whispering campaign, the destroyer of unity."

"SHEER HYPOCRISY."

Mr. Forde continued that the Conservative Party leaders who had described one another in the words he had just quoted now were appealing for the formation of a National Government, but it had to be remembered that it was their bickering and wrangling that had brought down the Menzies and Fadden Governments, and, added Mr. Forde, their plea was sheer hypocrisy. If they could not agree amongst themselves, what chance would there be of their giving loyalty and co-operation to a National Government which included members of the Labour Party, whose platform and principles were vastly different from those of the U.A.P. and U.C.P. They realised, said Mr. Forde, that they could not smash Labour at the polls, and they want to disrupt the party by endeavouring to cajole a few of its leading members into joining a National Government and branding the rest of the party as disloyalists.

WAR EFFORT DOUBLED.

In its twenty months of office the Federal Labour Government had doubled the war effort of the previous Governments. It had completely reorganised Australia for war, and in addition had implemented a programme of far-reaching social reform. It had placed on a firm basis a post-war reconstruction scheme which was now being planned.

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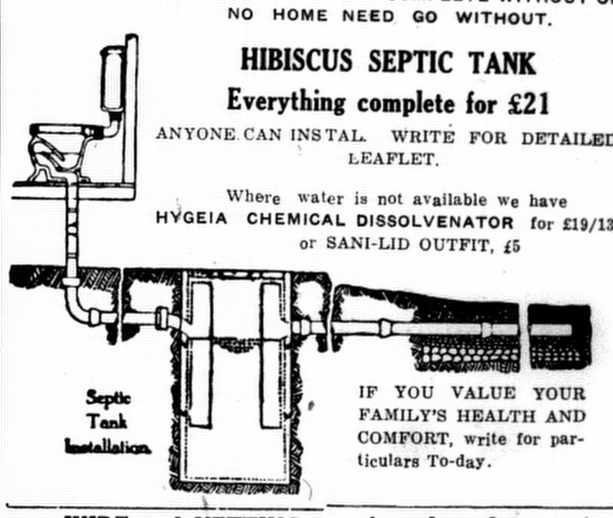

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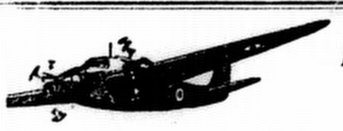

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Battle Stations Appeal

The Gladstone Golf Club has arranged a Canadian mixed foursomes competition to-morrow (Sunday) in aid of the Gladstone Comforts Fund Battle Stations appeal, the whole of the proceeds going to this cause.

Light luncheon will be served by the associates at the club house at 12.30 p.m., and afternoon tea will also be provided.

The first four will hit off promptly at 1.30 p.m. to enable all players to finish in daylight. The draw for opponents will be at 1.20 p.m.

The following pairs will take part in the event:—

Mr. and Mrs. Connellan, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. O'Sing, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, F. Peardon and Mrs. Starmer, L. Collins and Miss Joyner, W. H. McCray and Mrs. Feeney, R. Power and Mrs. Jenkinson, R. Elliott and Mrs. Smith, B. Phillips and Mrs. Burnham, M. Hanson and Mrs. Easterby, D. R. Joyce and Miss Singleton, A. F. Gollnick and Miss Chatterton, M. Clifford and Miss Archay, J. Busteed and Miss Kaine.

Members and associates desiring to play will be provided with partners if they arrive at the links early enough. Visitors and servicemen are cordially invited to take part in the competition.

MEETING CANCELLED.

Owing to a number of the speakers being incapacitated by the epidemic of influenza at present effecting the town, the public meeting advertised by the Gladstone branch of the Communist Party, to be held in the Town Hall last night, has been cancelled until further notice.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Friend Re-elected President

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday night. Present: The President (Mr. A. H. Friend), and Messrs. A. W. Young, C. Renton, H. H. Whittle, P. M. Jones, and the Secretary (Mr. L. S. Johnston).

ANNUAL REPORT.

The President (Mr. Friend) presented the following annual report:—

During the year under review many matters of vital importance to Gladstone were dealt with.

Most important of all was the resumption of the work on the Biloela-Gladstone highway. Last year, at a moment's notice, all contracts were temporarily held up, and the whole of the plant and men transferred to another road. The Chamber took the matter up immediately with the Minister for the Army and the Queensland Main Roads Commission, with the result that early this year work was again resumed, and it is earnestly hoped that the completion of this most important highway connecting the hinterland of Gladstone with the finest harbour on the Queensland coast will, before the end of the year, be an accomplished fact.

ROAD UNSAFE.

Attention of the authorities has again and again been drawn to the condition of the main highway up the coast between Boyne River and Gladstone, which is a bugbear to motorists, and a disgrace to our State Road Transport Commission. In its present condition it is definitely unsafe for the travelling public, because of its many dangerous blind curves and narrow width. The railway gates at Toolooa, en route, are also a great inconvenience to the travelling public, and very often travellers are held up half an hour at the gates. The Main Roads Commission blames the Railway Department, and the department cannot, or will not, make up its mind what to do about the big bend in the railway track at Toolooa, and so it goes on year by year. Perhaps some dictator will arise one day and see that something is done. In our memory the Chamber has been corresponding with either the Main Roads or the Railway Department for the last ten to twenty years without any sign of success.

RAILWAY YARD.

The railway yard, etc., at Gladstone is another matter on which we cannot congratulate the railway authorities. Before the war, owing to increased traffic, due to heavy log timber from the Boyne Valley, increased coal and live stock deliveries to the Gladstone Meatworks, plus the natural increase in trade inwards and outwards to Gladstone, to meet the requirements of increased population over the last ten years, the railway yards; in fact the whole lay-out of the station yard, offices, and refreshment room accommodation, are much overdue for expansion and readjustment. Since the outbreak of war, and the consequent heavy increase of traffic, the position has become almost intolerable for the staff and public, but how much it has meant to the slowing down of the war effort one can hardly estimate.

"RED TAPE RESPONSES."

In spite of all this, the Chamber's repeated representations for increased accommodation have been met with the usual departmental red tape responses, and we still muddle on with the old station facilities, which are expected to accommodate an increase of traffic, which at a guess, would doubtless show anything up to a 500 per cent increase. Is it any wonder the railways show a huge profit?

MANPOWER.

Manpower authorities have done many things that have been difficult for the layman to understand, but when they left Gladstone without one fully equipped motor garage, the owners of motor cars and vehicles in town and district were left speechless. The Chamber strongly supported a protest by the Town Authorities at the time, but to no avail. The consequence is that primary producers and food distributors, and other important national works, are seriously threatened at the present time.

NEW COURT HOUSE.

The new Court House in Yaroon Street is not only a great convenience to all who have business to do with the Clerk of Petty Sessions, the Land Agent, the Dairy Inspector, and the Police, but the building from an architectural point of view takes second place to no public building in Gladstone, of which we have some already that the town is well proud. It certainly adds to the stability and prestige of Gladstone.

BROWN-OUT REGULATIONS.

The brown-out regulations were considered by the Chamber too drastic, and very unfairly administered, but our representations fell on deaf ears. There is still no definite ruling about window lighting, although other lighting restrictions have been lifted, provided lights are not facing seawards. All the time Gladstone was in darkness Cape Capricorn and Bustard Head lights shone out to sea every night for a distance of at least 50 to 100 miles.

COMMENTS.

The Chamber during the year dealt more successfully with many other matters of interest affecting the progress and importance of the town of Gladstone, such as Police Creek and Brifney bridges, Barney Point improvements, coin shortage, dog menace, deck cargo accommodation, flying boat mail service, train services, mail service Thursdays, water facilities, Flinders Parade.

Congratulations to the Town Council on the prospects of an adequate water supply in the near future for Gladstone, and the Harbour Board on the proposed improvements and extensions on the war front.

Thanks to our war leaders and the wonderful fighting spirit of Britain, and the fighting men of the United Nations, the global war position is vastly in our favour compared with twelve months ago, and I trust before the next annual meeting of the Chamber we will meet once again under peace conditions, with total victory for the United Nations.

Our thanks is due to the consideration and prompt attention to all requests submitted to both our Federal representative (Mr. F. M. Forde, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army) and our State member, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams), and the Press.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President, Mr. A. H. Friend; vice-president, M. P. M. Jones; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hall; committee, Messrs. C. N. Joseph, A. E. Taylor, A. W. Young, C. Renton, C. Bycroft, and H. H. Whittle.

GENERAL.

The President (Mr. Friend) and Messrs. C. N. Joseph and L. S. Johnston were appointed the Chamber's representatives on the aerodrome deputation to the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde).

OBITUARY

MR. J. LONG.

Another old pioneer in the person of Mr. Jeremiah Long, of "Brooklyn," Calliope, passed away at the Gladstone District Hospital on Thursday after a short illness.

Deceased, who was 84 years of age, was well known and highly respected. He was a native of Ireland, and was born in County Cork, and arrived in Australia with his parents when a boy of six years.

After attending school in Brisbane he joined his father in his boot and shoemaking business, and subsequently joined the firm of Messrs. Cobb & Co., driving one of the coaches on the passenger and mail run between Brisbane and Beaudesert for some years.

Later he followed droving, which took him over the greater part of Queensland. After selecting land in the Calliope district he conducted the mail run from Gladstone to Kroombit, and retired about 15 years ago to his property, "Brooklyn," where he resided right up to the time of his death. His wife predeceased him some five years ago.

Deceased leaves five sons and four daughters—Frederick Edmond (Dayboro), Jeremiah Ernest (Nagoorin), Phillip Lehr (Calliope), Francis Henery (Dayboro), Herbert Arthur (Caulfield), and Mrs. A. Cunning (Emerald), Mrs. R. Staddon (Sydney), Mrs. R. Austin (Brisbane), Mrs. F. Murphy (Mt. Larcom).

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Calliope, the Rev. Father McSherry officiating at the graveside.

CATTLE AND DONATIONS.

The following additional cattle and donations have been donated by residents of the Calliope Valley in connection with the Patriotic Comforts Fund drive:—Galloway Plains Pastoral Co. 3 fat cows; H. N. Ballantine, 3 cows; G. H. Potter, E Liddell & Son, and J. H. Thomson, one cow each; Armour Bros. 2 cows; P. A. Friend, 1 bullock. Donations: E. P. Colyer £10, D. E. Stirrat £5, Messrs. Wilson & McDouall and Mr. H. H. Waddell are forwarding cheques instead of cattle. Donations can still be forwarded to **Mr. H. N. Ballantine, Galloway Plains.**

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MR. FORDE WILL HAVE PROPOSAL RECONSIDERED

At the last fortnightly meeting of the Town Council the Chairman of the Works Committee (Ald. W. R. Golding) reported that in company with Surveyor Murray he had inspected two sites for an aerodrome near Beecher, where a runway of 6000 feet could be obtained running south-east to north-west, with a runway in a northerly direction of about 3000 feet. Mr. Murray was greatly impressed, he said, and suggested that a contour survey be carried out. The site, which is on private property, is situated in the Calliope Shire area.

DEPUTATION.

Following on Ald. Golding's report, opportunity was taken of the visit of the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) to wait on him and stress the urgent necessity of having an aerodrome established. The deputation consisted of the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. R. Tudman, Mr. H. H. Whittle (clerk of the Calliope Shire Council), the President of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. A. H. Friend), Mr. C. N. Joseph (Chamber of Commerce), Mr. L. S. Johnston (secretary) and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson).

A NEW SITE.

The Mayor (Ald. Dennis), after extending a hearty welcome to the Minister, said that the deputation had been arranged to put before him the case for the building of an aerodrome on a new site about five miles from Gladstone. He said this was an old question which had been put before Mr. Forde on several occasions. The areas proposed as aerodrome sites previously had been found to be too small. Since then, however, the local bodies had made further progress. Several inspections had been made of the new area in the vicinity of Gladstone, and which was now considered to be most suitable. He added, he wished to thank Mr. Forde for the assistance he had given towards securing the grant of £10,000 for the new water supply scheme and the priority for the work.

ECONOMICALLY CONSTRUCTED.

The Clerk of the Calliope Shire Council (Mr. Whittle) apologised for the absence of the Chairman (Cr. W. Beak), who was unable to be present. Mr. Whittle then presented Mr. Forde with a letter and a map showing the site of the proposed strips near the Beecher Railway Station, on the Boyne Valley railway line. It was further stated that as the country was fairly level it would appear that the landing strips could be very economically constructed. The members of the deputation would speak on the importance of a landing ground being provided apart from its defence value and post-war civil aviation for the residents of the Shire of Calliope and the town of Gladstone, numbering some 9000 people. The two local authorities, the Gladstone Town Council and the Calliope Shire Council, earnestly desired that Mr. Forde should make representations to the Federal Minister controlling such activities to have the site inspected by an officer, and if found suitable, to have the construction work carried out at the earliest date possible.

PLEASED WITH PRESENT SITE.

Ald. Golding said he would like to impress on Mr. Forde the earnestness with which the deputation viewed the proposal for the establishment of an aerodrome at Gladstone. It was realised, he said, that after the war any town which did not have an aerodrome would not make any real progress, and an aerodrome was therefore necessary for the progress of Gladstone. This was the fourth time the Town Council and the Calliope Shire Council had endeavoured to find a suitable site. Three sites had been examined previously, but had been turned down after inspection, as the areas were too small, but he was more than pleased with the present site than any of the previous ones. The ground was level for more than a mile, and ran in a south-easterly direction, which was the prevailing wind. The deputation would like the Commonwealth Government, said Ald. Golding, to have the site contoured. This question should be looked at from the national point of view, as there must be aerodromes established throughout the important places of Australia.

STRONGLY SUPPORTED.

Mr. Friend said he had never been a member of a deputation in which he was so keen to support than the present one. Speaking for the commercial section of Gladstone, he could say that they were terribly disappointed that the town was not served with an aerodrome, as Gladstone was doing a very important war job, and it was felt that this was not being fully realised. Everything in the town and district was directly concerned with the war effort, and for this reason it was necessary that an aerodrome should be established from which Air Force planes could operate in the defence of the district. The proposal before the Minister had been discussed from every angle, and there was no question as to its suitability. He could not stress too strongly the importance with which the deputation viewed the proposal for an aerodrome. It was necessary that some action should be taken soon, and that the matter should not be left over until after the war.

Mr. Forde: How long is it since the first representations were made for an aerodrome for Gladstone?

Mr. Whittle: Eight to ten years.

Mr. Friend went on to say that he hoped that nothing would delay the beginning of the work. Surely the importance of the town of Gladstone was due for a public work of this nature.

Mr. Forde explained that in selecting sites for aerodromes the Government had to be guided by the advice of its military experts.

Continuing, Mr. Friend said it was essential to have an aerodrome established at Gladstone, and if Mr. Forde would put their representations forward in the right quarter, he (Mr. Friend) felt that something would be done in the matter.

AERODROME NECESSARY.

Mr. Joseph said there was nothing political in the present proposal, and it was merely a coincidence that the deputation was meeting Mr. Forde on the eve of an election. It was felt that the matter was one of national importance. Although Mr. Forde had said, and rightly, that the Government had to be guided by its experts, there was no doubt that local knowledge of the people and the site was very valuable, and should be taken into consideration. The deputation was of the opinion that in addition to the defence aspect the aerodrome would be most important after the war. He felt sure if the proposal was put forward to the authorities it would be fully realised that the building of an aerodrome was necessary, and as far as the Government was concerned, the expenditure would only be a drop in the ocean.

CLEARING COST BE LIGHT.

Mr. Forde: What would it cost to resume the land?

Mr. Whittle said the unimproved capital value of the land was probably 7/- to 8/- an acre, and they had been paying £1 an acre in resuming land for roads. The cost of clearing the site would be very light, and at present the land was being used for dairy cattle, with probably a little cultivation. It was a poor type of country, with some light sandy soil, but had very good natural drainage.

In answer to Mr. Forde, the Mayor (Ald. Dennis) said there would probably be 500 acres to resume.

ASSET TO GLADSTONE.

Ald. Anderson, in supporting the posal for the establishment of an aerodrome, said he regarded the area as being very suitable, and its construction would certainly be a great asset to Gladstone.

MR. FORDE IN REPLY.

Mr. Forde, in reply, said he was glad to have this opportunity of meeting the deputation and discussing the proposal with them. The question was of great importance to Gladstone. Personally, he had always supported the claims made for the establishment of an aerodrome at Gladstone, but so far they had been unsuccessful. He would approach this scheme with the same enthusiasm with which he had assisted the water supply scheme, when he had obtained a grant of 10,000 for the Town Council.

FUTURE FOR GLADSTONE.

Many years ago, continued Mr. Forde, he realised the great importance of the port of Gladstone, and was foremost in his advocacy of many public works, and was of the opinion there was a great future for Gladstone. It had a magnificent harbour, and after the war it would undoubtedly be used again as an important commercial flying boat base. It was a pity that some years ago Gladstone had not constructed a civil aerodrome, because many other Queensland towns which had done this had airports developed by the Royal Australian Air Force.

AIR TRAVEL.

Mr. Forde went on to say that it was true that Gladstone public organisations were now putting forward a better site than those previously considered. As one who realised the value of air travel for one whose duties took him to all parts of the Commonwealth, he agreed that any town of importance which did not have a good aerodrome after the war would be at a considerable disadvantage.

WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT.

Mr. Forde assured the deputation that he would give the proposal his whole-hearted support, and would endeavour to have the site considered by the authorities. An aerodrome in Gladstone would be of tremendous importance in the post-war reconstruction period. He had always taken a personal interest in the welfare of the town of Gladstone, and would continue to do this in the future, and would set himself out to help to the very utmost in having the proposal for an aerodrome favourably reconsidered.

IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN.

In conclusion, Mr. Forde stated that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see the aerodrome constructed, and he would immediately send on the representations to the Minister of Air by air mail, also a telegram informing him of the deputation, and would inform the Mayor of any development that took place.

MR. FORDE THANKED.

Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Forde for receiving the deputation, and Mr. Forde suitably replied.

Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sunday, 25th July, 1943: 9.45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Worship and Young Worshippers' League; 6.30 p.m., P.F.A. Group; 7.30 p.m., Evening Worship, sermon, Work and Religion; 3 p.m., Calliope. Minister, Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 25th July, as follows: 11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Marriage

JANSON-HART.—On July 17th, at Warwick Presbyterian Manse, by Reverend G. A. Reid, Eva May Hart, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Absolum, Oak Avenue, Warwick, to Clinton Arthur, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Janson, "Clinton," Gladstone.

Death

LONG.—At the Gladstone General Hospital, on July 22nd, Jeremiah Long, of "Brooklyn," Calliope. Age, 84 years.

R.I.P.

Thanks.

MR. and MRS. RUMPF and Family wish to thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron and Nursing Staff for their kindness; also relatives, friends and neighbours for floral tributes, messages of sympathy, and assistance in their sad bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

THE Family of Mr. J. Long, Calliope, wish to thank Dr. Skinner, Father McSherry, Matron, Sisters and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kind attention to their Father during his recent illness.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

CHRISTIE.—In loving memory of our only daughter, sister, wife and mother, who passed away at Biloela Hospital on 23rd July, 1938. Aged 33 years.

There's a face we'll always remember
There's a voice we love to recall;
There's a memory we'll cherish for ever
Of one so dear to us all.

(Inserted by her loving mother, brother, husband and children, Bill, Roy, Don, and Val.)

HARBOTTLE.—In loving memory of our dear Father, who passed away July 27th, 1941.

To be with us in the same old way
Would be our dearest wish to-day.
"Lovingly Remembered,"

(Inserted by his loving sons and daughters.)

GLADSTONE AMBULANCE BRIGADE

26th ANNUAL MEETING - £750 IN WAR LOANS

MR. POWER'S RECORD TERM OF CHAIRMANSHIP

The 26th annual meeting of subscribers and contributors to the Gladstone Ambulance Brigade was held in the Ambulance Centre on Thursday night, when there were present: The Chairman (Mr. A. T. Power), and Messrs. P. Hutcheon, A. S. Fry, W. O'Reilly, A. Barker, J. O'Brien, J. H. Wood, G. Curran, and the Secretary (Mr. W. V. Coase).

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chairman (Mr. Power) presented the following annual report:—

The Brigade started the year with a credit balance of £1859/16/9, and finished with £2271/11/11.

During the year the sum of £500 was invested in war loans, in which up to the present we have invested £750, and hold war savings certificates to the fullest extent.

Subscriptions, donations and entertainments results have increased by £300.

The increase in revenue is due to the industrial activity in the town and district, and the assistance the unions are giving the Brigade is wonderful. Entertainments have been at their peak owing to the increase in poulation.

We have endeavoured to secure a new Ambulance waggon, but up to date have not been successful. It will again be included in the estimates for this year.

While our income is at its peak every effort should be made to continue our efforts, as when the war has been successfully finalised there is sure to be a falling off of industrial activity in the town and district. Therefore, the Brigade appeals for your generous help in the coming year, and thanks all who contributed in the past year.

The Superintendent, Driver Bearer and honorary staff have worked well under difficulties owing to call-ups of honorary bearers.

It is with regret we have to record the death of a member of the honorary staff on active service, Mr. Ivan Hixon. He was a bright member of the Brigade, and will be missed.

The thanks of the Brigade are due to the Ladies' Committee, ably led by the Superintendent's wife (Mrs. W. V. Coase). She has assisted greatly since staff shortage, attending to 'phone calls when there was no one left at the Centre. The Committee appreciates her valuable services.

During the year the Brigade attended 876 accidents, 1856 transports, 329 office cases, making the total number of cases 3061.

Our cars have travelled 11,302 miles. The cost per motor (petrol, oil, tyres, tyre repairs, renovations and insurances) was 4d per mile. The cost per mile in shillings was 1/1 (operating cost divided by motor mileage). The running cost per mile in pence was 4d (actual cost of motor transport travelled). The cost per case in shillings was 7/5 (working expenditure divided by total number of cases, office and transport).

Our plant consists of one 4-cylinder Dodge car, registering 84,437 miles, one 6-cylinder Dodge car, registering 54,774 miles, and one Dodge sedan model, registering 23,832 miles.

We have a good supply of first-aid material.

The staff consists of the Superintendent (who also acts as secretary), one bearer, and eight honorary bearers.

During the year one special and nine ordinary meetings were held, the attendance being as follows:—A. T. Power 10, W. O'Reilly 10, A. S. Fry 9, J. F. Clayton 8, W. Ross 8, H. N. Ballantine 7, Geo. W. Wyatt 5.

The Committee wishes to especially thank all subscribers and contributors during the year; also those who arranged dances, etc., in aid of the Brigade funds. Their action is highly appreciated by the Committee. The publicity given by the "Gladstone Observer" and the Bundaberg "News-Mail" is of great assistance, and tends to help the activities of the Committee, for which they are grateful.

Assistance has been given to the Brigade during the year by the V.A.D.'s, W.N.E.L.'s, Red Cross Emergencies League, which my Committee deeply appreciate.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Chairman (Mr. Power), in moving the adoption of the annual report and financial statement, said he thought the Brigade was to be congratulated on its outstanding financial position, which was a credit to all concerned with the welfare of the institution. He had filled the position of chairman for the last eighteen years, he said, and during that time nominations had been called each year to fill the position, but on each occasion he had been returned unopposed, which indeed reflected the confidence of the public in the staff and the committee.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The report and financial statement, said Mr. Power, spoke for itself, the loyalty of the staff, and the work of the Ladies' Committee, coupled with the support of the public, being responsible for a most successful year.

SERVICE TO PUBLIC.

Some people said the Brigade had a lot of money, but it had to be remembered that Gladstone had reached its peak in industrial activity, as represented in the workers' contributions, and this in turn reflected the service rendered by the Brigade to the public.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

He deeply appreciated the support received from the subscribers, but many would remember the bad times they passed through during the years of depression when they had to carry a large overdraft, and he hoped these days would never return again. The financial position was being watched carefully, and they were looking to the future, and in this direction they had invested in war loans a sum of £750, which was gilt edged security.

THANKS EXTENDED.

He extended his best thanks to Mr. Coase, the bearers, Ladies' Committee, and all those who had assisted the Brigade during the year. The Ladies' Committee, under Mrs. Coase, had played their part well, while Mrs. Coase had saved the Brigade pounds in the work she had rendered, and the committee appreciated the work she had carried out.

CONFIDENCE OF PUBLIC.

Mr. O'Reilly, in seconding the motion of adoption, said he was pleased to be associated with a team that had pulled so well together in putting the institution in the financial position it was to-day, and their thanks were due to everyone who had contributed to the successful year. Excellent service had been rendered by the Brigade, and it was through this magnificent service that the institution retained the confidence of the public.

The motion was then put and carried.

"OBSERVER" THANKED.

The Chairman (Mr. Power) eulogised the services rendered to the Brigade by the "Observer," and considered that a special vote of thanks should be recorded.

Mr. Barker moved that the "Observer" be thanked for the large amount of space given to the activities of the Brigade, which was very much appreciated. Seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Reilly said he appreciated the space given to the Brigade by the "Observer," which fully realised the magnificent work being carried out.

The motion of thanks to the "Observer" was then put and carried.

RECORD TERM OF OFFICE.

Mr. C. W. Macfarlan suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks, and congratulated the Chairman (Mr. Power) on his record term of office. Mr. Power, he said, had performed outstanding work for the Brigade, and hoped he would be long spared to direct the affairs of the institution in his capacity as chairman.

GENERAL.

Mr. Fry moved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Ladies' Committee for the excellent work it had carried out during the year. Seconded by Mr. O'Reilly and carried.

The Chairman (Mr. Power) moved that this meeting convey to Mrs. Coase its best thanks for the valuable service she had rendered to the Brigade, and added, "Mrs. Coase is a silent worker in the interests of the Brigade." Seconded by Mr. Fry and carried.

Mr. O'Reilly moved a hearty vote of thanks to all subscribers during the year. Seconded by Mr. Fry and carried.

The Chairman (Mr. Power) congratulated the staff for their attendance at the annual meeting, and on behalf of the committee thanked them, as it conveyed a deep interest in the work of the Brigade.

Superintendent Coase suitably replied, and stated there was a good friendship between them all, and he had no difficulty with the staff.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT.

A Sunday School concert, held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, July 30. Tickets are obtainable from the children or at the Manse. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

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The returns are to be furnished not later than the dates set out hereunder:—

(a) Employees in receipt of salary or wages only, and pensioners who have no other income, £104 or over, use Form S. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st July, 1943.

(b) Employees in receipt of income in addition to salary and wages, or persons in receipt of income from property only, £104 or over, use Form A. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st July, 1943.

NOTE.—Employees who are members of the Defence Force and whose income during the year ended 30th June, 1943, included pay and allowances as members of that Force, are only required to lodge returns where the individual member's gross income exceeded £250.

Employees who are members of the Defence Force, and whose income during the year ended 30th June, 1943, did not include pay and allowances as members of that Force, are liable to lodge returns if the individual member's gross income exceeded £104.

(c) All persons in business or professions, use Form B. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st August, 1943.

(d) All companies, use Form C. Due date for lodgment of returns, 31st August, 1943.

Returns are to be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane.

Penalty for failure to render Income Tax Returns by the due date, £100.

Dated this first day of July, 1943.

F. J. McCARTHY,
Deputy Commissioner of Taxation.

Note.—Return Forms may be obtained at the Taxation Department, Taxation Building, George and Elizabeth Streets, Brisbane, or at the Taxation Department, Commonwealth Government Offices, Adelaide Street, Brisbane, or at any Post Office, or Office of Clerk of Petty Sessions in Queensland.

Postage on all Returns must in all cases be paid by the sender.

TRANSMISSION BY DEATH.
Real Property Acts of 1861 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made for the registration of Transmission of Title to the land hereinafter mentioned. Particulars of such application are given below and any person desiring to oppose may do so by lodging a caveat on or before the day specified at the office of the Registrar of Titles in Rockhampton.

Name of Deceased Proprietor.—Elizabeth Isabella Lusk, late of Gladstone, wife of Edmund Hugh Lusk.

Date of Death.—November 24, 1942.

Name of Claimant.—The Public Curator of Queensland, as Administrator.

Description and Situation of Land —Allots. 14, 15, sec. 85, town of Gladstone.

Estate Claimed to be Transmitted. —Fee simple.

Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Certificate of Appointment.

Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—August 31, 1943.

R. J. THOMSON,
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Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

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Dated this twentieth day of July, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON,
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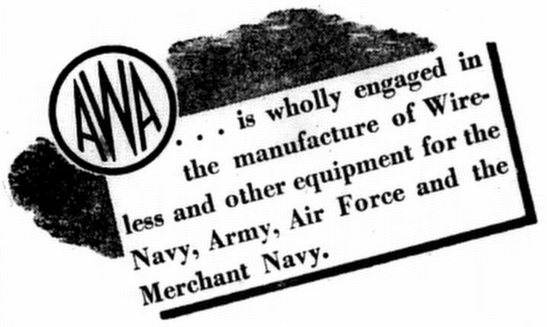

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ATTENTION!—Presbyterian Flower Show, Town Hall, Friday, 27th August, 1943. Schedules available shortly for large Prize List.

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MR. FORDE AT GLADSTONE

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prospective Prime Minister in the field. He stood for progressive Government at the head of a party which was pledged to continue an all-in war effort, and the people of Australia could not afford to make a change in these crucial times. Mr. Forde went on to say that he had emphasised these points to show that before the U.A.P.-C.P. could honestly advocate a National Government they must put their own house in order, and at the moment, added Mr. Forde, "their house is in the wildest disorder."

CRITICAL PERIOD.

Mr. Curtin became Prime Minister at the most critical period of Australia's history, when the Commonwealth was in practically a defenceless position. Everyone knew that when the Japs came into the war the door was wide open to them, as it were, to come into Queensland. However, the Federal Labour Government had completely re-organised the defences of Australia until to-day they had an army navy and air force of twice the size it was two years ago. On the other hand, shortly before the Curtin Government assumed office the Minister for the Army in the Menzies Government had stated that the Army was complete and that no more men were required. Within a few months of the Labour Government coming into office 100,000 men were called up for the Army.

MANPOWER.

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FIGHTING SERVICES.

The Curtin Government, proceeded Mr. Forde, had made substantial increases in the pay for members of the fighting services. When the Government came into office the ordinary soldier was receiving 5/- a day, but since then the active pay of soldiers had been increased by 10/6 a week. The allowance to his wife was increased by 7/6 a week, and the allowances for the first and second children by 3/6 a week for each child. In addition the War Cabinet recently had decided that an increase of 6d a day proficiency pay be granted to privates subject to good conduct, who had completed six months' service and who demonstrated their efficiency at a prescribed examination. Before Labour took office a soldier with a wife and two children drew £4/4/6 a week, but as a result of the Labour Government's action he now drew £5/12/- a week, plus 5/- child endowment, plus 14/- deferred pay, a total of £6/11/- a week and if he qualified for proficiency pay he would draw £6/14/6 a week.

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24	2.24	3.16	.....	9.14	9.35
25	3.20	4.25	.....	10.05	10.43
26	4.25	5.35	.....	10.56	11.50
27	5.35	6.36	.....	11.46	——
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

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Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	9.40	10.00	.....	3.58	3.27
2	10.18	10.34	.....	4.37	4.05
3	10.55	11.05	.....	5.11	4.45
4	11.31	11.36	.....	5.46	5.20
5	——	12.05	.....	6.18	5.57
6	12.06	12.40	.....	6.51	6.39
7	12.39	1.20	.....	7.27	7.28
8	1.16	2.08	.....	8.08	8.30
9	2.04	3.11	.....	9.00	9.43
10	3.04	4.28	.....	10.01	10.57
11	4.25	5.44	.....	11.04	——
12	5.50	6.50	.....	12.08	12.05
13	7.00	7.46	.....	1.14	1.04
14	7.59	8.37	.....	2.17	1.59
15	8.52	9.25	.....	3.07	2.53
16	9.41	10.10	.....	3.59	3.45
17	10.30	10.55	.....	4.46	4.38
18	11.17	11.39	.....	5.34	5.28
19	——	12.05	.....	6.18	6.20
20	12.21	12.52	.....	7.01	7.13
21	1.05	1.41	.....	7.46	8.09
22	1.50	2.38	.....	8.32	9.10
23	2.43	3.41	.....	9.21	10.16
24	3.49	4.53	.....	10.15	11.26
25	5.06	6.01	.....	11.10	——

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POST-WAR WORKS

BIG IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Forgotten Women

The Commonwealth Government has prepared a tentative programme of post-war works, including big irrigation projects, extensive sewerage and power schemes, afforestation, and the clearance of slums.

These are all good objects, but not one of them holds out any prospect for the employment of women.

Thousands of women who have been called up for work in factories and essential industries are enjoying financial independence for the first time. Thousands of others have been put into dead-end jobs to help the war effort. There is the making of a first-class problem here, and "playing ostrich" now will only aggravate the position later on.

"It is hard to understand why the Manpower Department is still calling up women," said an executive of a Sydney factory manufacturing war material. "Why haven't they the courage to admit that in reality no more women need be called up? For example, we have put off ten women during the last few days. A munitions annexe near Sydney has recently put off 169 process workers and checkers, and a number of others have been put off from a factory turning out defence and electrical meters. These women have all become accustomed to factory work, and yet, instead of being switched to more necessary jobs, they are put off and new ones called up.

"If only the Manpower Department had the courage to admit that many women could now be released for civilian works!

WIPE OUT DEAD-END JOBS.

"Dead-end jobs are just as demoralising for girls as they are for men, and surely it is infinitely better that a girl should be allowed to train as a milliner or for some other 'unessential' trade than to work as a tea girl in a factory—a job which has no future whatever.

"The Manpower officials are very helpful themselves, but the system is cumbersome and expensive. In our factory, for instance, we have a clerk, typist and junior entirely occupied with clerical work necessitated by Manpower regulations. In normal times, these three would not be on the staff at all. There would be nothing for them to do. Multiply those three by all the other factories and businesses which have had to put on extra staff, and you will still have only one small item in the enormous cost of manpower regulations.

"Now that the manpower position has eased off, private firms would be far better left to handle their own employment as far as women are concerned. So often we've found that totally unsuitable people are sent along by the Manpower authorities, which wastes the applicant's time, our time, and the public's money, for wasted time means higher production costs. The other day, the manpower people sent along a woman for me to interview. She was totally inexperienced in office work, but she expected a senior's pay, and added that she had asked to be sent to us as she had heard that we paid applicants' fees to learn shorthand and typing.

DIFFICULT YEARS AHEAD.

"Private enterprise is going to have as important a job to do for Australia after the war as it has had during the war, and the Government can help the difficult, immediate post-war years by letting us go ahead with choosing the right women for the right job, and by not forcing us to employ women or girls who will never be fully efficient in a war job."

If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6. Three insertions 3/-.

BOYNE VALLEY

C.W. ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

The usual monthly meeting of the Boyne Valley branch of the C.W. Association took place in the Ubobo Hall on Thursday, July 8. Present: Mrs. Mossman (president), and Mesdames Davies, Wagner, Pownall, Russell, McLachlan, Clarke, Miss Cave, and Mrs. Wedge (secretary-treasurer).

Apologies were received from Mesdames Dougall and Muspratt.

VISITORS WELCOMED.

The President extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Barton, of Lowmead, and Sister O'Connor, and invited Sister O'Connor to become a member.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with "My Creed," followed by silent prayer.

A DONATION.

It was decided to make a donation of £2/2/- to the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund.

GROUP MEETING.

The President (Mrs. Mossman) gave an interesting and instructive account of what took place at the group meeting held in Gladstone.

COOKERY BOOKS.

Several orders were placed for cookery books, and the secretary was instructed to order a dozen.

HOSTEL APPEAL FUND.

It was decided to hold a dance some time in August in aid of the C.W.A. Hostel Appeal Fund. A raffle of a parcel of groceries will be held in conjunction with the dance.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting in August, same to be followed by afternoon tea. Invitations will be sent to Mrs. Burnham and Gladstone members, and Mrs. Chandler and Calliope members.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

Birthday greetings were extended to Miss D. Muspratt.

The meeting then closed, followed by afternoon tea.

PATRIOTIC FUND

SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

A dance was held in aid of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund in the Ubobo Hall on June 19. Music was supplied by Mrs. Dougall (piano), Mr. L. A. Pownall (cornet), and Master Brian Pownall (drums).

A horse (donated by Mr. Ted Whetter) was raffled, the winner being Mr. S. C. Bull; a heifer (donated by Mrs. J. R. Bell) went to Mr. Norman Kelly, and a goose (donated by Mrs. Stapleton) to Miss Betty Spencer.

The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Mrs. G. McCann and Mr. F. G. Mossman. The prizes were donated by Mrs. Wedge.

The chocolate waltz was won by Mr. K. Crossan.

The proceeds from the dance amounted to £28/8/-.

The following donations were also received:—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Pownall £2/2/-, Master Brian Pownall £1/1/-, Mr. S. Muspratt 10/-, S. S. Bull 10/-, Mr. J. T. Broadfoot 5/-, Miss J. Davies 2/-, one membership 2/-, making a total of £33 for the night.

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"Everlasting intrigue and manoeuvring for personal advantage reached its zenith in ruptures of the seal of Cabinet secrecy.

"No party can function if its internal state is a stew of simmering discontent SPICED BY INSATIABLE PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND INCURABLE ANIMOSITIES."

He concluded his letter by saying:

"I trust that it (the Country Party) will soon redeem that unity of purpose and of will that it has lost for so long and which did not materialise to my efforts.

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"Lovingly Remembered."

(Inserted by her loving husband, daughters, and grandchildren.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1943.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

PATRIOTIC-COMFORTS FUND

BATTLE STATIONS FETE

An Outstanding Success

The battle stations fete, held under the auspices of the Patriotic Comforts Fund, Gladstone branch, was held on Friday, and proved to be no exception to the rule, the function being an outstanding success, all the goods on the four stalls being sold.

MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY.

The display at the various stalls of home-made novelties, produce, home-made sweets, cakes, jams, flowers, was really magnificent and of a high standard of quality, reflecting the greatest credit on all concerned, as it conveyed a convincing tribute of the energy and industry of the ladies of the town and district who so loyally support this organisation.

Two of the stalls were neatly and attractively arranged under canvas in Gondoon Street in the vicinity of the Grand Hotel. The business of buying and selling proceeded briskly, and early in the afternoon the stalls had sold out. It is anticipated the total proceeds will be approximately £400.

CAKE AND JAM STALLS.

The lady supporters of the Funds displayed their culinary art to perfection, as represented in the cake and jam stalls, and the goods were eagerly snapped up the quality being first-class, and showed that long hours of industry and careful concentration were combined to produce such fine articles. No wonder they were disposed of an early hour.

SWEET STALL.

There was a magnificent collection of sweets in the sweet stall, and as was to be expected, met with a ready sale, and the selection and high quality was favourably commented on, and is undoubtedly a tribute to the donors.

FLOWER STALL.

There was a fine display of flowers, and they were readily disposed of.

COMFORTS FOR THE BOYS.

The Chairman of the Patriotic Fund (Mr. W. R. Golding) and the President of the Comforts Fund (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan) were extremely pleased with the result of the effort, as it once again shows that this organisation has laid a solid foundation in providing comforts for the boys.

EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS.

All the arrangements were admirably carried out, Mr. W. R. Golding, as usual, being an "army" in himself, ably assisted by Mr. Jack Busteed and Mr. C. Chapman, and the committee desire to thank all who in any way helped to make the fete a success.

STALLS AND STALLHOLDERS.

The stalls and stallholders were:—

Cake stall: Mesdames H. C. Smith, M. Richards, R. Jones, G. Gordon, F. F. Pope, W. Beale, A. Picton, W. J. Cross, and W. C. Chapman.

Flower: Mesdames E. Burnham, A. D. Hopper, A. W. Young, Jac. Worthington, D. Smith, J. Garrett

Jam: Mesdames J. Turner, W. Keller, K. Wood.

Sweet: Mesdames C. Chapman, W. Beuttell, S. Coxon, J. M. Stanfield, J. Stewart, G. Le Clare.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

The many friends of Corporal Les. Metcalf will be pleased to learn he is spending home leave in Gladstone after 17 months' service in New Guinea.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT.

A Sunday School concert, held under the auspices of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, July 30. Tickets are obtainable from the children or at the Manse. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

P.O.W. STREET SCHEME

Excellent Progres Made

The Gladstone Prisoner of War Street scheme continues to make excellent progress, collections since the annual meeting of the branch being well up to previous figures. At a recent meeting of the P.O.W. Committee the newly elected co-organiser, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, attended with Messrs. Connellan and Summers to discuss ways and means to relieve some of the lady collectors who have several books.

Two suggestions by Rev. Phillipson (1) that the assistance of the emergency services of the branch be enlisted, and (2) that where possible depots be established as collection centres where payments could be made and books made available, are to be fully explored, and if possible acted upon.

A map of the town showed that the whole area has now been canvassed, and collectors are regularly operating in the various streets and lanes.

Mrs. H. P. Hallam, who opened the first streets in Gladstone (View Side and Ormonde, West Gladstone) has moved to Auckland Street, and her services have been made available for two books which were vacant in that area. Mrs. Hallam is now the authorised collector in Auckland Street from Tank Street to the railway line, and she has already brought the books up to date with an initial collection.

Mrs. Eric Barker has generously handed the collectors a cheque for £2/12/-, being her annual subscription. This amount goes to collector Mrs. Lodder (Herbert Street and Oaka Lane).

Mrs. E. Masterson has temporarily given up her collections in Gondoon Street, the book having been taken over by Mrs. W. H. Hall (who is now doing the whole of Gondoon Street). Mrs. Masterson will resume on her return to town.

Mrs. C. D. Cooper has unfortunately been obliged to discontinue her collection for the present, but hopes to be able to assist again later.

Mesdames Bennedick and Schneider are doing West Gladstone collections vice Mrs. Hallam.

Miss V. Erbacher is still doing four Valley books, and has also temporarily stepped into the breach at Bonar Street. As the latter is a long way out from her residence the collectors would be pleased to hear from any lady living in the vicinity who could assist in that area. Letters continue to arrive from Prisoners of War (principally in Italian and German camps), confirming the earlier advices that Red Cross parcels had been received regularly, and had been a vital factor in keeping them fit and well.

Good news for mothers and relatives of our boys who are prisoners of war in Japanese hands: The Red Cross Society has received from Japan the names of thousands of British, American and Dutch war prisoners taken at Shanghai, Hong Kong, Philippines, Java, Borneo, Malaya, Korea and Manchuria.' The names have been received by the International Red Cross at Geneva and are being sent to the Red Cross organisations throughout the world.

The lack of news from many of our boys, including Darcy Walters, who was last seen in Malaya, has caused great anxiety, and it is hoped that the new list will include all of the Gladstone and district men.

The local P.O.W. Committee continue to type letters for relatives to P.O.W. in Japanese camps (as only type written letters are accepted for transmission), and one lady (Mrs. Flanagan) has kindly sought news of other boys when writing to her son Pat.

COLONEL JOHN McGREE.

Under the heading of sportsman-doctor a Sydney journal gives the following newsflash concerning Col. John McGree: "Former Bondi lifesaver, Dr. Jack McGree, who for some time practised at Bateman's Bay and later at Gladstone (Q.), is serving as a colonel at an A.I.F. training camp in N.S. Wales. Dr. McGree was one of the first volunteers from Gladstone, joining the 11th Field Ambulance, and he was for many months at Yeppoon and northern bases. He was President of the Gladstone Golf Club, and extremely popular in town and country sporting circles. His many local friends will join in congratulating him on his success in the south.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME - SERVICES OF A SURVEYOR

A MILE OF TRENCHING HAS NOW BEEN OPENED UP

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen W. R. Golding, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson). Apologies were tendered for the absence of Aldermen M. A. Busteed, J. Deveney, and H. Anderson, and leave of absence from the meeting was granted.

SERVICES OF SURVEYOR.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, acknowledged letter requesting that the department carry out a complete survey from the site known as No. 1 Reservoir to the Boyne River in connection with the proposed new water supply scheme for Gladstone, and pointed out the department had not the necessary surveying staff to undertake the work. The department had, however, made inquiries as to the availability of an authorised surveyor, and the Surveyor General was at present negotiating with a surveyor to undertake the work. The Council would be immediately advised as soon as the services of a surveyor could be obtained.

The Mayor stated nothing further could be done in the matter until further advice was received from the department in regard to the services of a surveyor.

QUESTION OF PUMPING.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, wrote relative to making an engineer available to advise as to the most suitable pumping unit to be installed in connection with the proposed Boyne River water supply scheme, but notified that the department was now without the services of a mechanical engineer. However, the department was of the opinion that the most feasible, if not the only possible means of operating the scheme within reasonable time, would be the adoption of electric pumping. A report, however, could be obtained from the Council's consulting electric engineer.

REPORT SENT TO DEPARTMENT.

Ald. Golding pointed out that Mr. Claperson (electric engineer, representing Mr. A. E. Axon) had visited Gladstone in connection with the matter, and his report had been forwarded to the department for its comment, and nothing could be done until further advice was received from the department.

ISOLATION WARD.

Gladstone Hospitals Board, reporting on the isolation ward, stated the delegates at the recent conference were all satisfied with the inadequacy of the existing buildings and facilities, and it was decided firstly that plant to cost approximately £250 be purchased immediately. Secondly, it was decided that a new building costing approximately £2000 be provided, such building to be capable of additions.

The Council reaffirmed its previous decision (as fully reported in these columns) in regard to the matter.

A.L.P.

Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. advised that it had come to its notice that the Boyne River water scheme was being held up through failure of the Council to supply Mr. Kemp with the necessary plans and information regarding what material and equipment was required for the job. As the matter was urgent, it was suggested that the information asked for be supplied as soon as possible.

NO DELAY BY COUNCIL.

The Mayor stated as far as the Council was concerned there was no delay. As soon as they were advised that the money would be made available for the scheme action was taken to secure the services of a Government surveyor, and the A.L.P. should be advised that everything possible had been done by the Council to further the Boyne River water supply scheme, and this would continue to be done in the interests of the ratepayers and the advancement of the town.

TWELVE MILES OF PIPING.

Ald. Golding said the A.L.P. had been given a wrong impression, and if members had been reading the "Observer" they would have been acquainted with the facts where instructions had been given to their consulting engineer to place an order for twelve miles of piping, and that action had been taken some time ago to secure the services of a Government surveyor.

"EVERYTHING DONE."

The Mayor moved that the A.L.P. be infomed that everything possible had been done to expedite the scheme, both in regard to plans and specifications, securing the services of a surveyor, and the placing of an order for pipes. Seconded by Ald. Golding and carried unanimously.

A PROTEST.

Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. protested against the action of the Council in so summarily dispensing with the assistance of the representative body which was formed to further the Boyne River water scheme. Seeing that the A.L.P. were the prime movers in the formation of that body, which incidentally did most of the spade work," we think that the least you could have done was to have allowed the representative bodies the privilege of deciding for itself when its assistance was no longer necessary."

PUBLIC BODY.

Ald. Golding said it was not correct to state that the A.L.P. had been the prime movers in the formation of the public body, as he had dealt with the matter a long time ago, and had moved a motion at the Council table in regard to it. However, the services of the public body had not been summarily dispensed with, and if the Council found it necessary in the interests of the town to call the public body together again action would be taken accordingly.

IF FOUND NECESSARY.

The Mayor moved that the A.L.P. be advised that the public body would be called together if this was found necessary. Seconded by Ald. Golding and carried unanimously.

VALUATIONS POSTPONED.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, advised that a regulation under the Public Safety Act had been made, postponing the making of fresh valuations for a further period of twelve months.—Received.

ROAD SIGNS.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, advised that road signs might now be replaced throughout the area of the State without limitation.—Received.

SANITARY DEPOT.

Department of Public Health, Brisbane, inquired if any action had been taken to procure a new site for a sanitary depot. The Council was asked to instruct its inspector to submit a report for the information of the Deputy Director General on the conduct of nightsoil and refuse disposal and collection.

The Town Clerk (Mr. Grayson) stated that the Health Inspector (Mr. Browne) had forwarded a report to the department in regard to the matter.

Ald. Golding: We will have to make an inspection next Sunday morning.

Gladstone Hospitals Board asked the Council to repair the road along the railway and Flinders Street, and at the level crossing on Scenery Street.

Ald. Golding reported that the work had been carried out.

Mr. H. D. Knudsen, Gladstone, again made application to have water connected to his residence.—It was decided that a report be furnished by next meeting.

DEAD GUM TREES.

Mr. M. A. Onions, Gladstone, made application to remove two dead gum trees in Scenery Street.—To be informed that the matter be referred to the Main Roads Commission.

TRACTOR AND GRADER.

Mr. F. Spork, Gladstone, asked the Council to have the condemned tractor and grader removed from the front of his premises, as they were obstructing him in his work.—It was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the Works Committee.

ALLEGED BREACH.

The Water Foreman (Mr. D. Jackson) reported that a resident in Auckland Street had committed a breach of the water by-laws in permitting a hose to run unattended. It was decided in this case to prosecute.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Ald. Golding said he would like the Council to take over the responsibility of looking after the graves of three servicemen, and he moved a motion accordingly, which was seconded by Ald. Tudman and carried unanimously.

BOYNE SCHEME.

Ald. Golding said in connection with the Boyne water scheme, a mile of trenching had been opened up, and any hold-up that might take place would be through the delay in obtaining the special castings. The Town Clerk (Mr. Grayson), on his visit to Brisbane, could ask the engineer to endeavour to expedite the delivery. With a view to obtaining a better and quicker supply of water to the jetty he had (after consulting the Mayor) decided to have the pipes cleaned out with the ferret, and the work was now being carried out.

Mayor Dennis said it had been a difficult job, but when the work was completed it would considerably increase the flow of water.

AT BARNEY POINT.

Mayor Dennis said he paid a visit to Barney Point on Sunday, and the shelter shed was in a disgraceful condition, and something should be done to protect their property.

It was decided that the Works Committee make an inspection and report at next meeting.

A FOOTPATH.

Mayor Dennis drew attention to the state of the footpath in front of Mills' shop. Ald. Golding stated he would make an inspection.

TOWN CLOCK.

Ald. Golding moved that application be made to the authorities to have the town clock lighted again. Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

SAVAGE DOGS.

Ald. Smith drew attention to a savage dog in the Valley, which had bitten several persons, and the Mayor also referred to another savage dog.

The matter was left in the hands of the Health Inspector (Mr. Browne) to deal with.

Electric Light Authority

SALES TAX.

The State Electricity Commission, Brisbane, advised that the authority would be liable for sales tax on such articles as air break switches, cable lubs, ironwork, etc., but not on the sales of electricity, which were specifically excluded.—Received.

ELECTRIC CRANE.

Gladstone Harbour Board asked whether the Authority would make the services of its engineer (Mr. Phillips) available to the Board in connection with the re-wiring of the 15-ton electric crane.—It was decided that the services of Mr. Phillips be made available.

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY

PT. CURTIS ASSOCIATION

Total Pay £59,597/17/4

Following are particulars of butter manufactured by the Port Curtis Dairy Association, and payments made to suppliers for the month of June:—

MANUFACTURE.

	lbs.
Choice quality	339,894
First quality	413,608
Second quality	7,054
Total	760,556

PAYMENT TO SUPPLIERS.

Choice quality	364,916
First quality	392,963
Second quality	5,939
Total	763,818

The rate of pay was 1/7 per lb choice, 1/6½ first, and 1/5½ second grade qualities, the total pay being £59,597/17/4. This rate of payment included Government subsidy payment of 3½d per lb.

A total of 42,605 lbs. of cheese was manufactured at Bracewell and Theodore factories. Payment to suppliers was at the rate of 2/- per lb. butter fat, including 4d per lb. Government subsidy, and the total distribution was £2,329/17/.

RATION BOOKS.

Ninety-nine per cent of civilians entitled to receive ration books obtained their books on the two main issuing days, June 5 and 6 last. This is shown by recently completed figures, said the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming). Of the remaining one per cent quite a number have since applied for their ration books. Those persons who have not yet obtained them are advised to apply either personally or by post as soon as possible. Until July 31 these applications should be made to the Divisional Officer for the Commonwealth Electoral Division in which the applicant resides. After July 31 application must be made to the State Deputy Director of Rationing. Mr. Cumming said applicants should remember that to obtain a new ration book their civilian identity card, completed registration form CR7, and old ration book must be produced.

Knitting mills in Australia are producing more knitted goods than ever before, with far less labour than they had before the war. Besides turning out a million garments monthly for the fighting forces, they make 5,000,000 for civilian needs. They have made 13,000,000 singlets for soldiers since the war began. Extra labour for all Australian textile industries is being sought by the Government.

ENTERTAINMENTS

BATTLE STATION CONCERT

(By "Fuzzy Wuzzy")

Being interested in all entertainments, from the Flea Circus to Grand Opera, I have taken it upon myself to look into the forthcoming Battle Station concert, which will be held at the Embassy Theatre to-morrow night (Thursday).

From the amount of practice one hears emerging from various musical instruments I learned that a stage band of some twelve players will be featured. The band is comprised of piano, three violins, three saxes, two trumpets, banjo, bass fiddle and drums.

Being in good grace with the powers that be, I was allowed attend the final dress rehearsal of this unit, when I received a decidedly pleasant surprise. In the absence of so many men and women in the fighting services, I did not think Gladstone could produce such talent, and it seems a pity that more is not made of such a combination of players, who can put over such numbers as "Concerto for Two" and "White Christmas."

The band will feature several of the latest swing tunes, both slow and hot, also popular marches. Interspersed will be instrumental solos, headed by the ever popular Tom Rees and Del Busteed. A feature of the swing section will be two lady soloists, who make a great job of their parts.

Passing from this unit I was interested to hear the much talked of "Benesto." I had heard numerous reports of the long and extensive experience in comedy of this man throughout Australia and New Zealand over the last twenty years, and after listening to a small part of his act, and where he is joined by the inimitable stooge "Joe," I feel sure that "Benesto," in his first public appearance in Gladstone, will have the audience holding its sides for many hours after the curtain has fallen on this act. Believe me, he's a one man riot, and it would not in the least surprise the writer if he steals the complete show.

Perhaps the unit that will appeal most, at least to parents, is that composed of several young children trained by Shirley and Mrs. McCray. These children are really delightful in their toe dancing, tap dancing, singing, and ballet work.

A quartette of men's voices rendering comedy numbers is another high spot of the programme. This is most difficult work and must reflect great credit on the individuals who have gone to such trouble to perfect the numbers. Probably the A.B.C. will be contacting the members of this unit and flashing a lucrative contract before them.

Space will not allow me to enumerate all the items, but mention should be made of the piano work by Dorothy Thorpe. This lady is not only an accomplished pianist, but also an excellent composer. Dorothy Thorpe will feature some of her own compositions at the concert, and I venture to forecast that her numbers will be heard outside Gladstone in the future.

Added to this you will have community numbers, vocal numbers by well-known artists, dancing, comedy and monologues.

From the foregoing you will gather that I have been quite impressed, and it goes without saying that the promoters are right out to place before the public a high speed first quality production.

All roads should lead to the Embassy Theatre to-morrow (Thursday) night, as this concert is being organised by the Patriotic and Comforts Fund to raise money for the State-wide appeal for "Battle Stations" comforts.

Admission charges are extremely cheap, being 2/- for adults and 1/- for children. Reservations can be made at the Gladstone Newsagency next to the Theatre.

Our slogan should be: Fill the Embassy to capacity to help our boys at Battle Stations.

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C.W. ASSOCIATION

GLADSTONE BRANCH

Various Matters Dealt With

The usual monthly meeting was held in the Rest Room on Tuesday, July 13. The President (Mrs. E. W. Phillips) presided over an attendance of 14 members.

HOUSING COMMISSION.

Among the correspondence was a letter from the Minister of War relative to the Commonwealth Housing Commission, asking the Association to be represented. Unfortunately, the President was unable to attend, but the Secretary went along and reported a very itneresting conference.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Mrs. Leadbetter reported euchre as usual, and would like to move a vote of thanks to all the men who so kindly assisted the ladies to run this function.

ONE DISTRESS CASE.

One distress case was reported, and the Secretary reported having purchased blankets for distribution. There was no travellers' aid asked for this month. The cottage is still occupied, and everything in order. There is one engagement for the hall this month.

It was decided to again run the Thursday night social evenings.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Hospital visiting has been carired on by Mesdames Baynton, Fleetwood, Phillips and Burnham, and Mesdames Phillips and Chapman will be the visitors for this month.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

The convenor (Mrs. Burnham) reported having received 54lb. of twine and four cast-on nets from headquarters. Mrs. Ricketts has consigned two nets to headquarters. A.C.F. have one net finished and another almost.

Mrs. Paxton reported that the C.W.A. Hall group was growing steadily, and work was going on satisfactorily.

BIRTHDAY FUNCTION.

The birthday effort for the hostel is well in hand, and the Trocadero had been engaged. The flags will be displayed during the day, when adults will be admitted at 6d and children 3d. An essay will be arranged for children, and a prize for the best essay. Mesdames Baynton, Beale, Gerber and Chapman have promised to help to arrange the flags.

P.O.W. FUND.

The President and Secretary reported having conducted a dance in the Empire Hall on Saturday, July 10, which netted £7/10/- towards the Prisoner of War Fund (Red Cross). The members commended them for their action.

GROUP MEETING.

The President reported that the group meeting held on June 11, in the capable hands of D.V.P., Mrs. Chandler, was most interesting and educational, and she was very pleased to see so many visitors, some of whom had travelled long distances to be present.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

The mystery parcel (donated by Mrs. Paxton) was won by Mrs. Baynton, who kindly offered to donate the next one.

A very dainty afternoon tea was served by the hostesses (Mesdames Leadbetter and Robinson).

CALLIOPE

C.W. ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Calliope branch of the Country Women's Association was held in the hall on July 20. Present: Mesdames Chandler (president), Armour, Aldous, Bentley, Dickinson and Wheeler. Apologies were received from Mesdames Simpson, Waddell, Whitney, Menzies, Courtney, Mylne, Streeter, and McKenna.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the recitation of "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer for all on active service and those waiting at home.

SYMPATHY.

Members remained standing as a token of sympathy for Mrs. Menzies and her family in the sad loss of Mr. Menzies.

THANKS.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Simpson for the making and icing of the birthday cakes, which were not only exceedingly good to eat, but nicely decorated, and to all willing helpers who assisted with the luncheon.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

It was reported that two nets 24 x 24 were despatched on June 27, one from "Riverview," Taragoola, and one from Mrs. Wheeler, Calliope. Three nets made at Taragoola and two at Calliope, and a new supply of twine have been received.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It was arranged that the annual meeting take place in September.

AUDITOR.

It was decided that Mr. J. A Chandler audit the books of account this year.

GENERAL.

Mrs. Chandler read items of interest from the Executive minutes, and members expressed regret that Mrs. Langtree found it necessary to resign her position as secretary of the Central Executive owing to her husband's ill-health, and hoped he would be soon restored to health and strength.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON.

This being the 17th anniversary of the branch, it was celebrated with a luncheon, when there were two visitors present, one a lonely soldier boy, Private John Hill, of a commando unit, who is spending leave in Gladstone and was in Calliope for a couple of days, and Matron Cairncross, from the Baby Clinic.

The President extended a welcome to the visitors, and a very dainty lunch was served, pride of the table being the birthday cake, which was cut by Mrs. Aldous, the oldest member present, and pieces were passed around to all members and visitors.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

The mystery parcel (donated by Mrs. Chandler) was won by Mrs. Bentley, and realised the sum of 1/3.

PENNY FUND.

The sum of 4/- was counted from the tin.

A cup of tea brought a happy meeting to a close.

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

SERGEANT S. COXON FAREWELLED

Congratulations and Presentation

At the tea adjournment on Saturday several members of the Gladstone Bowling Club took the opportunity to congratulate one of their members, Sergeant S. Coxon, who has been promoted to the rank of senior sergeant.

The President of the club (Mr. W. R. Golding), in expressing the regret of members at the departure of their friend, said that it was nice to see that well earned promotion had been gained. On behalf of members he handed the guest a gift which he felt sure would remind him of many happy times spent on the Gladstone Bowling green.

Sergeant Coxon, who has been transfered to Innisfail, thanked members for their gift and good wishes. He considered the club and its appointments to be an asset to Gladstone, and trusted that it would continue to prosper.

Details of play:—

Pring, Hunt, Smith and Archay v. A. Jenkinson, Corones, Browne and Jackson 26-17.

Joyner, Chapman and Greasley v. Henery, Weiske and Drewe 25-20.

Comino, Cameron and Loveday v. Garrett, S. Wilson and Golding 28-15.

Duff, Friend, Mackay and Wilson v. Ladner, Dennis, Schmidt and Dr. Skinner 20-14.

Ferris, Waldron, Hainlyn and E. Jenkinson v. Young, Witty, Barker and Dr. Yum 22-17.

Fewster, Joyner and Drewe v. Young, Barker and Weiske 25-18.

Hunt, Pring and S. C. Wilson v. Absolum, Browne and Jenkinson 16-14.

Henry, Hixon, Sly and Humphries v. Garrett, Ferris, Cameron and Cooper 19-15.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

Reports indicate that the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) will have one of the hardest fights in his career to retain his seat at the coming Federal elections. In Mr. C. P. Ward he has the strongest opponent since he was elected in 1922. Mr. Ward is a returned soldier of the last war, and a stock and station agent. The Country Party candidate (Mr. G. L. R. Hamilton) has decided to withdraw his nomination and give his support to Mr. Ward.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

BATTLE STATIONS DAY

Fund Benefit by £10

Members and associates rolled up in force at the golf links during the week-end, when a Canadian mixed foursome competition was staged for the Gladstone Comforts Fund Battle Stations appeal.

It is expected that the fund will benefit by an amount of £10, which is considered very satisfactory from a small club, with a great part of its personnel on active service.

Luncheon was provided by the ladies, the associate delegates, Miss Lorna Burrows and Mrs. Starmer, capably controlling the arrangements in this respect, whilst all, including visitors, were welcomed by the vice-president and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Donnell).

WIN FOR MISS JOYNER AND L. COLLINS.

The competition attracted a field of 30 players, and some splendid golf was witnessed during the afternoon. Highlight of the day was the near record round turned in by the champion pair, Mr. and Mrs. Harold O'Sing. In their gross card of 80 they had a 37 over the final nine. However, their nett 64, usually a winning score in mixed foursomes, was well beaten.

Miss Alma, Joyner and her partner (Leo Collins) combined so well that they were able to finish with a 61 nett, which won the event by a stroke from another excellent card handed in by Mrs. Jenkinson and Dave Joyce (62 nett).

The win by Miss Joyner and partner was very popular, as both are long markers, and thoroughly good sports.

Another good performance was that put up by Miss Kaine and Hec. McCray, who tied with the O'Sings for third place with a nett 64.

Details:—

L. C. Collins and Miss Joyner (29) 61, Mrs. Jenkinson and D. Joyce (20) 62, Mr. and Mrs. O'Sing (16) 64, W. H. McCray and Miss Kaine (24) 64, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald (22) 65, J. Starmer and Mrs. Jenkinson (28) 65, F. Peardon and Mrs. Starmer (20) 67, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott (27) 72, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore (18) 73, M. Clifford and Miss Archay (19) 73, E. W. Phillips and Mrs. Burnham (28) 79, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. O'onnell (31) 84.

Best thanks are due to Mr. Harry Moore, who generously donated the handsome trophies won by Miss Joyner and L. Collins.

POPULAR GOLFER FAREWELLED

At the tea adjournment advantage was taken of the opportunity to farewell one of the club's most unassuming and popular members in Mr. J. ("Jerry") Fitzgerald, who has been transferred north with the C.C.C.

In apologising for the absence of the President, Mr. Jim O'Donnell (vice-president) said they were all sorry to lose "Jerry," and associates and members hoped that it would only be for a little time. He was one of the early members of the club, an excellent golfer, and a great little sport.

The Captain (Mr. Frank Peardon), and the oldest member (Mr. Harry Moore) also spoke in appreciation of their guest.

In resonse Mr. Fitzgerald referred to the many happy times spent at the club house and the pleasant games enjoyed on the course. He looked forward to returning to Gladstone to continue his association with the club.

H. C. MOORE'S GREAT GOLF.

Harry Moore, one of the club's low markers, "turned the works on" in a stroke competition for the vice-president's trophy on Saturday afternoon. Going out in 39, he bettered the round, coming home to record 38, or a total of 77, one of the best performances off the stick this season. His nett 63 gained for him the attention of the handicapper, and gave him a margin of three strokes over Secretary Bob Elliott (66).

Other scores were: H. O'Sing (14) 69, J. Bliss (25) 69, J. Starmer (22) 72, F. Peardon (14) 73.

ASSOCIATES TIE.

Playing for Mrs. O'onnell's trophy, Mrs. Burnham (16) and Miss Lorna Burrows (18) tied for first with nett 36 each.

Others were: Mrs. Starmer (14) 37, Mrs. Moore (14) 38, Mrs. Fitzgerald (16) 39, Mrs. O'Sing (9) 40, Miss Joyner (18) 44, Mrs. O'Donnell (18) 45.

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The projects undertaken by the Army Education Service are so far reaching that only the Russian and American adult education schemes will compare with the service when it has been fully organised. Boys who went into the Army without any civil training, men whose civil occupations are no longer available, and men who wish to train themselves for new trades and professions are enrolling in the University in Khaki at the rate of more than 100 a day.

"Australia should accommodate 90 million people. She must develop a vast constructive policy to develop, defend and maintain the country," said Dr. Bradfield.

FOR YOUNG CIVILIANS.

Meanwhile, young civilians in one of Australia's newest industrial towns, Whyalla, are being catered for in a way which may well place this mushroom town in the forefront of Australian industrial enterprise.

A week or so ago, an all-purpose school, described by the Superintendent of High Schools, Mr. E. Allen, as "the best of its kind in the world," was opened at Whyalla. The cost of erection (£40 000) was shared by the Government and the Broken Hill Proprietary, who said that they felt responsible for the technical education of their apprentices. Whyalla is a "heavy industry" town, employing hundreds of trained technicians. The demand is likely to increase after the war, when competition will demand high standards of production.

At present B.H.P. have at least 40 University graduates or holders of technical school diplomas on its staff at Whyalla and Iron Knob. All of them were trained outside Whyalla. The company contributed to the cost of the school in the hope that their future technical and commercial officers would be trained in Whyalla, making the town an industrial model in every phase.

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Part Time Workers

Much has been done to improve the position in hospitals in regard to nursing staffs since the nurses' register was made, but much remains to be done in connection with domestic aids in hospitals.

The Director General of Manpower emphasises that part-time help in hospitals is a necessity forced on the community as the result of conditions caused by the war, and adds that adjustment of hospital rosters and alteration of time-honoured hospital routine must be made to enable the fullest use being made of this part-time help.

Readjustment of rosters must fit in with the availability of these part-time domestic helpers. Even in regard to the nursing staff many trained nurses have intimated that they are prepared to give part-time service to hospitals in their vicinity. With proper organisation this should be possible in country districts. Already many hospitals throughout Australia have accepted the inevitable. Geelong is a striking example, for in both public and private hospitals a system of employing part-time labour has been inaugurated which has proved most helpful and satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Wurth points out that in practically every State in Australia consideration is now being given to improvement of conditions and to increased payment of nurses, so that apart from the fact that they are giving immediate and most important national service, young girls who enter upon trainee nursing courses are providing themselves with a worthwhile post-war career.

GLIDER-BORNE TROOPS

Air Train Experiments

The landing of glider-borne troops in Sicily was the first extensive use of these troop carriers by the United Nations. Germany however, has been working on the idea for years, and used glider-borne troops for the battle of Crete. Long before the war she was experimenting with air trains, which consisted of an engined plane to which gliders were coupled. The gliders were released at their separate destinations, and soared down while the rest of the glider train went on.

American engineers are now experimenting with a new development whereby gliders will not only be uncoupled in flight, but actually picked up from the ground by the engined plane. In recent tests conducted in the States by the Society of Automotive Engineers, eight consecutive glider pick-ups were made at intervals of four minutes.

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
28	6.39	7.25	.....	12.54	12.35
29	7.31	8.08	.....	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	.....	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	.....	3.19	2.47

AUGUST.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	9.40	10.00	.....	3.58	3.27
2	10.18	10.34	.....	4.37	4.05
3	10.55	11.05	.....	5.11	4.45
4	11.31	11.36	.....	5.46	5.20
5	——	12.05	.....	6.18	5.57
6	12.06	12.40	.....	6.51	6.39
7	12.39	1.20	.....	7.27	7.28
8	1.16	2.08	.....	8.08	8.30
9	2.04	3.11	.....	9.00	9.43
10	3.04	4.28	.....	10.01	10.57
11	4.25	5.44	.....	11.04	——
12	5.50	6.50	.....	12.08	12.05
13	7.00	7.46	.....	1.14	1.04
14	7.59	8.37	.....	2.13	1.59
15	8.52	9.25	.....	3.07	2.53
16	9.41	10.10	.....	3.59	3.45
17	10.30	10.55	.....	4.46	4.38
18	11.17	11.39	.....	5.34	5.28
19	——	12.05	.....	6.18	6.20
20	12.21	12.52	.....	7.01	7.13
21	1.05	1.41	.....	7.46	8.09
22	1.50	2.38	.....	8.32	9.10
23	2.43	3.41	.....	9.21	10.16
24	3.49	4.53	.....	10.15	11.26
25	5.06	6.01	.....	11.10	——
26	6.17	6.57	.....	12.30	12.05
27	7.14	7.42	.....	1.25	12.57
28	8.00	8.22	.....	2.10	1.44
29	8.41	8.59	.....	2.50	2.28
30	9.20	9.34	.....	3.27	3.08
31	9.56	10.07	.....	4.02	3.46

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New Moon ..... August 1

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A Strategic Metal

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Australia's first magnesium was produced about 24 months ago, for it was in July 1941, less than a year after research officers from the Newcastle Steelworks landed in England to investigate its manufacture, that the magnesium plant at the works produced its first magnesium.

Magnesium, the lightest known commercial metal, never occurs naturally, but in combination with other elements, it constitutes approximately 2 per cent of the earth's crust. In America there has been an important recent development in the production of magnesium by extracting it from sea water.

Magnesium was first isolated by Sir Humphrey Davy in 1808, but it was not until some 25 years ago that the metal was manufactured and exploited commercially. Germany was the chief producer; in fact, magnesium was the only metal produced in Germany proper in more than sufficient quantity for her own needs.

This surplus meant that Germany used magnesium to replace other metals, giving her manufacturers valuable technical knowledge that Allied manufacturers did not possess. It also meant that Germany had a virtual monopoly of this metal.

Until recently the United States had only one company manufacturing magnesium. Australia also was dependent on overseas supplies until the opening of the plant at Newcastle ensured self-sufficiency in this strategic metal.

In fact, industry in England, America and Australia has worked its eyes out to develop magnesium supplies for the Allies, for modern areo engines and planes cannot be built without magnesium. Metallurgical processes, magnesium alloys and fabrication technique all had to be worked out, and the success of magnesium production in quantity and at low cost is one of the highlights of private industry's contribution to the war effort.

SUGAR FOR JAM.

The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) stated that in view of many requests received from country districts it had been decided to make an issue of six pounds per head of sugar for jam making, to be available from August 2. This will enable people having crops of citrus fruits and melons to make use of them while they are available. Senator Keane stressed, however, that in view of the probable reduction in production of sugar this year, due to shortage of manpower and fertilizer, and also to seasonal conditions, it should not be assumed that the allowance of sugar for jam making would necessarily be as much as last year. He therefore advised householders who contemplated making jam during this rationing year to conserve sugar from their weekly ration to ensure that they will have sufficient sugar when they wish to make jam.

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"SYDNEY MORNING HERALD," 31/12/42:

In a sub-leader referred to "so much genuine achievement which the Curtin Government had to its credit."

"DAILY TELEGRAPH," 8/5/42:

"Mr. Curtin has done a good job. He has certainly done far more than any of his predecessors to marshal the wealth, industry and manpower of this country for total war."

"Melbourne Herald," which is now so vitriolic in its attacks on Labor, on the 16th February, 1942, said:

"CURTIN REALISTIC

"The Curtin Government has never been complacent. Soon after he took office Mr. Curtin asked for an overhaul and a comprehensive revision of our strategy. So far as its resources permitted, the Government has since been making its war decisions on the basis that Australia might have to stand alone for a time."

"SYDNEY MORNING HERALD," 29/5/42:

"On the whole it (the Labor Government) has borne its tremendous responsibilities with courage and wisdom."

"NORTHERN DAILY LEADER":

"Mr. Curtin has carried a huge load of responsibility since he assumed office and has carried it in a manner that has won him praise from political friend and foe alike."

SIR EARLE PAGE, 22/8/41:

"Mr. Curtin has already demonstrated that he is prepared to serve Australia's best interests."

"DAILY TELEGRAPH," 27/8/41 (referring to Mr. Curtin and the Menzies-Fadden Anti-Labor Government):

"He (Mr. Curtin) says he has given the Government loyal support. So he has. But despite that the Government has failed."

"MELBOURNE HERALD" of 22/11/41 (after Labor took office):

"CURTIN GOVERNMENT DOES JOB WELL
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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sunday, August 1, 1943: 9.45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Worship, 6.30 p.m. P.F.A. Group, 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship; sermon, "Answering the Armchair Critic, No. 1, "The Christian Ideal is Unattainable." Minister, Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 1st August:—11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

In Memoriam

BOND.—In ever loving memory of our dearly loved son and brother, Bill, aged 10 years, who passed away 31st July, 1942.

He was a wonderful son only lent,
One of the best God ever sent,
A loving smile, a heart of gold,
None could ever take his place.
God wanted one more gem for his crown.
A jewel of priceless worth,
So He said to His angels as he looked down.
I'll take one of the best on earth,
Our Bill.

(Inserted by his loving father, mother, and sisters Joy and Rose.)

BOND.—In loving memory of our dear grandson and nephew, Billy, who passed away 31st July, 1942. Aged 10 years.

Fond are the ties that are broken,
Dear is the one who is gone.
There's a memory we'll cherish forever
As long as the years roll on.

(Inserted by his loving Grandma, Grandad Sidey, Aunty Lorna, and Uncle Dave.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The manager of the Gladstone branch of the Queensland National Bank (Mr. A. E. Taylor) has advised that Mrs. Shandley, of Gladstone, has made available a loan of £10, free of interest to the Commonwealth Government during the duration of the war and for six months thereafter.

BREACH OF LIQUOR ACT.

In the Police Court on Wednesday, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), Cecil Buckley and Maurice Leslie Eiseman, were charged with committing a breach of the Liquor Act, consuming liquor in a public place. Both pleaded guilty, and each was fined £2, with 6/- costs of court, in default 14 days' imprisonment. Sergt. H. Sjostedt prosecuted.

FINED £17/10/-.

On Wednesday, in the Police Court, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), Michael Edwin James Delaney, was charged with wilfully and unlawfully damaging one plate glass window, valued at £15, the property of John Leonard Mylne. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was convicted and fined £17/10/-, to include £15 damage to the property. The fine was paid. Sergt. H. Sjostedt prosecuted.

FIRE AT MEATWORKS.

When a rubbish dump near the cooperage at the Meatworks plant of Swifts Aust. (Pty.) Ltd., Parsons Pt., caught fire on Wednesday the services of all hands and the Gladstone Fire Brigade were requisitioned to keep the outbreak under control. The dump is composed of sawdust principally, and a trench was dug to cut the burning matter off the rest of the area.

A PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday morning members of the various Government departments assembled in the Police Station office to farewell Sergt. S. Coxon, who has been transferred on promotion to senior sergeant at Innisfail. The S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer) presided. All the speakers referred to the good work carried out by Sergt. Coxon, and while regretting his departure, congratulated him on his well-deserved promotion. Sergt. Coxon, who was presented with a wallet and a set of military brushes, suitably acknowledged the presentation. Sergt. J. S. V. Gill, who has been appointed to Gladstone, was extended a hearty welcome.

PRIMARY INDUSTRY

DAIRY FARMERS

Rubber Stamp Refusals

Replying to Mr. Forde, who said the Curtin Government had imposed a blanket exemption on persons engaged in primary industry since May 1942, the Leader of the State Opposition (Mr. Nicklin) said during the past 18 months there had ben continual complaints of men being called up from dairy farms and other primary industries, but appeals for release were met with rubber stamp refusals. Present shortages of essential foods and prospect of greater shortages were the direct result of the stupid and unsympathetic treatment of primary industries by the Curtin Government.

GLADSTONE GOLF.

The popular four ball best ball competition for Rev. Faher Cullen's trophy will be continued on the local links to-morrow afternoon (Sunday), when the following pairs will play:—O'Sing-Busteed, Moore-Phillips, Peardon-Collins, Connellan-O'Donnell, Cullen-Clifford, Elliott-Power, Hanson-Bliss, McCray-Joyce. New pairs may be arranged if partners are absent. This afternoon (Saturday) the competition will be a stapleford for members and associates.

HOSPITAL DENTIST.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) has been advised as follows:—"Referring to your representations on behalf of the Gladstone Hospitals Board and Gladstone branch of the A.L.P., requesting the allocation of the services of a dentist to the Gladstone Hospitals Board Dental Clinic, I have to inform you that the matter has been brought under the notice of the Queensland Medical Co-ordination Committee. In respone to the representations made by you some months ago, the Chief Medical Officer, School Health Services, arranged for inclusion of the Gladstone schools in the itinerary of the School Dental Inspector.

PADDY'S MARKET.

The monthly Paddy's market, organised by the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her committee of ladies, will take place on Friday week, August 12, when the usual high class collection of fruit, flowers, vegetables, cakes, jams, sweets, and other home manufactures will be for sale at the Red Cross grounds. Town and country supporters are asked to kindly send their donations to Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in good time for the opening of the market. The convenor would like to hear from any person able to assist by sending along bottles or jars for jam making. A feature of the August function will be the raffle of a large 7lb. box of Winning Post chocolates.

COMING OF AGE PARTY.

A happy gathering took place on Saturday last, when Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Friend entertained a number of friends at their home, "Shalimar," Auckland Street, to celebrate the coming of age of their daughter Peggy. After the ceremony of cutting the cake Mr. A. W. Drewe, in a happy little speech, congratulated Miss Friend and wished her many years of good health and happiness. Mr. Arthur Friend responded, and thanked all for their good wishes. Another toast proposed was "Absent Ones," which included the guest's brothers Ken and Gordon, who are on active service. After dinner the adults remained for music, and the younger set were entertained at a picture party. Miss Friend was the recipient of many nice presents and congratulations from her friends on attaining her majority.

BILOELA-GLADSTONE HIGHWAY.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., has received the following advice from the Department of Public Works: "I have to inform you, in connection with your representations, that the Queensland Main Roads Commission has been authorised to carry out the work of erection of four bridges on the Port Curtis-Callide Highway No. 34 (Gladstone-Biloela), in the local authority area of Calliope. The scheme comprises the erection of bridges over Scrubby and McGinty's Creeks, a creek at 47.445', and Sheep Station Creek, and is on a section of the strategic connection between Gladstone and the Northern (inland) Highway. Approval has also been given for the Main Roads Commission to carry out the whole of the formation, earthworks, and gravelling in connection with the construction of the necessary approaches to the proposed new bridges over McGinty's and Scrubby Creeks.

SUSPENDED

MR. FRANK BARNES

Norvel Inquiry Recalled

Mr. Frank Barnes, M.L.A., has been suspended for two weeks without pay in Parliament for disobedience to the chair. The suspension motion was carried by 30 votes to 10 on party lines.

Mr. Barnes said there was no privilege in Parliament to-day, so he would have to be careful. Then, raising his voice and pointing to the Treasury benches, he said, "Every member of this Government is rotten. That is how careful I am going to be!"

"When called on for withdrawal and apology, Mr. Barnes said, "I humbly apologise to those I have insulted."

He then recalled the Marjorie Norval inquiry, and referred to the Crown Prosecutor as the "clown prosecutor."

The Attorney-General protested, and the Chairman (Mr. S. J. Brassington) said members must conduct themselves in a decent manner.

Mr. Barnes declared the Government had brought in the Coroner's Act to convict him. He complained that at the Mackay bye-election the police allowed men publicly to use insulting epithets towards him.

The Premier (Mr. Cooper) asked the Chairman to report Mr. Barnes to the Speaker. The Speaker entered the Chamber, and Mr. Barnes was named.

The Premier moved he be suspended for two weeks without pay.

Mr. Barnes: Good-oh, you mugs!

The Premier: Don't call me a mug.

Mr. Barnes: You are!

The motion was carried.

Mr. Barnes left with derisive calls of "good-bye" from the Government benches.

Opposition members joined with the Premier in deploring unruly scenes, but said they voted against the motion on the grounds that the punishment was too severe.

CAPRICORNIA

Stiff Fight for Mr. Forde

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Fadden) now proposes to carry the election fight into the hart of Capricornia electroate, held by Mr. Forde, the Minister of the Army. Mr. Fadden will speak at Rockhampton in the last week of the campaign.

The Opposition considers its candidate, Mr. C. P. Ward, will give Mr. Forde his stiffest fight since he first won the seat in 1922.

RURAL COMMISSION

Family Farming Best

Giving evidence before the Rural Reconstruction Commission, Mr. Colin Clark, Director of the Bureau of Economics, stated family farming was the best for Australia. Farmers' sons might not have as much cash as the city employee, but he was usually better off, and had better food. He did not think collective farming had been successful anywhere in the world. Russia at present was the hungriest country in the world. The Russian standard of agriculture was poor.

SYDNEY WATERFRONT

Shortage of Labour

Shortage of labour to handle cargo on the Sydney waterfront has caused serious difficulties for shipowners recently.

The port has been busier than usual during the past two weeks, and the shortage of waterside workers has appeared more pronounced.

On one day this week only slightly more than two-thirds of the jobs offering could be filled. No particular reason for the shortage is given by shipowners.

"When the calls are made the men are simply not there," said a shipowner. He added that there had also been a falling off in the number of "snipers"—watersiders who are not members of the Waterside Workers' Federation.

A Detroit firm is producing rubber commercially from soya beans at the rate of 250,000 lb. a month.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

Builyan-Many Peaks Branch

Annual Meeting

The first annual meeting of the Builyan-Many Peaks Red Cross branch was held in the Many Peaks Hall on Wednesday, July 21, and there was a large attendance.

The President (Mrs. Jacobsen) submitted her annual report, and this, with the balance sheet, was received and adopted, those present being unanimous in their opinion that the year had been a most successful one.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President, Mrs. Jacobsen; vice-presidents, Mesdames D. A. McLachlan and Zwisler; treasurer, Mrs. Martin; hon. secretary, Mrs. Muspratt.

Mesdames Bundgaard and Ross were appointed sewing convenors.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

After the meeting the first birthday of the branch was celebrated, the birthday cake being made by Mrs. Jacobsen for the occasion. This was cut by Mrs. Martin, whose birthday coincided with that of the branch, the President forgoing the honour in favour of Mrs. Martin.

Afternoon tea was served, and this concluded a pleasant afternoon.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report was as follows:

I have pleasure in presenting this, the first annual report and balance sheet of our branch for the period ended June 30, 1943.

The branch was formed on May 6, and has therefore been operating for approximately thirteen months.

Although not registered until July, this report covers the period from the date of formation, and the balance sheet has been prepared accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP.

This branch commenced activities with a membership of 22, and at the close of the year our records showed a membership of 38. It will thus be seen that the interest shown at the initial meeting has been maintained.

MEETINGS.

Fourteen meetings were held during the period under review, and although weather conditions were not always favourable, the meetings were well attended. With a few exceptions the meetings were held in the Many Peaks Hall, and our thanks are extended to Mr. Callanan for placing the hall at our disposal, and also to Mrs. D. A. McLachlan, of Builyan, at whose residence some of the meetings were held. The kind action of car owners who conveyed Builyan members to and from meetings is also much appreciated.

FUNCTIONS.

During the year the branch organised and conducted several functions, which showed a net profit of £214/16/1. In addition to these benefits, Mrs. Watt very kindly organised a dance at Nagoorin and donated the profit (£9) to the branch. A concert party from Kalpowar also held a concert and dance in Many Peaks, and our funds benefited to the extent of £16/10/- from this source.

THANKS.

Referring to these functions, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those good people who provided such excellent music gratis.

SEWING AND KNITTING.

Members had a busy year sewing and knitting, etc., and several parcels were sent to the Gladstone Centre. These parcels included:—

24 prs. pyjamas, 19 tray cloths, 6 food protectors, 20 Balaclava caps, 34 handkerchiefs, 20 washers, 8 bandages, 2 cushions, 19 surgeons' aprons, 5 prs. socks, 5 locker covers, 15 skull caps, 33 towels, 7 screen covers, 6 anaesthetic masks, 6 prs. knee pads, 16 dental aprons, 14 crutch pad covers, 8 chest protectors, 14 binders, 2 pullovers, 3 toilet bags, 1 surgeon's cap, 3 prs. pyjama trousers.

Matron Griffiths also very kindly knitted and donated nine prs. socks, 2 skull caps, and a scarf.

DUTIES CAPABLY CARRIED OUT.

The following ladies were appointed to the various positions, and held office for the year:—

President, Mrs. Jacobsen, vice-presidents, Mesdames Mortensen and McLachlan; treasurer, Mrs. Martin; hon. secretary, Mrs. Muspratt.

These ladies all carried out their duties most capably, and in passing I desire to pay a tribute to our secretary for the keen interest she has taken in branch matters and for the splendid service she has rendered to the society.

COMPLETE HARMONY.

A most pleasing feature of the branch's operations was the complete harmony which existed between members, and this, together with the splendid support from the public, has contributed in no small measure to the splendid achievements of the branch.

In conclusion, I sincerely thank all members for their support and cooperation during my term as president, and on behalf of the branch I extend thanks to all who assisted our efforts in any way whatsoever, and I trust that similar support will be forthcoming during the coming year, and that 1933-4 will be as successful as the year just concluded.

CREDIT BALANCE

The balance sheet disclosed a credit balance of £24/1/7.

BATTLE STATIONS CONCERT

RECORD ATTENDANCE

Quota of £525 Reached

The battle stations concert, in aid of the Patriotic Comforts Fund (Gladstone branch), which was eagerly looked forward to by residents, took place in the Embassy Theatre on Thursday night, the attendance being a record for Gladstone, and the financial result registered approximately £90.

The lengthy and varied programme, as was to be expected, was of exceptionally high merit, winning the applause of the large audience, which followed with keen attention and enjoyment every item on the programme, and joined in the community singing led by Mr. C. N. Joseph.

A stage band of eleven players, the personnel of the orchestra consisting of Messrs. J. Busteed, T. Rees, L. Sweeney, B. Norris, G. Hare, A. Zemek, D. Groundwater, J. Merritt, R. Brennan, Mesdames E. Thiele and Del Busteed, and their work was greatly appreciated. Music of a bright and tuneful nature was submitted and enjoyed by all present, and this part of the programme was a distinct contribution to the success of the concert.

Benesto and Joe kept the fun rolling in several comedy sketches.

Shirley McCray's youth show added a pleasing variety to the concert, under the direction of Mrs. McCray, Miss Shirley McCray being in Brisbane attending school at All Hallows' Convent. All the dances of the pupils were cleverly executed, gaining the warm approval of the audience by their splendid performance. Those included in the show were:—Misses Pat Jordan, June Rose, Pam and Jan Cooper, Glenda Smith, Beres. Smith, and Joan Bryan.

The rest of the programme was ably and efficiently sustained by Mrs. C. N. Joseph, Miss June Rose, and Messrs. C. N. Joseph, L. Humphries, L. S. Johnston, A. E. Taylor, F. Axelsen, T. Rees, J. Merritt, Misses F. Broadhurst and D. Thorpe, and the various items rendered met with the approbation of the huge audience.

It was a splendid night, in which all the artists enthusiastically contributed to such a deserving object, the providing of comforts for the boys at the battle stations.

Altogether the concert was an outstanding success, and thoroughly enjoyable in every respect, and it must have afforded the concert committee (Messrs. J. Busteed, C. N. Joseph, A. W. Young, R. Power) the utmost gratification that financially the effort had greatly exceeded all their expectations. To these gentlemen and all those who assisted congratulations are extended for the efficient way in which the arrangements were carried through.

ART UNION DRAWING.

During the interval the drawing of the art union took place and resulted:

Chest of linen, Mrs. M. Tait, Gladstone.

Quilt, E. W. Carter, c/o of the Main Roads Commission, Calliope.

Woollen blanket, A. W. Young, Gladstone.

Hamper, Miss M. Gill, Barmundu.

Bag of flour, Mrs. N. Brunke, West Gladstone.

QUOTA REACHED.

The Chairman of the Patriotic Fund (Mr. W. R. Golding) took the opportunity to thank the public for its magnificent support, and all those who had assisted in making the concert such a success, and mentioned that the number attending that night was 886, and the takings just under £90. Gladstone's quota in the Battle Stations appeal, he said, amounted to £525, and he was pleased to state that this figure had been reached.

HOCKEY

THE GAME THAT GROWS

Week-End Matches

(By "Skylark")

Well, Hoekey fans, here I am again on the wing, after laying low for a fortnight. Many and varied were the remarks made as to "Skylark," but you are all wrong, and I am not going to tell, so that's that.

Sunday's matches were keenly contested, but two of them were runaway affairs. Bandid A and B. was an easy win for A, the old experienced players being too solid for the B. and won easily.

The same, more or less, applies to the ladies. Imps were short, and Y-Nots had rather a hollow win.

The final match, Sparks and A.T.C., was a thriller from the first bully off. Not a slack moment. Sparks were short of one player, but made up for that in experience, and superior tactics enabled them to make a draw of a fast and exciting game.

Cadets were unlucky in losing one goal. Kev. Flack, after beating the goalie, sent on to make doubly sure. Tom Judge came in from off-side to hit the ball, and when only inches from going over the goal line spoilt the goal. Bad luck, boys.

Tom Morgan was again the fly in the ointment for A.T.C. One of the headiest boys seen in Gladstone for a long time on the hockey field, and with perfect stick work, is always a real danger. All his forwards were on their toes, and with Gilbert Beale playing inside to him, put it over the Cadets in the last 20 minutes, to make a draw of it. All the Sparks played their part, outstanding in the back division being Len Flack and Tom Duncan. They were good to watch, the stopping and hard clearing being excellent.

The Cadet boys are young and many inexperienced, but nevertheless they are the liveliest team playing this season. Len George in goal had his first real test, and came through well, meeting the opposition on the edge of the circle and saving and spoiling many chances.

Merv. Last, at full-back, was a tower of strength. This boy is the outstanding full-back this season, and in the first half he had Tom Morgan worried, spoiling his moves repeatedly and getting the ball away in good style.

I think Cadets made a mistake in playing Brian Garrett (home on leave) in the centre forward position. Kev. Flack, who went outside to Brian, was out of position, and a splendid centre forward went begging.

I also noticed Kev. falling back into the back division. This is a bad move. Stay in your forward line, boy. You have a safe and sound lot of players in the back division, who can do their job, and your job is to get goals.

C. Fleetwood, C. Wright, L. George, and K. Last had charge of the games, and all were capably handled.

POETRY

THE LADY WHO WAITS FOR YOU.

No one but us will give her a thought;
Tell her she's brave and true—
So I give you a toast, my brothers,
To the lady who waits for you.
Who knows, it may be your mother,
Your wife, or your sweetheart true?
Whoever it is, whatever she does,
She's the lady who waits for you.

The papers may scare her with headlines
Of battles and of men that are slain,
But always she breathes a silent prayer.
Prays you've been spared again:
And her eyes sparkle and glisten
When she hears the postman's call;
Word from her loved one, her soldier,
The soldier who means her all.

So remember, chaps, when the going's tough,
And nothing seems to be right,
The lady's still waiting there for you,
Her burden is not so light.
Nobody sings her glory,
Gives honours, medals or praise.
But she cheerfully carries on with her part
Like the heroines do in plays.

So when the stars are in the skies,
And the lights in the tents are few,
Give thanks to God 'ere you close your eyes
For the lady who waits for you.

—Sergt. James Stabb, R.A.A.F.
Somewhere in Australia.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

ELECTION PROMISES.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—In your issue of Wednesday, July 21, appeared a letter re election promises, which no doubt would sound convincing enough to a labour supporter, but not to the farmers and rural workers to whom your correspondent refers.

Your corerspondent mentions strikes.

It must be borne in mind that the position of Australia, before the Curtin Government took office and before Japan entered the war, was vastly different from what it has been during the last twelve months, when the enemy has been within striking distance of our shores.

And yet strikes continue.

We are being reminded daily by advertisements in the press and over the radio that the Curtin Government saved Australia.

I wonder if the soldiers and airmen who have fought in New Guinea, and their relatives, agree with this.

Even the dullest worker on the land can see some connection between the coming election, and the recent dairy subsidy, the reduction in the retail price of tea and potatoes, and all the other promises quoted in the "Observer" of Wednesday, July 14.

To most it is nothing less than barefaced bribery.

The increased pay to soldiers and their dependants is certainly no more than they deserve, when one considers the increases in civilian wages and the much higher cost of living.

But whatever arguments are put forward in favour of a Labour Government, there still remains the fact that Labour puts its own party before our country in refusing to follow Britain's lead and form a National Government.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN M. CAMPBELL.

Barmundu, July 30th, 1943.

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Strip Polka
Be Careful, It's My Heart
Jingle Jangle Jingle
I've Got a Girl in Kalamazoo
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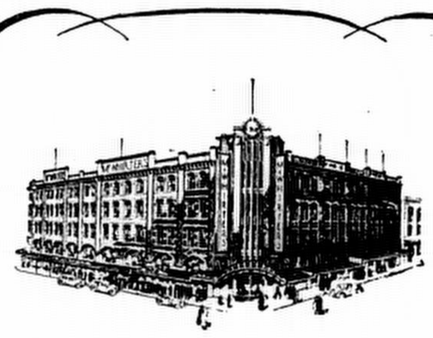
MR. C. P. WARD
(Authorised by J. H. Fitzpatrick, Denham St., Rockhampton)



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(Authorised by B. F. Chapman, 179 Eagle Street, Brisbane.

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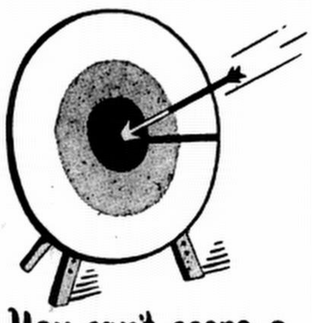

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FOOD FRONT

PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

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"Australia's food production programme was the chief matter dealt with at the recent meeting of the Australian Agricultural Council held in Sydney at the week-end," said the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams), who has now returned from the south.

"Delegates, who were present from all the States, including Tasmania, agreed that the fullest co-operation between the Commonwealth and the States was essential in order to secure the best results possible and to bring about a more closely knit food organisation than has been the case hitherto."

Man power difficulties were discussed, and Mr. Williams indicated that he had pointed out that, in his opinion, the food front was second in national importance only to the actual war front. Food and the regular supply in all its forms, he told the conference, would not only win the war, but also help considerably to write the peace.

General satisfaction was expressed that a priority equivalent to munitions was at last to be given to the manufacture of farm machinery. The question of price stabilisation was also discussed, and the Federal Minister for Commerce and Agriculture (Mr. Scully) informed the meeting that the Government intended to extend price stabilisation to commodities other than wheat, barley, meat and dairy produce, in order that producers generally might secure at least production costs for their products.

The contract system for vegetable production, said Mr. Williams, was also likely to be extended, and he thought this was necessary if the States were to reach anything like the production targets set them for the 1944 period.

On the whole, he said, the conference, though hurriedly called, had justified itself, if only for the reason that the position of the State Departments of Agriculture had been clarified, and particularly in respect to the growing belief that the States were likely in future to play only a secondary part in Australia's new food production programme.

"I am afraid that very few people in the community fully realise the complex and very difficult problems which are necessarily involved in maintaining production on the food front in war time," said Mr. Williams. "For example, besides having to provide adequate supplies for the civil population, it has been necessary to supply the needs of the Australian and Allied fighting services, both of which have increased to a very great extent.

"In addition, Australia is now feeding millions of people in the United Nations with essential foods. From our busy ports, shipments of meat, dairy produce, tinned and dehydrated foods, dried fruit, etc., commence on their long and hazardous journey to Great Britain, so that we will be able to fulfil a vital obligation to our kinsmen in the Mother Country.

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"I am convinced that when the full story is told about Australia's contribution to the war effort, her remarkable achievements on the food front will be more generally appreciated. Despite the handicaps occasioned by the diversion of manpower from the land to the fighting services and war industries, shortage of fertilisers, farm implements, machinery, and spare parts, and rationing of liquid fuel, what our primary producers have done on the food front is deserving of the highest praise," declared Mr. Williams.

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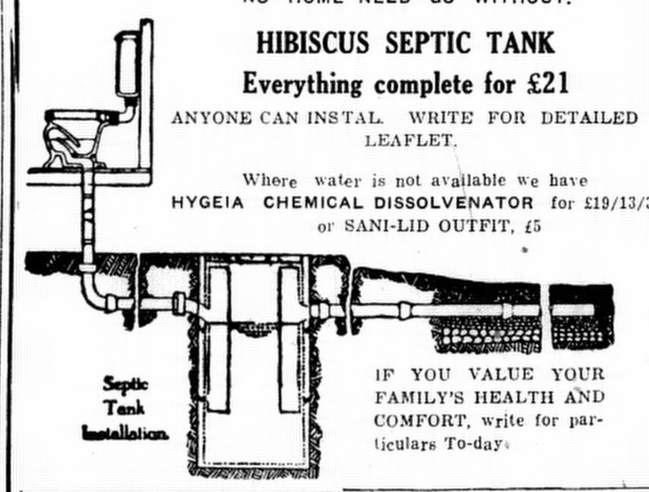

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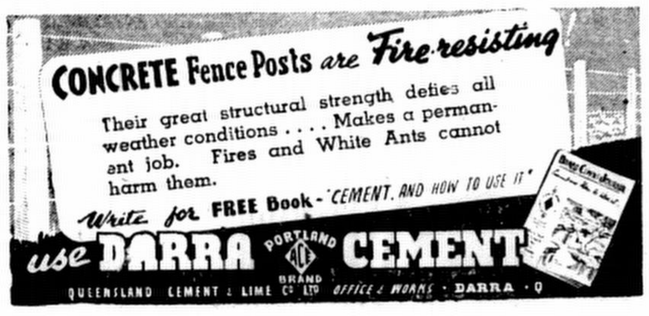

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Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
29	7.31	8.08	1.50	1.21
30	8.18	8.48	2.37	2.05
31	9.00	9.45	3.19	2.47

AUGUST.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	9.40	10.00	3.58	3.27
2	10.18	10.34	4.37	4.05
3	10.55	11.05	5.11	4.45
4	11.31	11.36	5.46	5.20
5	——	12.05	6.18	5.57
6	12.06	12.40	6.51	6.39
7	12.39	1.20	7.27	7.28
8	1.16	2.08	8.08	8.30
9	2.04	3.11	9.00	9.43
10	3.04	4.28	10.01	10.57
11	4.25	5.44	11.04	——
12	5.50	6.50	12.08	12.05
13	7.00	7.46	1.14	1.04
14	7.59	8.37	2.13	1.59
15	8.52	9.25	3.07	2.53
16	9.41	10.10	3.59	3.45
17	10.30	10.55	4.46	4.38
18	11.17	11.39	5.34	5.28
19	——	12.05	6.18	6.20
20	12.21	12.52	7.01	7.13
21	1.05	1.41	7.46	8.09
22	1.50	2.38	8.32	9.10
23	2.43	3.41	9.21	10.16
24	3.49	4.53	10.15	11.26
25	5.06	6.01	11.10	——
26	6.17	6.57	12.30	12.05
27	7.14	7.42	1.25	12.57
28	8.00	8.22	2.10	1.44
29	8.41	8.59	2.50	2.28
30	9.20	9.34	3.27	3.08
31	9.56	10.07	4.02	3.46

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DR. WAND'S FAREWELL TO AUSTRALIA

FUTURE GREATNESS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

LOVELY ISLAND HARBOUR OF GLADSTONE

Following is the farewell message given by Dr. J. C. Wand, Lord Archbishop of Brisbane, which was recently broadcast through the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and Ald. R. R. Tudman has received permission for it to be published in the "Observer":—

MELANCHOLY FACT.

It is a melancholy fact that the person who elects to live any considerable portion of his life in a new country gives hostages to fortune. It is probable that never again, if he has been happy in both, will he for long be completely happy in either. In his more sombre moments, when he is tired or bored or out of tune with his immediate surroundings, he will be smitten with a sudden nostalgia for other sights and sounds and scents, which he knows well would suit his present mood and satisfy his present need.

COMPENSATING BENEFITS.

But this price, heavy as it may be, is not too dear for the compensating benefits he has received. At the very least knowledge of a fresh country gives a new standard for comparison and appreciation of the old. 'What can they know of England who only England know?' And conversely we may add that the Australian's judgment of his own country has increased immeasurably in value since so many of its sons have returned from campaigns overseas.

But the knowledge of a new country has also its positive advantages. It is an enlargement of experience, an enrichment of the soul. It brings fresh revelations of beauty in the order of nature and in the art of man. It reveals new skies, new seas, new birds, new flowers, a new architecture of the universe, as well as of the cities. And also it introduces new friends, and shows how in a new environment they make their own distinctive contribution to the solution of age-old problems common to all mankind.

GOTHIC GLORIES OF BRITAIN.

So for my part if sometimes during my years of residence in Australia I have missed the Gothic glories of Britain, its magnificent libraries and art galleries, and the daily companionship of great scholars, each a world-acknowledged expert in his own special domain; yet there have been compensating experiences which I could not have enjoyed elsewhere. I have gained the friendship of men who almost from the pioneering stage are building up a new culture in the southern hemisphere; I have felt the creaming softness of the surf on incomparable beaches; and my blood has absorbed the warmth of a sun which will create its own inescapable nostalgia as long as my physical being lasts.

QUEENSLAND.

Naturally it is of Queensland that I shall be tempted most to think as I look back upon the years spent in Australia. Not that I can ever forget the cities of the South, or the glories of the landscape seen so often from the air—the fairy land of Sydney with its myriad coloured lights as you fly over it in the gathering dusk; the almost English sky-line of Melbourne, with the triple spires of its two cathedrals reaching into the blue; the geometrical proportions of Canberra lying in its cup among the hills. Nor can one forget the distant snow on Mt. Buffalo, the heartbreaking beauty of blue water and green vegetation along the Hawkesbury, or nearer home the little squares of cultivation among miles of virgin bush like so many handkerchiefs spread out to dry on a green hedge. (I know no more graphic illustration than this last of the small proportion of this country, even in its coastal regions, as yet put under cultivation. Handkerchiefs on a green hedge—the squares of cultivation that seem so tiny from the sky amidst the miles and miles of virgin bush).

HARBOUR OF GLADSTONE.

But, after all, it is in Queensland that my chief work has lain, and Queensland that I have learnt to know best. What contrasts it presents as you journey from north to south! The rich fruitfulness of the Atherton Tableland; the deep circular lakes in the crater of extinct volcanies, with the thick green vegetation growing down to the water's edge; the lush tropical forest fringing the new Milaa Milaa Road; the clouds around Bartle Frere, and the swaying canefields of Innisfail; the lovely island-decked harbour of Gladstone, gateway to the Barrier Reef; the reef itself, so drab and disappointing at first sight, so infinite in variety of colour and teeming life on closer investigation; the coral islands with the deep blue of the outer waters, the white foam of the surf, and the exquisite pale green of the shallow lagoon, the burning white heat of the coral sand, and the dark green of the casuarina trees, flecked by the momentary white flash of a sea eagle's wings.

MEMORIES.

What memories will remain of the spreading wheat fields of the Darling Downs, and of the still wider spread of the mulga country in the west, with the lower branches of the trees planed as smooth as aceiling by the travelling mobs of sheep. And West again through paddocks that from boundary gate to boundary gate take you a hundred miles, along which you may meet no man or beast or any living thing except a bird or two, or an occasional goanna scurrying across the track. And still west till you come to a clay-pan, chocolate in colour, flat as a billiard table, and round it the huddled iron houses of some primitive township, the whole as grim and deserted as a barrack square with all the troops on leave. And then perhaps into a dust storm, from which you emerge having lost your road and gained a covering of fine powder which has filled your hair, eyes and nose, and ruined your clothes for ever.

COASTAL AREA.

Imagination will not linger here, but will leap back again to the coastal area and the lovely broken country of the Mary Valley, so beautiful in the lower reaches, and yet so lonely at the higher levels that you may start a family of black eagles from the thin grass by the side of the road. And so to the railway line and the eternal high-pitched shrilling of the cicadas in the bush on either hand; and then home to the soft sunset lights and pastel colours of our Brisbane winter. And everywhere gums, gums, and yet more gums, ringing a myriad changes on the splotched and gleaming straightness of their peeling trunks.

Surely the American officer who said that Queensland gives you 'more and more of less and less, oftener and oftener' knew too much of one corner and too little of the vast amazing whole.

IMPRESSIONS.

I suppose it is inevitable that when one sums up one's impressions of a country the largest place in one's thoughts should be taken by its physical characteristics. But I should not like to close this farewell without saying a word about a totally different aspect of the country and its future prospects. Prophecy is proverbially dangerous, but I am not afraid to say that in all history there has never been a country for which one could so safely foretell future greatness.

AUSTRALIA - A NATION.

If in the first World War Australia became a nation, in the second it is already becoming one of the great nations. Its importance far exceeds the size of its population. That importance, inherent, as it is, in its very geographical situation, must continue to increase in the new world that is to be. The fact is that Australia is an outer bastion of Western civilisation against the Far East. As she is now the springboard from which that civilisation will leap to turn back the enemy who has attacked it, so, once he is beaten, she must remain the great defensive bulwark against future aggression—and that is the significant fact. For that reason it is to the interest of all the representatives of Western civilisation to make her and to keep her great.

DESTINY OF AUSTRALIA.

It follows that Australia will not, like many countries in the past, have to struggle for greatness in internecine competition with other nations. Both Britain and America will be calling upon her to rise to the height of her destiny; and most assuredly they will give her every possible assistance to that end. True statesmanship in this country will be judged by the readiness with which it recognises this goodwill and seizes the opportunity. 'There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune.' And that tide is nearing its flood for this country. There must be no fear, no selfishness, no inferiority complex, but a readiness to welcome with open doors those who are prepared to assist her in the great enterprise of handing on the benefits of 20th century science, of democratic organisation, and of Christian faith to the teeming millions of the East.

SERVING AUSTRALIA.

It is a real grief to me that I shall no longer be able as a humble citizen to contribute my small share to this noble endeavour. But I shall watch with intense interest and longing the future progress of this great Dominion. And I shall hope at least to contribute something to an understanding of its position, its character, and its aims on the part of our elder brethren across the seas. In the homeland to which I return there will be many opportunities of serving Australia, and I hope that I have become far too good an Australian to neglect any of them. In any case, I can never forget the wealth of kindness showered upon me here, and in saying goodbye I should like to take the opportunity of adding one big, comprehensive and heartfelt thank you.

"GOD BE WITH YOU."

The farewell itself I find very difficult to say, but in saying it I will try to realise exactly what it means, goodbye, God be with you.

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In Memoriam

HARRISON.—In fond memory of my dear Husband, and our loving Father Robert Ernest (Bob), who passed away on the 4th August, 1941.

Time cannot dim the memory of those we love.

(Inserted by his loving wife and son, and daughters.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1043.

CURRENT TOPICS

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is respon sible. All contributions on the elec tion must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

POSTAL VOTES.

Supporters of the Country National Organisation, who through illness or infirmity, or other causes, require postal votes, are asked to get in touch with Mr. E. W. Barker, Auckland St., Gladstone, or 'phone No. 62.

ARRESTED IN CEMETERY.

Sought by the police for 18 months on a New South Wales warrant, a man who had been a hospital clerk was arrested in a Melbourne cemetery on Sunday afternoon when he went there to visit the grave of a friend.

"FROZEN" TEETH.

A Maroochy River canecutter left his false teeth in a glass of water outside his tent. When he woke in the morning he found the cold overnight had frozen the water, and he had to wait until the ice thawed before he could recover his teeth.

INTEREST FREE LOAN.

The Manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. W. H. Hall) advises that the sum of £505 has been received as an interest free loan to the Commonwealth Government from the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd., Gladstone.

ARCHBISHOP WAND'S SUCCESSOR.

Archbishop Wand and Mrs. Wand have left Brisbane on their way to England, where Dr. Wand will become Bishop of Bath and Wells. The committee which will appoint the Archbishop's successor will meet at Bishopsbourne to-morrow (Thursday) The procedure will be for members of the committee to make nominations. These will be voted upon in elimination ballots, and the nominee chosen will be offered the appointment.

LANCE CORPORAL KLEMM.

Lance Corporal Albert Klemm, late professional to the Gladstone Golf Club and now on active service, has forwarded to his old club, through Mr. H. C. Moore, two very unique trophies for competition amongst members and associates. They are in the shape of two butter knives, the handles of which are made from cartridge shells, and the blades from portions of a Japanese plane which was shot down. Both trophies are suitably inscribed, and needless to say, will be greatly prized by the fortunate winners.

FLOWER SHOW AND FAIR.

The annual Flower Show and Fair, under the auspices of the Gladstone Methodist Church will be held in the Town Hall next Friday, when the official opening ceremony will be performed by the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis). Excellent entries have been received ensuring a brilliant display of flowers of high quality. Residents are asked to make an inspection of the window of the Hardware Co., where the trophy for the champions can be seen. Gardeners are asked to enter the utility garden competition, and entries will be received right up to the night of the show. Particulars are advertised in to-day's issue.

£11 FOR COMFORTS FUND.

In handing a cheque for £11 to the Gladstone Comforts Fund for their Battle Stations appeal, the President of the Golf Club (Mr. Connellan) said that his committee and members were very pleased to be able to assist such a worthy appeal, more especially as so many of the club's own members were in the fighting forces. Thanks were due to Messrs. Gladstone Agencies and Messrs. H. C. Moore & Co. for generous donations, and particularly to the club's associates, who catered so efficiently for those participating in the competition. It is the intention of the club to follow last year's lead and run monthly patriotic days, when mixed foursome events will be staged. The August competition will be for the Red Cross Prisoners of War street adoption scheme.

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING GLADSTONE BRANCH

WORK FOR THE YEAR INTERESTINGLY REVIEWED

The fourth annual meeting of the Gladstone branch of the A.C.F. was held in the new sewing and receiving depot rooms, Grand Hotel buildings, on Tuesday, July 27. Present: The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), Mesdames A. D. Hopper, R. Jones, K. Wood, G. Hughes, A. E. Worthington, J. Worthington, C. Chapman, W. Beutell, W. Picton, J. Turner, R. Barker, A. W. Young, W. Beale, E. Burnham, J. Clarris, G. Gordon J. M. Starfield, H. C. Smith, J. Stewart, D. Smith, S. Coxon, J. W. Garrett, and Miss G. Ward. Apologies were received from Mesdames E. Muir, E. W. Barker, P. Duff, and W. Keller.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan) submitted the fourth annual report for the year ended June 30, 1943, as follows:—

MEETINGS.

The third annual meeting of the Fund was held in the Diggers' Hall on July 17, 1942, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan; vice-presidents, Mesdames C. Chapman, E. Burnham, W. Beale, E. W. Barker; hon. secretary, Mrs. J. W. Garrett; hon. treasurer, Mrs. A. D. Hopper; hon. auditor, Mr. L. S. Johnston; advisory committee, Messrs. W. R. Golding, H. V. Loveday, M. A. Busteed. Mesdames C. Macfarlan, J. W. Garrett, A. D. Hopper; sewing and knitting convenors, Mesdames J. Worthington, G. Watt; cutting out, Mrs. A. E. Worthington; street stall convenors, Mesdames C. Chapman, J. Henriksen; appeals committee, Messrs. W. R. Golding, H. V. Loveday, M. A. Busteed, A. W. Young, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan, J. W. Garrett. Since that date eleven general meetings were held, and all were well attended.

FINANCIAL.

Receipts for the year amounted to £643/9/9, and expenditure £505/18/-, leaving a credit balance of £137/10/9, and I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the branch to thank every resident who in any way contributed towards the fund.

KNITTING AND SEWING CIRCLE.

This circle has met regularly every Tuesday and Friday, and has been responsible for a considerable quantity of comforts and reading matter being forwarded to headquarters for the comfort of our service men and women, and many letters of thanks and appreciation have reached us during the year from members of the forces, who have been recipients of A.C.F. parcels.

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Unfortunately, early in the year we lost the services of the co-convener (Mrs. G. Watt), who left to reside in Brisbane and Mrs. G. Gordon was appointed in her stead. I wish to record my deepest appreciation and thanks to all donors, sewers and knitters, and all others who have assisted this circle in any way; to the convenors and members for their untiring efforts and loyalty extended to me throughout the year; to Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd., and Mr. W. R. Golding, junr., for supplying cases and despatching all cases and bags to headquarters. This service has been greatly appreciated by all members of the branch.

STREET STALLS.

At our last annual meeting we decided to appoint permanent convenors for the year, and this has proved to be very successful. This year I would like to suggest that a bigger working committee be formed, with members in each section of the town. This, in my opinion, would considerably assist the convenors appointed for the forthcoming year. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mesdames C. Chapman and J. Henriksen for the excellent effort put forward by them during the year in organising the stalls, until they have now reached a very successful standard, £538/4/11 being raised through the ten stalls. I also wish to extend the thanks of the branch to Mr. M. Hanson for the use of his shop in which to conduct the stalls; to Mr. C. Chapman for his splendid support and assistance, and above all, to the public of Gladstone and district, who have so generously responded to our many calls. In April Mrs. J. Henriksen left to reside in Brisbane, and we were indeed sorry to lose such a cheerful, energetic and enthusiastic member, and we wish Mrs. Henriksen every happiness in her new home.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL.

This appeal was again launched through the local press, and met with an overwhelming response from the public. An amount of £196/13/4 was forwarded to headquarters. Numerous letters of thanks and appreciation have been received from men and women on active service who have been recipients of our hampers, and I trust this year the appeal will meet with an even greater response.

SHOW STALL.

At the rodeo organised by the local Show Society our branch conducted soft drinks, ice cream, and pie stalls, which was very successful, and I extend by sincere thanks to all members who assisted on this occasion.

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE.

As it was decided to adopt the H.M.A.S. Gladstone, the A.C.F. and Town Council launched an appeal for public subscriptions, and this met with a very ready response from every section of the community. An amount of £130/1/5 was raised. The ship has been equipped and comforts forwarded regularly to members of the crew.

ANZAC DAY.

As usual, on Anzac Day a wreath was placed on the Honour Board at the Town Hall, as a silent tribute to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, and members attended the meeting and divine services.

BOOK DRIVE.

This drive has been conducted throughout the year with fairly good results, but we feel a still greater effort could be made in this direction, as there is an ever increasing demand for books, magazines, cards, gramaphone records, or any indoor games for the benefit of the men and women of the services. Mrs. W. Egan, who was in charge of this branch of our activities, left us early in the year to reside in Brisbane, and we were all sorry to lose another enthusiastic member. Mrs. W. Keller was appointed in her stead, and I wish to thank Mrs. Keller for the efficient manner in which she has carried on this work.

CHRISTMAS FAIR.

In December a Christmas Fair was conducted conjointly with the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund. This function was very successful, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all members for their splendid co-operation and assistance in all such efforts.

FAREWELLS.

All members of the fighting forces who have volunteered for service have been farewelled at the Railway Station by representatives of the A.C.F. and Patriotic Funds throughout the year and each received a suitable gift with the best wishes of the Funds.

AVISORY COMMITTEE.

As usual, this small body of very busy men has been of inestimable value to the branch, and I wish to thank them most sincerely for the deep interest they have taken in all matters connected with the management of the branch.

APPEALS COMMITTEE.

Throughout the year this committee has carried out the work of raising funds for the A.C.F. and Patriotic Fund. Many successful functions have been held during the period under review. Details will be given in the report submitted by the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. I would like to extend the thanks of all members of the branch to the A.C.F. representatives on this committee for their interest and co-operation at all times, and for their regular attendance at meetings.

SERVICEMEN.

During the period under review many servicemen have passed through the town. Our Fund has rendered assistance to these men whenever necessary. In this direction I would like to thank the members of the Advisory Committee who carreid on so efficiently during my absence in December, and to all other members of the branch who have responded to many calls for assistance at very short notice.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTIONS.

In conjunction with the Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund many successful functions were held. In all these efforts our members have worked with untiring energy, and it is with a deep sense of gratitude I acknowledge the wonderful work performed, both individually and collectively. But, when we consider the wonderful work our organisation is doing in helping to provide and equip recreation huts, leave centres, and hostels, etc., for our men and women of the services, I am sure we all feel our efforts are well rewarded. As an enormous amount of money is required to provide this service for our fighting men, we realise we cannot relax, but, if possible, double our efforts in the forthcoming year.

CO-OPERATION APPRECIATED.

As our donors are far too numerous to thank individually, I wish to offer the sincere thanks of the branch to one and all for their generosity and co-operation in assisting us to provide our fighting services with some of the amenities of life while they are engaged in this ghastly struggle for our freedom. This thanks I also extend to the hon. auditor (Mr. L. S. Johnston), R.S.S.A.I.L.A. for the use of the Diggers' Hall, Messrs. Upton and Clapham for advertising, the "Observer" for the space allotted the Fund, thus assisting to keep the good work of the branch before the public, and to every individual citizen who in any way assisted the Fund.

OFFICE-BEARERS THANKED.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without recording my sincere thanks to my very worthy office-bearers, committees, and members for the loyalty and co-operation extended to me during my term of office; also to the hon. secretary and other officers at headquarters for their prompt co-operation in all matters of concern to the branch.

CENTRAL PREMISES.

We have now moved to more central remises in the Grand Hotel Buildings, and I sincerely hope this will be of great assistance to our members who live at the other end of the town. During the past year we have lost many valuable members, who have left to reside in ohter towns, but, on the other hand, it has also been my pleasant duty to welcome many new members who have worked hard and have been of great assistance to the branch. I hope in the forthcoming year we will be able to welcome many others. I would like to thank Mr. M. Hanson on behalf of the branch, for his generosity in granting us the use of his shop free of rent for the duration.

BRIGHT LIGHT OF VICTORY.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the dark clouds of war still hang over us, but we have much to be thankful for, as we can now see at the end of the long road the bright light of victory and prosperity piercing the clouds in all directions, and I earnestly hope and pray the day is not far distant when the bells of victory will peal out their joyous notes of an everlasting peace in which the people's of the world will unite for all coming time.

WORKED IN HARMONY.

The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan) moved the adoption of the report, and Mrs. E. Burnham, in seconding the motion, paid a warm tribute to the work carried out by Mrs. Macfarlan and members during the year, and stated the report was a very creditable one, and she hoped Mrs. Macfarlan would again accept the office of president, as it was always a pleasure to work with her and her officers. For the past four years, she said, everyone had worked in complete harmony, and she felt sure the same co-operative spirit and happy atmosphere would continue in the coming year.

The motion for the adoption was put and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted:—

President, Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan; vice-presidents, Mesdames C. Chapman, W. Beale, E. Burnham, and E. W. Barker; hon. secretary, Mrs. W. J. Garrett; hon. treasurer, Mrs. A. D. Hopper; hon. auditor, Mr. L. S. Johnston; sewing and knitting convenors, Mesdames J. Worthington and R. Jones, cutting-out convenors, Mrs. A. E. Worthington; street stall conbenors, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and J. W. Garrett; committee, Mesdames K. Wood, W. Keller, J. Turner, M. Richards, J. M. Stanfield, F. F. Pope, R. Jones, W. Beutell, A. W. Young, and D. Smith; advisory committee, Messrs. W. R. Golding, H. V. Loveday, M. A. Busteed, and Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan, J. W. Garrett, and A. D. Hopper; representatives on appeals committee, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan, J. W. Garrett, and Messrs. W. R. Golding, H. V. Loveday, M. A. Busteed, and A. W. Young.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Votes of thanks were recorded the retiring officers, the hon. auditor (Mr. L. S. Johnston) for services rendered during the year; Messrs. S. Clapham and T. Upton for advertising; the "Gladstone Observer" for valuable publicity, and Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd., P. M. Jones, and R. Tudman for their advertising space in the "Observer."

A PRESENTATION.

At the close of the meeting opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mrs. S. Coxon, who has left to take up her residence at Innisfail.

The President (Mrs. Macfarlan) expressed regret at losing the services of such a valuable worker, and on behalf of members presented Mrs Coxon with a handbag as a small token of their appreciation.

Mrs. Coxon suitably acknowledged the presentation.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

SERVICE WOMEN'S HOSTEL

National Dance and Flag Display

August being the twenty-first birthday of the Queensland Country Women's Association, special efforts are being made throughout the State by all branches to raise funds for the Service Women's Hostel, "Hollyrood."

Every branch sending £50 will have a room dedicated to the branch, with its name on the door, and all blankets, sheets, towels, pillowslips, etc., will be marked with the branch's name.

Gladstone branch appeals to residents to assist in raising the necessary money. Dances will be run every Tuesday during the month, with a special big night on Friday, August 20, when a national dance and flag display will be held. The flags were made by the women of the various branches before the war, the idea being to form a bond of friendship between nations.

Mr. H. C. Moore has kindly donated a magnificent pair of towels to be raffled, and has also promised a further donation of £5 when the Association has raised £45.

The Secretary of the Association (Mrs. E. Burnham) has made and donated a fruit cake, and tickets may be purchased from Mrs. W. Chapman, of Gladstone.

The Gladstone Golf Club has also offered to arrange a day's play with a view to raising funds for this worthy object.

Needless to mention, the Association looks forward to receiving the wholehearted support of the residents of Gladstone.

POETRY

(In answer to the Toast of "The Lady Who Waits For You.")

I'm responding to the toast, my dear,
Of "The Lady who waits for you,"
On behalf of all the mothers
And the viwes and sweethearts too.
No one knows the dread and horrors
She endures from day to day,
As she waits for news of loved ones
On the battlefields away.

Yes, the headlines sometimes scares her
When the news is rather bad.
And she prays to God to keep you,
Bring you safely through, dear lad;
That the war will soon be over;
It's travail will soon be through,
And that God will send you home again
To one who waits for you.

Be she mother, wife, or sweetheart,
She is with you all the way;
And in spirit walks beside you,
Both in battle and in play.
She would not a shirker have you,
When your country cries its need.
She is proud you're at your post, son;
Proud of your every deed.

Though you are soldier, sailor, or airman,
You are all of the Anzac breed,
Owning no man as your master,
God alone your creed.
You are in this fight together
To vanquish a ravaging beast.
And all she can do is pray for you;
She can do that at least.

You say there's no honour and glory for her,
And her burden is not so light;
But your letters arrive to cheer her,
And her world is then so bright.
To know you are safe and well, dear,
Your love steadfast and true.
That's all the glory she ever will need,
The lady who waits for you.

—Mammy Crab.

MOVE TO EASE TENANT RULES.

To ease the accommodation shortage in Brisbane, the War Organisation Deputy Director (Mr. Colin Clark) is urging that the landlord and tenant regulations be waived in certain cases. Until some such revision is made people will continue to be afraid to offer accommodation, because under the regulations they canont repossess their houses or their rooms.

COMFORTS FUND

JUNE STREET STALL

Net Profit £40

The monthly meeting of the A.C.F. was held in the branch rooms on Friday, July 30. Present: The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. A. D. Hopper), Hon. Secretary (Mrs. J. Garrett), and Mesdames C. Chapman, W. Chapman, H. C. Smith, R. Jones, J. Worthington, and E. Burnham. Apologies were received from Mesdames Turner, Beutell, Richards, and Young.

SPECIAL PRAYER.

The meeting opened with a special prayer for members of the fighting services.

KNITTING AND SEWING CIRCLE.

The convenor of the sewing and knitting (Mrs. J. Worthington) submitted the following report from June 10 to July 30:—

40 prs. socks, 80 men's bags, 578 handkerchiefs, and 6 suits pyjamas. A bag was packed and forwarded to headquarters, containing 674 handkerchiefs, 75 calico bags, 2 prs. flannelette pyjamas, 38 prs. socks.

STREET STALL.

The convenor of the June stall (Mrs. Macfarlan) reported a net profit of £40.

GENEROUS OFFER.

A letter was received from the Gladstone Hockey Association, offering the gate proceeds on certain Sundays. It was decided to accept this offer and thank the Hockey Association.

DONATIONS.

During June donations of £10 were received from Mr. P. A. Friend, and £1 from Mrs. E. Shandley. The Fund gratefully acknowledges the donations.

BATTLE STATIONS FETE.

The President thanked members who had worked so hard at the fete held on July 23 for the Battle Station appeal, and this function was an outstanding success.

FIRE BRIGADE BOARD

CREDIT OF £300

46 Calls During Year

In his annual report to the Gladstone Fire Brigade Board the Chief Officer (Mr. K. H. Trott) disclosed that the Brigade had received 46 calls during the year, compared with 21 the previous year. Of these 12 were false alarms, several being malicious calls, 22 grass and rubbish fires, and 12 other fires, the most serious being one which recently caused damage to the premises of the Gladstone Cash & Carry and Gladstone Hardware (Pty.) Ltd.

In connection with the fires in grass and other uninsured property, the Board decided to render an account for the full scale of charges as laid down in the Act to the owner of the premises, but the Chairman and Secretary were empowered to accept a nominal amount, sufficient to cover the actual cost to the Board, providing the account was paid within 21 days.

The budget revealed that a total of £2383, or £230 more than the estimate, was expended, but a refund of half the wages paid to civil defence firemen and large recoupments for the services of the Brigade on special duties enabled the Board to finish the year with a credit balance of nearly £300.

The estimated expenditure for the next year was £2586.

The Deputy Chief Officer (Mr. J. F. Pitt) expressed a desire to enlist in the R.A.A.F. ground staff. The Board granted him the necessary leave of absence, and his release has been agreed to by the National Service Officer.

Fireman Vidler was appointed Acting Deputy Chief Officer during the absence of the Deputy Chief.

FLOWER SHOW AND FAIR.

The official opening of the Methodist Church Flower Show and Fair will be performed by the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) at 3 p.m. on Friday next at the Town Hall. The trophy for the champions is displayed in the window of the Hardware Co. You are invited to enter your utility garden, the first prize being £2/2/-, and the second £1/1/. Entries will be taken up to the night of the show. Entertainment for patrons will be provided at night.

. . . .

The Mosquito is the only first-line aircraft now in operation which had not been designed before the war started.

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMISSION

Two Members Thanked

Mr. J. Gosschalk, secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, has received the following letter from the Minister of Agriculture and Stock, Mr. T. L. Williams:—

"I should like you to pass on to Mr. Willey and Mr. C. Boles my keen appreciation of the particularly excellent way in which they not only submitted their evidence on Sunday, July 11, to the Commonwealth Housing Commission members, but also for the very full and intelligent way in which they were able to deal with the various questions submitted by the Chairman on the occasion in question.

"As you know, I was present throughout the giving of the evidence of these two members of your branch, more in the capacity of being able to assist them where desired than anything else, and I am happy to be able to say that Mr. O'Connor voiced his extreme pleasure also at the helpful manner in which the evidence was obtained.

"This is not merely something to say for the sake of saying it, and if you will be so kind as to pass on my appreciation to these representations which your Council appointed for that specific purpose, I will be pleased. With kind regards and wishes."

The Secretary of the Commission, writing to Messrs. Willey and Boles, stated that the Chairman of the Commission (Mr. L. P. D. O'Connor) had asked her to convey his thanks for the valuable evidence recently submitted to him. The Chairman realised the number of calls there must be on their services, but hoped they shared with him the view that time spent now in laying the foundations of reconstruction might be amply repaid later.

OBITUARY

MRS. D. FLETCHER.

Much sympathy has been expressed with Mrs. Lionel Johnston on the recent death of her mother in Brisbane. The late Mrs. Fletcher, wife of Rev. David Fletcher, passed away at her home at Margate. Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher served terms in the Methodist circuits at Barcaldine, Longreach, and six years ago at Mt. Morgan. Mrs. L. S. (Essie) Johnston (Gladstone), and Clem Fletcher (Brisbane) are surviving children. David (flight lieut. in the R.A.A.F.) and Ralph (lieut. in the A.I.F.) losing their lives in the present war.

MRS. E. R. MUNRO.

The death took place at the Mater Hospital, Brisbane, on Monday last of Mrs. Ellen Rose Munro, aged 70 years. Deceased was well known in Gladstone, having resided here for a number of years. Her husband predeceased her some eighteen months ago, and she is survived by seven daughters: Mesdames T. Pedrazzini (Brisbane), W. Owbridge (Gladstone), E. J. Dingle (Mt. Perry), W. F. Remus (New Zealand), Miss Agnes Violet Munro (Brisbane), and Sister M. Roberta (Mackay), and Sister M. Ephrem (Rockhampton), and two sons, Warrant Officer William Munro and Private Robert Munro, who are both serving with the A.I.F. She is also survived by one brother, Mr. James Hayes (Barcaldine), and one sister, Miss M. Hayes (Brisbane). The funeral took place at Nudgee Cemetery, Rev. Father O'Rourke officiating at the ceremony.

RED CROSS RECORD.

The 1943 "Miss Red Cross" competition conducted in Adelaide and country has already raised £153,000, a record for Australia, regardless of State or population. The competition officially ended on Saturday night, but more money has yet to be received from country areas.

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GLADSTONE TURF CLUB

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING

To be held in October

A meeting of the Gladstone Turf Club Committee was held in the Club Hotel on Friday. Present: Messrs. A. W. F. G. Crow (president), P. Roebuck, L. Jessen, H. Ballantine, J. Kirkwood, E. Jefferis, J. Meyers, and J. Burrows. Apologies were received for the absence of Messrs. R. Grayson and L. Mylne.

FINANCE.

Mr. J. W. Burrows (acting secretary) stated that since last meeting the insurances on the buildings had been paid up, and a motion confirming such action was carried.

MOTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

Reference was made to the deaths of Messrs. C. O. Bauer and G. H. Fry, two of the committee members since the committee had last met. Motions of sympathy with the relatives were carried, and it was also decided to place on record the splendid services of each of the deceased members had rendered the club over a lengthy period. Both motions were carried.

The President was thanked for his action in attending to the matter of representation of the club at the funerals of the late members.

RACE MEETING.

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. H. Ballantine, E. Jefferis and P. Roebuck, was appointed for the purpose of drawing up a programme for a race meeting, to be held in October, the draft programme to be submitted to the next committee meeting, to be held on August 12, and in the meantime members to ascertain the possibilities of obtaining nominations.

REPAIRS TO TRACK.

It was resolved to ask Mr. Ballantine to investigate the possibility of obtaining mechanical assistance to repair the race track.

FOR PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Jefferis, seconded by Mr. Kirkwood, to donate the profits of the proposed race meeting to patriotic funds.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

Win for H. C. Moore

Playing splendid golf, approximating 76 off the stick, H. C. Moore led a stapleford field at the golf links on Saturday. His 34 points won from low marker H. O'Sing (30 points) and R. Elliott (28 points). Other scores were F. Peardon 28, D. R. Joyce 26, Leo. Collins 26, and M. Clifford 23.

BRILLIANT GOLF.

Playing for the Cullen trophy in the four ball best ball, two pairs, Elliott-Power and Collins-Peardon, played brilliantly to finish respectively 10 and 8 up. The former pair had a 34 best ball over the first nine, to be 7 up, and actually only lost one hale (the 17th) during the afternoon.

Collins-Peardon were little less brilliant, having a 35 best ball, and did not have a minus on their card.

O'Sing-Clifford finished 2 down, and Phillips-O'Donnell 4 down.

The competition is easily the most popular staged by the club.

MRS. O'SING WINS.

Club champion Mrs. O'Sing won the associate stapleford with 15 points with a 42 round. Next was Miss Burrows (11 points), Mesdames Moore 10, Starmer 9, O'Donnell 5, and Burnham 4.

MRS. FITZGERALD'S GOOD ROUND.

With the exceptionally low nett score of 29 from a gross 45, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald led a good associate field in the associates delegates' trophy round, Mrs. O'Sing, with a gross 41, was second, returning a 32 nett. Then came Mesdames Starmer 32, Burnham 40, and O'Donnell 42.

TIGHTER CONTROL OF AUCTIONS.

Action has been taken by the Commonwealth Treasury to prevent auction sales of property at prices in excess of normal values. In some instances sales at three times the valuation have been reported. Amendments to existing National Security Regulations will be gazetted soon under which the Treasury will value properties for sale and fix the maximum sale price. In the event of there being two or more bidders at this price lots will be drawn to determine the buyer.

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

Week-End Games

Social games were the order of play at the local rinks over the week-end. Following are the results:—

Schmidt, Hunt, Waldron and Yum v. Ferris, Brunton, A. Friend and Matthews 24-12.

Hogan, Joyner, Golding and Loveday v. Henery, Weiske, Drewe and Jackson 25-15.

Hixon, Dennis, Browne and Dr. Skinner v. Duff, Hunt, Jenkinson and Archay 15-27.

Young, Hando, Buettel and Pestorius v. Hixon, Browne, Absoleum and Meartbeen 30-18.

Joyner, Wilson, Golding and Loveday v. Bycroft, Chapman, Greasley and Busteed 21-14.

Pring, Cameron, Humphries and P. Friend v. Garrett, Jenkinson, Drewe and Cooper 28-11.

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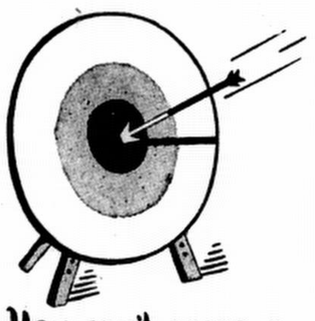

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The report of the Committee suggests many means of improving the position.

The Works Departments of the various State services, it says, frequently have drawn up plans with no more than passing reference to medical men experienced in hospital needs and administration.

There is no experienced authoritative body which can generally supervise plans and help solve a host of specialised problems.

The Committee's solution for this would be an expert Commonwealth body to establish and keep in effect standards for planning, equipment and construction of all types of hospitals. Commonwealth and State authorities could also combine to plan adequate regional distribution.

This would be designed to reduce the number of inefficient hospitals, and to establish in their place community hospitals equipped to provide accommodation and treatment for public, intermediate, and private patients. The system would also ensure that patients requiring specialised treatment would be taken into recognised base hospitals, staffed with specialists.

LABORATORIES NEEDED.

Provision for laboratory, X-ray, and other services for small hospitals in country centres is strongly advocated.

Queensland already has a number of laboratories. The Commonwealth Health Department has established laboratories at Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, and Toowoomba. State laboratories are also maintained at Maryborough, Mackay, Bundaberg, Cloncurry, Longreach and Mount Isa.

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Military leaders and other high officials may profess friendship for Hitler and Mussolini, but even they have no real affection for their nationals, and make little or no effort to see that they get favoured treatment.

A neutral who has just arrived in the U.S.A. from Japan tells what happened to Vittorio Azilla, an assistant to the Italian Naval Attache in Tokyo.

One Sunday evening he was strolling along the Ginza, the main Tokyo thoroughfare. Several Japanese pedestrians jumped on him and started to beat him up, calling him a "white devil."

Rescued by the police, Azilla was taken to the local station. "I'm Italian," he explained to the police official, and pulled out his passport.

The official looked at it. "This man is Italian," he announced.

Immediately five policemen pounced on Azilla and gave him a terrific lacing. They tossed him in jail and kept him there for two days before they let him go. The Italian Embassy was afraid to lodge a protest.

CAN'T BUY SOCKS.

It is the same story in occupied China. Italians are subjected to so many restrictions and currency rackets that they find it almost impossible to exist. When they get into debt in consequence, their property is seized and sold up.

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2	10.18	10.34	.....	4.37	4.05
3	10.55	11.05	.....	5.11	4.45
4	11.31	11.36	.....	5.46	5.20
5	——	12.05	.....	6.18	5.57
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"BOMBER" BARNES' OUTBURST

CORONER AND CROWN PROSECUTOR ATTACKED

"DESIGNED TO GET ME AND NOT MARJORIE NORVAL"

Mr. J. F. Barnes, known as the Bundaberg Bomber, who has caused more headaches in the Legislative Chamber than there are aspros to relieve, referring to the Marjorie Norval case in the House, spoke at length. We take the following extracts of his speech from "Hansard" of July 29:—

"There was a very long time ago, and until approximately one hour before I went to court on the Marjorie Norval case on the second occasion, a thing styled the privilege of Parliament. But there is no privilege of Parliament in Queensland to-day, so I have to be very careful what I say, because the Government would make anything they chose to do restrospective. I have to be very careful what I say, but this I do say now, that those members of the Government who were behind that engineered Marjorie Norval law, are low, are rotten! That is how careful I am. Now the Government can make it retrospective.

The Treasurer: I rise to a point of order. I ask the hon. member to withdraw that statement.

Mr. J. F. Barnes: The Premier admits he organised that, so I withdraw it.

The Chairman: Order! I ask for a withdrawal and an apology.

Mr. Barnes: I withdraw it.

The Chairman: Order! I am asking the hon. member to withdraw and apologise in a dignified way and in keeping with the dignity of this Chamber.

Mr. Barnes: Mr. Chairman, I humbly apologise to those whom I have insulted.

The Chairman: Order!

Mr. Barnes: That is dignified, is it not?

Mr. Barnes continued: "Just prior to this Act being brought to Parliament the Secretary for Health and Home Affairs advised me that I had to be careful, or words to that effect, because there might be something done about it later. In other words, he forewarned me. I thanked him at the time, and told him I should be forearmed.

"The result was that in due course the Coroners Act Amendment Bill came before this Assembly. Everybody in the Opposition said: 'This is specially made for you, so you had better look into it.'

"I read it a first time, I read it a second time, and I read it a third time, and after reading it the third time I saw the big point in it. I saw the point that I could be convicted of the same offence twice—something that is contrary to Magna Charta and subsequent British law.

"When I saw the Bill and read it, especially after I had studied it the third time, I discovered that the whole thing was set up to get me, and not to find out where Marjorie Norval was. I thought to myself, 'these galoots! what chance have they of getting me? I am seven thinks ahead of them all the way through, and I shall be 13 this time.'

"I knew that one very important person said: 'As far as I am concerned Barnes will not go to goal—the people of Queensland will be against it!' I also knew that another party said, 'You are only a Sunday school teacher; you have got him where you want him, keep him there.' I knew that that statement was made by the Premier of Queensland.

"The first time I was at the court I made the statement, without qualifying it, that the whole thing was designed to get me and not Marjorie Norval.

The Attorney-General: How was the breakfast?

Mr. Barnes: It was very good. When I went back to court I summed up my case to the District Coroner, and told him all the reasons why he should not put me into gaol. One of the reasons was the privilege of Parliament. A glaring case has happened since then. When Eddie Ward goes to a royal commission he claims privilege and gets it. Why was I not given privilege?

The Secretary for Public Lands: You are reflecting on the judge of the case.

Mr. Barnes: I am entitled to reflect on the police magistrate. It was not a judge at all.

The Secretary for Health and Home Affairs: You told your story in Cairns.

Mr. Barnes: The Minister had what I said about the Marjorie Norval case taken down in Cairns and sent to him, and he can lay it on the table of the House. When I made that statement the Minister could see that I read out what I said in this House, which was privileged. In my evidence I said that rumour had told me that she is now in England, and I said that in Mackay and in Cairns. I did not state any names; I said 'rumour.'

Mr. Collins: You said Detective Smith afterwards.

Mr. Barnes: Not at that stage. I am talking about something else now. The hon. member is finding it hard to catch on. At that stage I said rumour had it that she was in England, and the Crown Prosecutor or, I should call him the Clown Persecutor, in cross-examining me later——

The Attorney-General: I rise to a point of order. I ask that the hon. member withdraw that reflection on our Crown Prosecutor. I ask that he withdraw the words "Clown Persecutor." They are offensive to an honoured public servant who does his work well, and who did his work well at the time.

Mr. Barnes: I'll say he does his work well!

The Chairman: Order! I have ruled previously that I have no power to extend any protection to anyone not subject to the Standing Orders. I can only ask the hon. member, and for that matter all hon. members, to be decent in their dealings in this Chamber, and to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles and the desires of the people who elect them. I hope the hon. member will take notice of what I say and do justice to this hon. chamber, of which he is a member.

Mr. Barnes: I have never reflected on anybody wrongfully in my life. The Attorney-General asks me to apologise, but I have no intention of doing so. That is where he finishes up!

"Let me take the mater a little further. The Crown Prosecutor tried to trap me into saying 'in London.' He knew that Gibbs's evidence was to follow, but I knew nothing at all about Gibbs. I never said anything about her being in London. In Mackay and Cairns I spoke of her being in England, but I did not say 'London.' He wanted to make it appear that I had been talking to Gibbs, which I had not. However, I have since spoken to him in Sydney, after my return from that mysterious trip referred to by 'Truth.' Gibbs told me that he had not the slightest doubt that he saw Marjorie Norval in London, and knowing Gibbs as I know him I have no doubt either.

"In the billiard room of this Parliament, just prior to the Monday of my going back to court, the Secretary for Public Lands said to me, 'I know something about you.' I replied, 'Then do not tell anybody, because everybody will know.' He went on to say, 'You sold forestry shares once.' I replied, 'Baj Jove, Ned, I did; I worked with them for a week. I forgot I was ever on that job.' He wanted me to make an admission. He asked me that question so that I could be cross-examined about it.

The Secretary for Public Lands: How many people did you take down in that time in selling those shares?

Mr. Barnes: I was a bad salesman; I never sold any.

"The position is that when I claimed privilege in the Coroner's Court I did not get it, and I am sent to prison for something in respect of which I had already paid a fine of £10. I am sent back to gaol. I am hanged and brought back again, and afterwards shot. (Laughter.)

"Well, it was just as sensible. When I came back from gaol next day the Police Magistrate said to me, 'The Superintendent of the gaol says you are willing to tell the names.' I replied, 'Yes, that is so.' He said, 'What are the names?' I said, 'Smith and Jones.' (Laughter.)

"Everybody else laughed, too, but that does not matter. I said, 'Detective Smith and Citizen Jones.' In saying that the persons were Smith and Jones I raised this matter of law, that the Crown Prosecutor had to bring evidence before the court to prove that both Smith and Jones were wrong. Did he bring any such evidence before the court?

"The Coroner went on to say, 'Do you not think that it is a remarkable coincidence that the names should be Smith and Jones?'

"I replied, 'Do you not think it is ten million times more a remarkable coincidence that I am the first member of Parliament in the British Empire ever sent out without pay, and the first person in the world to be convicted for the same offence twice, including being sent to gaol?'

"My point is that the Crown Prosecutor had to bring evidence to show that Smith and Jones were wrong. It did not matter whether the names were Brown and White. The fact is that these names were before the court. He knew there was no evidence to the contrary, and the District Coroner should have released me, but he sent me back to gaol. Not only did he imprison me wrongfully once, but he impriconed me wrongfully a second time; he did it because he had to ask somebody what he was to do with Barnes next!

"He had to go back and consult someone, either the Commissioner of Police or Cabinet, perhaps, so that Cabinet could tell him what to do with me next. I rang up my solicitor on the lock-up 'phone, and said, 'If I am not released to-morrow I want you to issue a writ of habeas corpus so that I shall be out of gaol to-morrow.' That was said in the hearing of every policeman in the watchhouse. Next day I was released from gaol. If not, I should have issued the writ of habeas corpus myself.

"I knew that the District Coroner had sent me back to gaol with the object of asking somebody what to do with me now, as my revelation that Detective Smith and Mr. Jones had informed me had made a complete fool of the authorities. The position arose next day that he let me out of gaol. No further evidence was brought to the coronial inquiry to prove that it was not Detective Smith or Mr. Jones who had given me my information.

The Attorney-General: You are the only one who knew anything about Smith and Jones.

Mr. Barnes: Smith and Jones are a pain in the neck to you. The Attorney-General is very annoyed because the Coroners Act Amendment Act was designed to destroy the hon. member for Bundaberg for all time by bringing him into a court of law, but his revelation concerning Detective Smith and Mr. Jones destroyed all his Government's engineering. That is what is annoying the Attorney-General. The fact of the matter is that the Attorney-General is neither an attorney nor a general, yet he is allowed to bring down legislation to make these laws!

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(Inserted by her loving sisters, Ellen and Kate.)

BOLES.—In loving remembrance of my husband, Ernest James Henry Boles, and our father, who died on August 7th, 1913. Aged 39 years. Fortified with the Rites of the Holy Catholic Church, on whose soul may Sweet Jesus have mercy.

(Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sunday, August 8, 1943: 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Morning Worship and Young Worshippers' League. 3 p.m. Benaraby. 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship; Sermon, Answering the Armchair Critic No. 2, "I Have My Own Religion." Minister, Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 8th August:—11 a.m. preacher Rev. J. A. Pratt (Rays will parade at this service, Communion at close; 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. J. A. Pratt. Girl Comrades and Junior Order of Knights will parade. All are cordially invited to these services.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

MARJORIE NORVAL CASE.

Mr. L. J. Barnes (Cairns), for Mr. J. F. Barnes (Bundaberg), in the Legislative Assembly, asked the Attorney-General (Mr. D. A. Gledson): "In view of District Coroner Leahy's finding, viz., that Miss Marjorie Norval went to the house of an abortionist and never returned, will he obtain from him the name and address of the abortionist, and inform the House accordingly?" The Attorney-General replied: "The name of the abortionist is unknown to me or to Mr. Leahy. As far as I know it might be T. Smith or Citizen Jones."

LADY GLADSTONE SCORES IN RECORD TIME.

On Saturday the last race of the Rockhampton Jockey Club's 1942-43 season, the Farewell Handicap, was won by Mr. H. Ballantine's Lady Gladstone. In running the five and a half furlongs in 1.6¼ secs. Lady Gladstone broke the Callaghan Park record of 1.6½ secs., which up till Saturday was held by four horses—Black Hawk, Soult Shade, Assam Light, and Montreg. Gladstone and district sports will join with us in congratulating Mr. Ballantine, and hope the mare will continue to carry the name she bears to the forefront.

PADDY'S MARKET.

The monthly Paddy's market, organised by the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her committee of ladies, will take place next Friday, August 12, when the usual high class collection of fruit, flowers, vegetables, cakes, jams, sweets, and other home manufactures will be for sale at the Red Cross grounds. Town and country supporters are asked to kindly send their donations to Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in good time for the opening of the market. The convenor would like to hear from any person able to assist by sending along bottles or jars for jam making. A feature of the August function will be the raffle of a large 7lb. box of Winning Post chocolates.

POSTAL VOTING.

Electors entitled to vote by post at the forthcoming Federal elections are those who, on polling day, will not be within the State for which they are enrolled or, if they are within the State for which they are enrolled, will not be within five miles of a polling place, or will be travelling under conditions which preclude them attending any such place, and also all those who through illness, or infirmity or approaching maternity, will be unable to personally attend a polling booth on polling day. An application for a postal vote may be made from now onwards. The necessary form is obtainable at any post office. Early application is most desirable. The polling places will be advertised in the "Observer."

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KNITTING AND SEWING CIRCLE

Annual Report

At the annual meeting of the Comforts Fund the convenor of the Knitting and Sewing Circle (Mrs. Jac. Worthington) submitted the fourth annual report as follows:—

We meet regularly every Tuesday and Friday, and have been working very hard, thus enabling us to despatch the following articles to headquarters:—

Knitting: 299 pairs short socks, 8 prs. long socks, 10 pullovers, 15 prs. mittens, 2 neck muffs, 1 Balaclava cap.

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DEEPLY GRATEFUL.

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CONVENING.

Mrs. G. Watt left us during the year to live in Brisbane, and her assistance with the convening was greatly missed Mrs. G. Gordon very kindly helped me during the last few months, and I wish to thank her for her assistance.

MR. HANSON'S GENEROSITY.

Mr. M. Hanson has generously allowed us the use of one of his shops in the Grand Hotel buildings for the duration of the war. This is more centrally situated than our old rooms were, and we are very appreciative of Mr. Hanson's generosity.

MEMBERS THANKED.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members of the committee for their loyalty and support during my term of office.

The report was adopted.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Private M. Y. Hardy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hardy, Auckland Hill, Gladstone, is spending eight days' leave with her parents, and will return to her unit on Monday. Merle is training as a dietician in the A.A.M.W.S.

Driver Shandley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Shandley, of Auckland Street, Gladstone, after spending a few happy days home leave with his parents, returned on Wednesday to rejoin his unit.

L.A.C. Don Schneider, of the R.A.A.F., who is stationed at a southern base, is spending a few days' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider, West Gladstone. Don has just completed his first twelve months with the Airforce, and has made excellent progress with his unit.

A CORRECTION.

In the report of the annual meeting of the Builyan-Many Peaks branch of the Red Cross Society it was stated that the credit balance was £24/1/7. This should have read £241/1/7.

COPEMAN FAMILY.

News of Mr. A. B. Copeman, B.A., who was for many years head teacher and principal of the Gladstone State and High Schools, tells of lengthy travels as inspector through such places as Boulia, Bajarra, and Burketown. At one station (Lorrajne), where Mr. Copeman stayed the night, the area was over 1000 square miles and 50,000 head of stock. The talented Copeman family are all doing well. Margaret is doing physiotherapy at the University; Belle is teaching at Boonah (where the Copemans were stationed for many years), and Charles is boarding at "Churchie," East Brisbane. Latest news of the boys show that both are in England. George is flying officer, now being an air gunner, and Herbert has his wings, and is stationed close to George. Herbert went to England via the U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Copeman reside in Brisbane.

PATRIOTIC-COMFORTS FUND

FINANCIAL POSITION REVIEWED

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At the annual meeting of the Comforts Fund, Gladstone branch, the Chairman of the Appeals Committee of the A.C.F. and Patriotic Fund (Mr. W. R. Golding) reported as follows:—

On behalf of the above committee I have pleasure in presenting to you the financial transactions of these joint bodies for the year 1942-1943.

A.C.F. WORK APPRECIATED.

This year cannot be said to have been an easy one, as many other bodies besides our own have made very successful calls on the citizens' generosity. Still, it can be claimed that our efforts have not slackened, and every appeal was a successful one. Members generally, and the Comforts Fund members in particular, have been well represented at every meeting held, and took an active part in every effort that was placed before the public. Here I would like to express my own appreciation to your executive officers for their loyalty and co-operation throughout the whole year. Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan, as your president, Mrs. J. W. Garrett as secretary, and Mrs. A. Hopper as treasurer, together with the members of the Comforts Fund, without whose support it would have been impossible on many occasions to successfully function.

VALUABLE WORK.

To Mr. F. Peardon, of the Joint Appeals Committee, I am indeed grateful, not only for his valuable work as secretary of the Fund, but for his assistance at the many functions that have been held throughout the year, and to the members of the Patriotic Committee, who have contributed towards the success that has met our every effort.

NO. 2 DIVISION.

To the representatives of the No. 2 Division of the Calliope Shire, especially Mr. H. Neill Ballantine and Mrs. Ferguson, and any others who have been associated with them in their work on our behalf, I tender them my warmest thanks, the work of the two persons named being worthy of great praise.

SINCERE THANKS.

To the "Gladstone Observer," for the valuable space always available to us, and to the public generally I tender the sincere thanks of my committee, and look forward in the coming year to the same measure of co-operation as has been given in the past, so that those of the boys who will need our help on their return from the war will find us in the position to assist them.

FINANCE.

We commenced the year with a credit balance of £904/12/5, and during the year raised the sum of £1090/8/7, to which must be added interest amounting to £15/2/9, or a grand total of £1105/11/4. No appeal for cash subscriptions was made, and the amount of £34/16/- received was from sundry donors.

Various functions brought in the sum of £552/7/8, and street stalls the importance of which cannot be over estimated, realised £538/4/11. Expenses in conection with functions was £40/10/4, and for street stalls £30/17/7. The amount of money transferred to Brisbane on behalf of the Battle Stations appeal was £60, which was a long way below our quota, and we are looking forward to being able to fill our quota of £525 in the year just entered.

IN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Surplus money, which in the opinion of the Executive is above our own requirements, is transferred to the Patriotic Fund, and is invested in Government loans. The sum of £1000 was transferred to this account during the year. Working expenses of the Comforts Fund are from this account, and £200 was transferred to meet their current need.

CREDIT.

The balance to the credit of the Joint Appeals Committee now stands at £713/15/10, and this, coupled with the credit to the Patriotic Fund of £2700, will provide some return for those who have been called upon to sacrifice so much on our behalf.

The report was adopted.

MEAT RATIONING.

A warning by Mr. Curtin that Allied needs were making increasing demands on Australian-produced food is believed to foreshadow early Federal action to ration or otherwise restrict civilian meat consumption.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CONCERT

An Excellent Programme

In the presence of a large and appreciative audience, a children's concert was staged in the Town Hall on Friday, July 30, by a company of 40 scholars of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School.

High-clas performance, dainty colourful costumes, clever stage effects, variety and interest, were all provided in the excellent programme presented by the young artists.

It is difficult to distinguish the items in a performance that was uniformly high in taste and execution, but the work of the kindergarten scholars certainly won the hearts of all.

The Doll Dance deserves special mention. Valerie Wright was fairy, and the dolls were Beverley Williams, Maizie Haack, Betty McKenzie, Barbara McLeod, Janice Bowers, Iris McLeod, and Janice Cooper.

A pageant of nursery rhymes, under the title "Little Boy Blue," was supported by a huge shoe designed and decorated for the purpose. Miss Joan Bryan took the vocal lead in this item.

To illustrate the comedy item, "Hey, Little Hen," a large hen drawn by Master Gosschalk was shown in a nest, nad in a mysterious way it "cackled" lustily.

"One Dozen Roses" was represented by twlve small girls in floral costumes, supporting the vocalist, Miss June Rose. "Minuet" was rendered by eight junior girls in period frocks.

The upper school girls presented two delightful items, "Ailce Blue Gown" and "Umbrella Man." Miss Joan Bryan had the vocal part of "Alice Blue Gown," supported by eight girls in appropriate frocks and hats. Their graceful movements were of outstanding merit.

In "Umbrella Man" Miss June Rose and Miss Joan Bryan, assisted by the Harold trio, introduced a skillful dramatization of the song.

Shirley McCray's youth show assisted the programme with two popular items, which evoked encores from the audience, "Irish Colleens" and "Naval Turn."

Probably the highlight of the programme was "Ten Pretty Girls," a school ballad, in which the second part was taken by boys who appeared as "girls" to the spontaneous amusement of the audience. The "Saucy Little Redhead" (Graham Young) performed "her" part with popular acceptance. The boys also staked a camp fire scene, which was enjoyed by all.

Instrumental items were rendered by Joan Bryan, Ruth Henry, Denise Hopper, Graham Young, the Harold family, and Valerie Wright. The vocalists were Beth Miller, who appeared in costume as a Scotch thistle, Beryl Power, June Rose, Beris Smith, Ruth Henry, Marie and Mervyn Harold.

Recitations were rendered by Ruth Hunter, Maizie Haack, and Margaret Davidson.

A eurhythmic display was given by the senior girls, and Miss Beryl Power performed club swinging to musical accompaniment.

Much amuseemnt was created by Max Garrett's futile attempt to induce Mrs. 'Arris to claim her pot plant, which grew at an astronomical pace during the evening.

The Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders moved a vote of thanks to the promoters of the programme, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Miller, whose long and arduous preparations had been crowned with success. A large measure of that success was due to the children themselves, who had given of their best efforts, and the picturesque frocks had been made by the promoters out of paper in delicate pastel shades in order to overcome coupon restrictions. It was, he said, a highly creditable performance.

Mr. A. W. Young moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Saunders, the accompaniste of the evening.

Beautiful bouquets were presented to Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. McCray.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

In the Magistrate's Court on Thursday, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), Percival Martin Jones, proceeded against William George Otty, both of Gladstone, claiming £157/10/- damages for alleged assault. After lengthy evidence had ben adduced the case was adjourned until Thursday next. A full report will appear in our next issue.

MR. CURTIN

NOT A GREAT PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Ward Hits Out

Labour claims that it is entitled to be returned to office because of its war record. It claims that it is entitled to be returned because Mr. Curtin is the leader of the Labour Party. It refers to Mr. Curtin as "Australia's great wartime Prime Minister and outstanding statesman." Mr. Curtin, therefore, seems to be Labour's ace at this election, the card with which it hopes, if all else fails, to gain your votes (said Mr. C. P. Ward, the endorsed C.N.O. candidate for Capricornia).

"REPUTATION DECLINED."

Now, no one would deny that Mr. Curtin is an eminent man and an able Australian. He would hardly have become Prime Minister of the Commonwealth if he were not. No one will deny that there was a time when Mr. Curtin was held in high regard in this country, and when even his opponents were prepared to acknowledge his statesmanship. But those were the days when Mr. Curtin was Leader of the Opposition, the days before he became Prime Minister. Since the day he became Prime Minister his reputation has steadily declined in the opinion of the ordinary elector, the man in the street. Whatever else may be said about Mr. Curtin, he has not proved a great wartime Prime Minister; to say that he has is extravagant and unwarranted praise.

SINCERE MAN.

Let us admit that he is a sincere man, and that he once had a reputation for fairness and square dealing; let us repeat that he deservedly enjoyed his reputation for statesmanship while he was leader of the Opposition. His sincerity even now no one doubts, but has he been a big enough man for the job he assumed?

ASKED FOR PERMISSION.

No great Prime Minister in a democratic country would openly slight Parliament. It is the last thing, for example, that Mr. Churchill would dream of doing. Can you imagine Mr. Churchill seeking the permission of an outside and irresponsible body before he introduced an important law into the House of Commons? Obviously, it is unthinkable; yet Mr. Curtin did. Before he introduced his Militia Bill Mr. Curtin went humbly, a suppliant, not a leader, to an Australian Labour Party Conference for their gracious permission. Would a great Prime Minister have done this thing?

INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE.

The first duty of the Prime Minister and his Ministry is to carry on the executive government of the country, in a word, to govern. Notwithstanding that, Mr. Curtin has frankly said that the trumpery nature of many of the strikes that occurred during his term of office "shocked" him, he never at any time took any effective step to put an end to industrial trouble. Instead of acting, he talked; and he sent his valets, Messrs. Forde and Beasley to Trade Union Conferences, not to demand, but to beg, to plead, to humbly petition for peace in industry. The Trade Union Bosses paid scant heed to any of them. Is this the mark of a leader, a great Prime Minister?

MR. CURTIN BLAMED.

True, the Labour Party may have foisted Mr. Forde, Mr. Dedman, and Mr. Ward on to the Prime Minister. But is no blame to be attached to the Prime Minister for making Mr. Forde Minister for the Army, for putting a confirmed socialist like Mr. Dedman in charge of the War Organisation of Industry, for retaining Eddie Ward, that born trouble-maker, as Minister for Labour? Would a great Prime Minister have done these things?

AUSTRALIANS SHOCKED.

Again, it is true that Mr. Curtin appealed to America for help. His duty to Australia demanded that he make such an appeal. But sober Australians all over the country were shocked by the manner and the nature of the appeal. To sober ears, to ordinary men well aware of the dangers that faced them and their country, Mr. Curtin's appeal sounded remarkably like a squeal for help. It amazed and hurt those who had thought that Australians did not squeal. Was this the mark of a leader, a great Prime Minister?

Let us give Mr. Curtin his due measure of praise by all means; indeed, he deserves considerable praise; but nevertheless, it is extravagant and ridiculous to claim that he is a great Prime Minister. He is not.

Vote for Charles Power Ward for Capricornia, and Brown, Goldenstedt and McDonald for the Senate.

(Jas. H. Fitzpatrick, campaign secretary, Denham Street, Rockhampton.)

PATRIOTIC-COMFORTS FUND

Battle Stations Appeal

Total Receipts £577/15/1

The Gladstone Patriotic and Comforts Fund Appeal Committee advises that the amount of £577/15/1 was raised during the month of July for their special Battle Stations appeal. The amount was made up as follows:

	£	s	d
Sale of Art Union tickets	136	0	0
Street Fete	78	1	8
Concert	90	3	6
Dances	40	2	6
Cattle Drive	222	7	5
Gladstone Golf Club	11	0	0
Total	£577	15	1

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the following donations from participants in the cattle drive, organised by Messrs. A. K. Walker, H. N. Ballantine, and A. C. Chapman:—

	£	s	d
W. S. Gill	5	0	0
Wilson & McDouall	10	0	0
P. A. Friend	12	0	0
J. M. Campbell	5	5	0
Anonymous	3	3	0
Mrs. E. D. Streeter	2	2	0
Miss I. Streeter	1	1	0
Miss D. Streeter	1	1	0
Miss G. Walker	1	1	0
P. Streeter	1	1	0
Robertson Bros.	2	2	0
J. H. Thomson	6	9	5
H. H. Waddell	2	2	0
D. E. Stirrat	5	0	0
E. P. Colyer	10	0	0
A. K. Walker	19	7	10
Mrs. A. D. Cameron	6	5	2
A. D. Cameron	7	17	8
F. M. Hickson	6	12	8
W. C. Chapman	6	12	8
H. N. Ballantine	20	7	11
Galloway Plains	23	2	1
E. D. Streeter	5	5	2
G. J. Chandler	7	5	2
Mrs. G. Stovold	8	12	8
Armour Bros.	6	12	8
E. Liddell	2	5	1
G. H. Potter	5	5	2
J. Ferguson	4	17	7
A. C. Chapman	12	0	3
C. Chapman	12	10	3
Total	£222	7	5

OBITUARY

MR. M. ANSBOROUGH.

A well-known pioneer, and one of the best known identities in the Port Curtis district, Mr. Martin Ansborough, passed away at Raglan recently. Deceased, who was 84 years of age, was born at County Mayo, Ireland, and came out from England on the steamer Tara in 1890, and landed at Bundaberg.

For some time he worked in the cane in charge of South Sea Islanders, and afterwards took over a cane farm from Mrs. Greathead. Later he was joined by his brother Patrick, and went into the sugar mills working for Mr. George Greathead.

In 1891 he married Miss Emily Aitkins, who had made the journey out from England in the same boat. She was a native of Gloucestershire.

Leaving Bundaberg, Mr. Ansborough took a job on the construction of the North Coast railway, being employed on the Rosedale-Murray's Creek section. He then decided to go on the land, and took up a selection at Miriam Vale in 1896. He made a great success of farming, growing corn, which yielded up to 100 bags per acre.

In 1914 the late Mr. Ansborough disposed of the property to Mr. Johnson, and with his son Pat bought land at Iveragh from Mr. L. Hancock, where the partners carried on dairying and stock dealing. In 1916 his son enlisted, but was later rejected, and the Iveragh property was sold in 1919 to Mr. Geo. Hickman.

When deceased retired his son purchased a general store at Calliope.

In 1927 his wife passed away in the Gladstone Hospital, and the Calliope business was sold to Mr. James Miller.

Early in 1930 Mr. Ansborough Jr. purchased the freehold of the Railway Hotel and general store, Raglan, where Mr. Ansborough lived with his son until his death.

Although of small build, the late Mr. Ansborough was a remarkably active man, and despite his age enjoyed good health until his demise.

Many old friends who came regularly to Raglan to talk of the old days will regret to hear of his passing.

The funeral took place at Rockhampton.

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CAPRICORNIA CONTEST

GLADSTONE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Barnes in Action

Mr. Frank Barnes, M.L.A., Bundaberg, with Mr. Lou Barnes, M.L.A. for Cairns, will speak at the undermentioned places in the interests of the True Labour. Subject: "The Labour machine can put you into Parliament, and if you are not a 'yes man' to High Finance the machine will not endorse you at the next elections, and out you go."

GRAND LABOUR SENATOR.

Like Senator Darcy, the 4th man in the Tasmanian Senate team, that grand Labour Senator who last year moved in Caucus for the abolition of the Commonwealth Bank Board, which would have left the Bank under the control of the Government, not a Bank Board, including in the motion was the use of National Credit, which I defy anyone to prove that National Credit has been used by the present Government, yet it has been their platform since the Fisher-O'Malley days.

WHAT MR. CURTIN SAID.

The following is a statement made by John Curtin on the 14th of December, 1939, and printed in the "Locomotive Journal" of West Australia, when he (Mr. Curtin) was in the opposition: "Everything in war must be paid for, not by reducing wage standards, but by the use of the National Credit. Because of a Labour Government in the Federal Parliament there is a Commonwealth Bank. It was created as a means of releasing national credit. But because Labour lost office the National Bank has been transformed by our opponents into a mere puppet of the private banks. As a requisite to the national defence the Commonwealth Bank must have restored to it its original charter. When we are in power we shall proceed to redeem the National Bank from its slavery. The cost of the war can be met without piling up huge debts, and without interest payments sucking our life-blood. The Commonwealth Bank must, with a Labour Government, work out a freer and fuller life for our people."

Neither Mr. Curtin nor the Federal Labour Party has honoured that policy.

The power of this machine is only made possible by the age-old guarantee that the workers will vote the ticket at each election. This has been the curse of the Labour movement for all time.

GET TRUE LABOUR MEN.

For that reason we are setting up a campaign to get the true Labour man to vote against the ticket in the Capricornia electorate, and thereby making Mr. Forde the example for the whole of the Australian Labour Party (State and Federal). Then, and then only, will you get action from the present day so-called Labour parties who are riding on the backs of Andrew Fisher, King O'Malley, and other Labour stalwarts of the past.

If present-day Labour men know the ticket is not safe any more they will act and, in particular, will put their monetary reform platform into action, and save the Australian workers from paying more than half their wages in direct and indirect taxation.

My brother and I are the Labour Party in Queensland. The present Government are a Tory Labour Party. End this once and for all.

Vote— 2 Forde, 1 Ward

We do not intend to make an example of the Senate, as theirs is a six-year term, but we do advise you to vote Mr. Forde back next election (1946). Believe us, he will then be only too anxious to represent the true Labour Party's platform. This will show Mr. Forde's colleagues that they cannot be a Communist or a Tory organisation any more. They will have to carry out the Labour policy laid down by Andrew Fisher and King O'Malley. Remember, Communism is a million times worse than Toryism. Socialism is a full brother to Communism.

Communism, after 25 years of power in Russia, in January 1941, had black bread as their stable diet, everything else was a luxury. Butter was 28/6 a kilo (2¼ lbs., bread 5/6 a kilo, meat 16/- a kilo, potatoes 2/6 a kilo. These are the prices the civilians pay in Russia, and their basic wage is equivalent to about £4/10/- per week.

That should be sufficient to show that the State Capitalist system of Russia is a million times worse than our rotten system. Remember, there is no private ownership in Russia, the State charge these prices!

We do not draw our punches. At our three Mackay meetings we had 3000, 4000, and 6000 people. If you want to know why we lost the Mackay by-election, and why I was sent out last week for two weeks without pay, read last week's Government Hansard. As your member, he will send you one, I hope?

Come along to our meetings and hear the TRUTH about the Brisbane Line, and hear how it is possible to pay our soldiers the same wages as the Americans are getting—they are worth every penny of it.

PROGRAMME.

Monto 8 p.m. August 5th; Rockhampton 7.30 p.m. August 7th; Mount Morgan 8 p.m. August 9th, Gladstone 8 p.m. August 11th; Bundaberg 7.30 p.m. August 14th; Barcaldine 8 p.m. August 17; Rockhampton (grand finale) 8 p.m. August 20th.

So far my brother and I have paid every penny of our campaign expenses. We have not asked any other elector to contribute towards our fight for TRUE DEMOCRACY. But we ask you now to help us to finance this campaign by sending donations to me care Post Office, Rockhampton.

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(Authorised by J. F. Barnes, Parliament House, Brisbane.)

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STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Re AGNES CONSTANCE BUTCHER, late of Mount Larcom, in the State of Queensland, wife of Charles Joseph Butcher, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed Agnes Constance Butcher, late of Mount Larcom, in the State of Queensland, deceased, who died on or about the nineteenth day of July, 1940, at Gladstone, in the said State, are hereby required to send their claims to the Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton, on or before the second day of October, 1943. And that after the expiration of the last-mentioned date the said Local Deputy Public Curator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated this third day of August, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON,
Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

TRANSMISSION BY DEATH.
Real Property Acts of 1861 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made for the registration of Transmission of Title to the land hereinafter mentioned. Particulars of such application are given below and any person desiring to oppose may do so by lodging a caveat on or before the day specified at the office of the Registrar of Titles in Rockhampton.

Name of Deceased Proprietor.—Jeanie Gow (otherwise Jeannie Gow) Allison, late of Gladstone, widow.

Date of Death.—January 5, 1943.

Name of Claimant.—The Public Curator of Queensland, as Devisee in Trust.

Description and Situation of Land —Allot. 4, suburban sec. 94A, town of Gladstone.

Estate Claimed to be Transmitted. —Fee simple.

Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Will and Codicil dated May 2, 1933, and May 4, 1933, respectively.

Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—September 14, 1943.

R. J. THOMSON,
Registrar of Titles.

Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

Registrar of Titles' Office,
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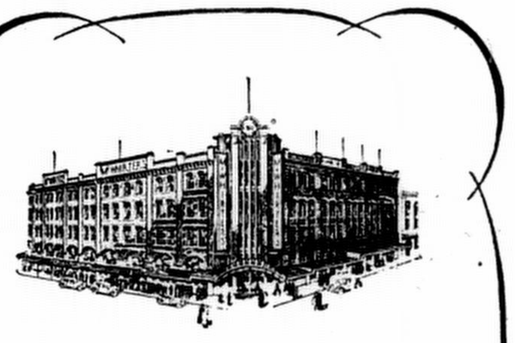

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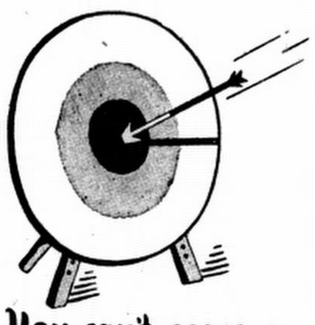

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"BOMBER" BARNES' OUTBURST

(Continued from page 1.)

bills and say, 'Don't put that bill through, as it will convict a person twice for the same offence.' If that fact was made known to hon. members of the Opposition they would flog the bill to prevent it becoming law. Of course, this particular provision was wedged in one of the clauses for an evil purpose, but this evil purpose went astray, and the Government as a result made a complete fool of themselves.

The Attorney-General: Not as big a fool as you did.

Mr. Barnes: The Attorney-General need not make any mistake on that point.

"The Coronial Court was rotten. I was examined and re-examined and examined again, and re-examined again. So was Mr. Gibbs. Then on the following morning the District Coroner would examine me again, and then re-examine me, but only succeeded in making a fool of himself. They could not do what they intended. The District Coroner set himself up as a psycho-analyst. He was appointed to the court as a district coroner, not a psycho-analyst. Nevertheless, he set himself up as a psycho-analyst and wiped Gibbs' story out because it did not suit him.

"Knowing the thing to be a racket from start to finish, I told the Coroner what he was going to find. He said, 'shut up.' I said, 'neither you nor anyone else can shut me up.'

The Crown Prosecutor said, 'Your Honour he is defying you.'

I said, 'Shut up and give your nose a chance.'

Here was a court of law and here was I committing contempt by defying the court. I told the District Coroner that he would find that she was aborted and that she went to an abortionist. Why did the District Coroner take that from me? He turned round to the deposition clerk and said, 'don't put that down.' He also turned round to the newspaper representatives and forbid them to print my remark, but one paper did so, or I am told it did.

Why did I make a fool of the court? Because I knew the District Coroner would find that way, hence the reason why he did not want to commit me for contempt to prolong it.

The District Coroner at another stage refused to put the depositions down. I argued that he would have to do so, and he threatened to put me back into gaol. I said I did not want to go to gaol, and so behaved myself for five minutes. I then went back to the point, after which he adjourned the court until half past 2.

At that time I was committing contempt of court, and had been doing so from time to time. This is the point: It is rotten if the Government can bring in a law to get one man in Queensland and make the people of Queensland spend thousands of pounds to get at one of their political opponents. What is this country coming to? It is a disgrace to democracy, or I should say, if we take the middle syllable of democracy, it is merely a mockery. There was not one decent thing about the whole court.

Evidently the Government will stop at nothing. Any Government that will do a thing like that are decidedly low. Something has to be done about it, and believe me something will be done about it later!

FORTNIGHT WITHOUT PAY.

Speaking on incidents in the Mackay election, Mr. Barnes was called to order, when the following clash occurred:—

The Chairman: Order! I ask the hon. member to apologise to the Committee for unseemly language. Might I also add that if the hon. member does not conduct himself in a proper manner I shall deal with him? I ask the hon. member to apologise.

Mr. Barnes: I apologise to the Committee. The point is the party concerned inferred I was an illegitimate child. The party concerned inferred it in the language I used and for which I was pulled up, but I know you cannot do it, as I was merely stating what was said, but that is by the way. I said, "You can call me that all night, because the police won't arrest you." They could have arrested him for using obscene language in the street, but they would not.

I said, "You can continue calling it all night, but don't call it to me personally, or I will knock your block off."

The Chairman: Order! Please resume your seat.

Mr. L. J. Barnes (Cairns): I will have to differ with your ruling.

The Chairman: Order! Please resume your seat.

Mr. L. J. Barnes: I move that the Chairman's ruling be disagreed to." I will bring evidence to prove it.

The Chairman: Order! I am not accepting the motion. Under the Standing Orders the responsibility is on the hon. member to proceed further.

Mr. L. J. Barnes: Mr. Brassington——

The Chairman: Order! Resume your seat.

Mr. J. F. Barnes: I desire to know what you ruled me out on.

The Chairman: Order! Resume your seat.

Mr. J. F. Barnes: I want to know why you ruled me out.

The Chairman: Order!

The Chairman: Order! I name the hon. member for Bundaberg Mr. J. F. Barnes for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

The Premier: I regret the hon. member for Bundaberg will persist in creating scenes in this Chamber, consequently I have no alternative but to ask you to send for Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Maher: Give him a chance to withdraw and tender an apology to the Chair.

The Chairman: Order!

A Government Member: Do you not think there is a limit?

Mr. J. F. Barnes: You have no decency at all.

The Chairman: Order!

Mr. J. F. Barnes: You cannot take it. I will make you take it!

The Chairman: Order!

Mr. L. J. Barnes: You use the language yourself sometimes.

The Chairman: Order! Mr. Speaker, I have to name the hon. member for Bundaberg for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Order! The Chairman reports he has named the hon. member for Bundaberg.

The Premier: I move 'That the hon. member for Bundaberg, Mr. J. F. Barnes, be suspended from the service of the House for a fortnight without pay."

Mr. J. F. Barnes: Good on you, you mug!

The Premier: Don't you call me a mug.

Mr. Barnes: You are.

The motion was carried by 30 votes to 10.

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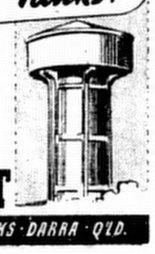

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7	12.39	1.20	.....	7.27	7.28
8	1.16	2.08	.....	8.08	8.30
9	2.04	3.11	.....	9.00	9.43
10	3.04	4.28	.....	10.01	10.57
11	4.25	5.44	.....	11.04	——
12	5.50	6.50	.....	12.08	12.05
13	7.00	7.46	.....	1.14	1.04
14	7.59	8.37	.....	2.13	1.59
15	8.52	9.25	.....	3.07	2.53
16	9.41	10.10	.....	3.59	3.45
17	10.30	10.55	.....	4.46	4.38
18	11.17	11.39	.....	5.34	5.28
19	——	12.05	.....	6.18	6.20
20	12.21	12.52	.....	7.01	7.13
21	1.05	1.41	.....	7.46	8.09
22	1.50	2.38	.....	8.32	9.10
23	2.43	3.41	.....	9.21	10.16
24	3.49	4.53	.....	10.15	11.26
25	5.06	6.01	.....	11.10	——
26	6.17	6.57	.....	12.30	12.05
27	7.14	7.42	.....	1.25	12.57
28	8.00	8.22	.....	2.10	1.44
29	8.41	8.59	.....	2.50	2.28
30	9.20	9.34	.....	3.27	3.08
31	9.56	10.07	.....	4.02	3.46

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BLOW STRUCK IN JONES' SHOP

JONES AND OTTY - CLAIM FOR £158/8/- DAMAGES

"I WASN'T ANGRY - AMUSED AT DEFENDANT"

In the Magistrate's Court on Thursday, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), Percival Martin Jones, of Gladstone, proceeded against William George Otty, of Gladstone, claiming £158/8/- damages for alleged assault. The damages were made up as follows:— Dentist's costs of attention to teeth and making of upper and lower plates £8/8/-, and general damages £150.

The notice of defence set out:— (1) Not indebted as alleged or at all; (2) not guilty.

Mr. C. N. Joseph, of Messrs. Kellett & Joseph, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. Larcombe, for the defendant, instructed by Mr. D. P. Carey, of Rockhampton.

THE EVIDENCE.

Percival Martin Jones deposed that he carried on the business of stationer, newsagent, and fancy goods, at Gladstone, and his shop was situated next to the Post Office, in Gondoon Street. He was also the proprietor of the Gladstone Newsagency, and he had a branch in the Valley, managed by Mr. A. C. Huth. He controlled all Gordon & Gotch agencies in Gladstone, also "Smith's Weekly," "Sydney Bulletin," and "Women's Mirror." He acquired all the block newsruns in Gladstone by buying out the agents in opposition to him. The defendant was the lessee of the railway bookstall at Gladstone, and he supplied defendant with copies of the "Australian Women's Weekly," the "Sydney Bulletin," "Women's Mirror," and "Smith's Weekly" for resale by him at the bookstall.

PAPERS CUT DOWN.

Witness went on to say that he had been cutting the defendant down in number of papers, particularly "Australian Women's Weekly," and the publishers knew this. They were unable to get further issues from the publishers, and he needed more to meet his increasing customers. He had found that the defendant had been selling copies of these papers around the town away from the bookstall. On July 5 he cut defendant's supply of the "Women's Weekly" from 30 to 24, and on July 12 from 24 to 20. He was a returned soldier from the last war, and was 51 years of age. He had been in business in Gladstone for 23 years, and had been vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce for many years, and also a committeeman of the Returned Soldiers' League. He had taken a keen interest in all Gladstone town matters.

OTTY IN THE SHOP.

Continuing, Jones said, about 2.30 p.m. on July 12 he was in the shop, and at that time he saw the defendant standing close by the back entrance on the long counter, and he had a bundle of the "Australian Women's Weekly" under his arm. As Jones went behind the counter the defendant said to him: "Is that all the papers I am getting to-day " and he replied: "If that's the number there that is all you will be getting," and he thought Otty replied, "This is no good to me." Jones then said to him: "As a newsagent you don't exist." During this time Jones was endeavouring to locate some tobacco for a customer, and while he was doing so the defendant kept interjecting and asking him to come outside. Otty said to him several times to come outside, or come out the back, or come out the front, and Jones' reply was not to be childish, or not to be a school boy, or remember "you are grown up," or words to that effect. Jones also said to him: "It would be better if you would leave the shop and go about your own work."

"I WASN'T ANGRY."

The defendant remained in the shop about ten minutes, and he appeared to be very angry. "I wasn't angry, I was rather amused at the defendant's action," said Jones. Later a naval man came into the shop and asked for an article, and to get this Jones had to cross to the other side of the shop, going through the break between the long and short counters in the direction of the front show case. As he crossed the defendant, whom he thought was leaving the shop, bumped into him. He did not speak to Jones, who just turned and looked him up and down.

"RING THE POLICE."

Later Otty placed one of his boots across the toe of his right boot, and Jones pulled his foot from under his and told Otty not to be silly. As he spoke to Otty Jones turned towards him, and immediately afterwards turned away from him to face the front of the shop and talk to the customer, but at that moment Jones was struck a blow on the mouth by Otty with his fist. Jones immediately turned towards Otty and put up his hands in a defensive attitude, and defendant stepped back. Jones stepped towards Otty once or twice, and as he did so the defendant stepped back each time. Jones paused then, and thought the matter over, and then said: "This sort of thing is no good." Jones stated he did not strike the defendant, nor did he strike at him. Jones then turned to the customer and said to him: "A man ought to knock him down," and the customer made some sensible reply, and Jones then called to his office girl: "Ring the police." Jones did not hear Otty say anything after that.

TEETH KNOCKED OUT.

As a result of the blow one of Jones' front teeth was knocked out, and the tooth below it on the bottom jaw was knocked right back, and in addition three other teeth in his lower jaw were loosened. Jones' bottom lip was cut, both inside and out. After that Jones saw his solicitor, and made a visit to the dentist, and had the bottom tooth that was knocked in removed. Since then the three loose bottom teeth had tightened somewhat, although they were still loose. As a result of the blow his mouth was sore for some days, and the cut lip had only now healed. His dentist told him he suffered with pyorrhea, but he had never felt any effects from it.

JONES CROSS EXAMINED.

By Mr. Larcombe: He had known the defendant for about 10 years, and he was a married man with a wife and child. He had a monopoly of the newspaper trade in Gladstone, and always tendered for the railway bookstall, but on the last five occasions defendant's tender was accepted in preference to his. Defendant has had the bookstall for more than three years, and he did not want to get him out of it. It would not be a way of getting him out for him to cut down his supply of papers. He called it fair on his part to treat the defendant as he had done. He cut the defendant down because of the demand he was having from the public for the papers in respect of which orders he had on the waiting list. The principals won't increase his (Jones) supplies, and they told him not to worry about sub-agents. He swore that he had never gone round canvassing orders from defendant's customers. He had sold papers on the Gladstone Railway Station while the defendant had the bookstall rights. Defendant rarely worked the bookstall. He knew he had no right to do so, and that it was an infringement on the defendant's right, but still he sold papers on the Gladstone Railway Station. When defendant bumped him he did not hear him say, "I am sorry," and he did not remember saying to him, "You're not a bit sorry." After defendant struck him, for a split second, he intended to hit him, but then thought better of it.

By Mr. Joseph: By cutting down the defendant's supply of papers it was his intention to make it impossible for him to sell papers around the town. If he had kept the bookstall and looked after it properly it was his intention to help him as much as possible.

"BLOOD ON HIS LIP."

Basil Talbot Smith deposed that he saw the plaintiff and defendant in the shop, and as far as he could remember the plaintiff was behind the long counter, and the defendant was in front of it. He saw the parties talking together at the right hand end of the front show case, but he stood off deliberately so he could not hear what they were saying. He was looking away from them, but for some reason or other he turned round towards them, and he noticed the defendant moving away. He noticed that plaintiff had blood on his lip, and he heard him ask one of his staff to ring for the police. At plaintiff's request he gave him his name and occupation, and after completing his business left the shop.

"FOOLISH MAN, MR. OTTY."

Ailsa June Pope deposed that she was a shop assistant, and employed by the plaintiff. Her duties were to attend to the papers, and serve customers in the shop. She knew the defendant, and made up his papers for him. On the afternoon of July 12 she was out on the back verandah working, and she heard the defendant asking where his papers were, and at that time the plaintiff was serving customers from behind the long counter. She heard the defendant say: "Are you frightened of me?" but she did not know who he was talking to. At that time plaintiff was standing close to defendant, and she heard plaintiff say, "You are a very foolish man, Mr. Otty." She saw the defendant walking towards the front door of the shop and heard a scuffle, and saw plaintiff with his hand on defendant's arm as though keeping him away. At that time defendant had a bundle of papers under one arm, but she could not remember where his other arm was. She noticed plaintiff's lip was bleeding.

MOUTH WAS BLEEDING.

Aileen Margaret Rigby deposed that she had worked for the plaintiff for approximately eight years. She knew the defendant, and saw him come into the shop on July 12, and walk down towards the end of it and collect his papers. At one stage she heard defendant say to the plaintiff, "Is this all you can do for me?" and some time later she heard plaintiff say to defendant, "You are a very foolish man." She noticed that the plaintiff's mouth was bleeding, and heard him say, "Ring for the police, Joyce." All through there were customers in the shop.

JONES' MOUTH EXAMINED.

Dudley Wyndham Pidgeon deposed that he was a dentist, carrying on business in Gladstone. He knew the plaintiff, and first saw him professionally in September, 1942. He examined his mouth, and found he was suffering from pyorrhea in both jaws. On July 12 he saw the plaintiff in the afternoon, and found that his upper right lateral incisor was missing, and the lower right central incisor was almost out of the gum, and the lower right lateral incisor and the lower left central and lateral incisors were loosened. He extracted the incisor that was almost out, and it was definitely necessary for him to do so.

"REASONABLY COST £8/8/-."

Continuing his evidence, Pidgeon said that on August 3 he again examined the plaintiff's mouth, and to replace the two teeth would require one tooth partial plate on the top jaw, and in the bottom jaw the three loosened teeth should come out, and the whole replaced by a four-tooth partial plate. It would not be good practice to build a plate around those three loosened teeth in the way they were now. He thought the plaintiff might have retained his lower teeth in normal circumstances for another two and

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Please accept this as our personal

BOYNE VALLEY

PATRIOTIC FUND

Monthly Meeting

At the last monthly meeting of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund there were present: Mrs. W. E. Muspratt (president), and Mesdames R. S. Davies, Russell, Steel, Wedge, Macart

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JUDGE LANGBECKER PLEASED WITH DISPLAY

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Miss Margaret Jones then presented the Mayoress (Mrs. Dennis) with a bouquet of red, white and blue sweet

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PRISONERS OF WAR

Street Adoption Scheme

On account of the monthly meeting of the branch, to be held next week, Prisoner of War street scheme collections have to be banked by to-morrow

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

GLADSTONE WINS PENNANT

Effort Appreciated

Mr. H. Peters, secretary of the local committee, has received the following letter from Mr. A. V. Porter, Deputy Director of War Loans:—

"The details with regard to the Third Liberty Loan have been completed, and pennants to be presented to the successful centres have been received.

"On behalf of the Commonwealth Government I tender to you and your committee, deep appreciation of your splendid success in the Third Liberty Loan.

"In appreciation of your effort you have been awardede a dark blue pennant, which indicates that Gladstone obtained its subscribers' quota. With a population of 4973 you obtained 550 subscribers, for an amount of £19,740, representing £3/19/5 per capita.

"I have forwarded the pennant to you, and I have written to your ederal member, the on. F. M. Forde, M.P., asking him to make the presentation to the Mayor, representing the town of Gladstone, on some suitable occasion.

"Obviously, the progress of the war will demand more loans, and I sincerely trust that the interest you and your committee have displayed in the past will continue."

GLADSTONE BOWLING CLUB

Week-End Games

The following matches were played over the week-end:—

Young and Schmidt v. Fewster and A. Jenkinson 22-15.

Pring, Jenkinson, Humphries and Johnston v. Henery, Dahl, Drewe and Cooper 26-16.

Joyner, Skinner, Golding and Loveday v. Hogan, Chapman, Archay and Busteed 23-19.

Duff, Dennis, Browne and Yum v. Hunt, Skene, Waldron and Matthews 32-8.

Hunt and Dahl v. Fewster and Busteed 10-4.

Norris and Smith v. Ferris and Barer 30-11.

Schmidt and Quodling v. Young and Mackay 14-9.

Pring, Weiske, Drewe and Cooper v. Joyner, Wilson, Golding and Loveday 19-7.

Jenkinson, Chapman, Johnstone and Busteed v. Comino, Cameron, Humphries and Friend 21-10.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. Herb Mackay, of "Callemondah," Tableland, is at present an inmate of the Gladstone General Hospital.

L.A.C. Cliff Stitt is spending a short leave with his wife and family at West Gladstone. He returns to a northern base on Thursday.

The many friends of Miss Betty Bunning, of Dalgetys Ltd. staff, who left Gladstone on sick leave, will be pleased to learn that she has regained her health. Miss Bunning has been staying with her mother at Cooloongatta.

PADDY'S MARK)T.

The monthly Paddy's market, organised by the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her committee of ladies, will take place next Friday, August 12, when the usual high class collection of fruit, flowers, vegetables, cakes, jams, sweets, and other home manufactures will be for sale at the Red Cross grounds. Town and country supporters are asked to kindly send their donations to Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in good time for the opening of the market. The convenor would like to hear from any person able to assist by sending along bottles or jars for jam making. A feature of the August function will be the raffle of a large 7lb. box of Winning Post chocolates.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

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CAPRICORNIA CONTEST

TO-NIGHT, WEDNESDAY

Barnes To Address Electors

Mr. Frank Barnes, M.L.A., Bundaberg, with Mr. Lou Barnes, M.L.A. for Cairns, will speak at the undermentioned places in the interests of the True Labour. Subject: "The Labour machine can put you into Parliament, and if you are not a 'yes man' to High Finance the machine will not endorse you at the next elections, and out you go."

GRAND LABOUR SENATOR.

Like Senator Darcy, the 4th man in the Tasmanian Senate team, that grand Labour Senator who last year moved in Caucus for the abolition of the Commonwealth Bank Board, which would have left the Bank under the control of the Government not a Bank Board, including in the motion was the use of National Credit, which I defy anyone to prove that National Credit has been used by the present Government, yet it has been their platform since the Fisher-O'Malley days.

WHAT MR. CURTIN SAID.

The following is a statement made by John Curtin on the 14th of December, 1939, and printed in the "Locomotive Journal" of West Australia, when he (Mr. Curtin) was in the opposition: "Everything in war must be paid for, not by reducing wage standards, but by the use of the National Credit. Because of a Labour Government in the Federal Parliament there is a Commonwealth Bank. It was created as a means of releasing national credit. But because Labour lost office the National Bank has been transformed by our opponents into a mere puppet of the private banks. As a requisite to the national defence the Commonwealth Bank must have restored to it its original charter. When we are in power we shall proceed to redeem the National Bank from its slavery. The cost of the war can be met without piling up huge debts, and without interest payments sucking our life-blood. The Commonwealth Bank must, with a Labour Government, work out a freer and fuller life for our people."

Neither Mr. Curtin nor the Federal Labour Party has honoured that policy.

The power of this machine is only made possible by the age-old guarantee that the workers will vote the ticket at each election. This has been the curse of the Labour movement for all time.

GET TRUE LABOUR MEN.

For that reason we are setting up a campaign to get the true Labour man to vote against the ticket in the Capricornia electorate, and thereby making Mr. Forde the example for the whole of the Australian Labour Party (State and Federal). Then, and then only, will you get action from the present day so-called Labour parties who are riding on the backs of Andrew Fisher, King O'Malley, and other Labour stalwarts of the past.

If present-day Labour men know the ticket is not safe any more they will act and, in particular, will put their monetary reform platform into action, and save the Australian workers from paying more than half their wages in direct and indirect taxation.

My brother and I are the Labour Party in Queensland. The present Government are a Tory Labour Party. End this once and for all.

Vote— 2 Forde, 1 Ward

We do not intend to make an example of the Senate, as theirs is a six-year term, but we do advise you to vote Mr. Forde back next election (1946). Believe us, he will then be only too anxious to represent the true Labour Party's platform. This will show Mr. Forde's colleagues that they cannot be a Communist or a Tory organisation any more. They will have to carry out the Labour policy laid down by Andrew Fisher and King O'Malley. Remember, Communism is a million times worse than Toryism. Socialism is a full brother to Communism.

Communism, after 25 years of power in Russia, in January 1941, had black bread as their stable diet, everything else was a luxury. Butter was 28/6 a kilo (2¼ lbs., bread 5/6 a kilo, meat 16/- a kilo, potatoes 2/6 a kilo. These are the prices the civilians pay in Russia, and their basic wage is equivalent to about £4/10/- per week.

That should be sufficient to show that the State Capitalist system of Russia is a million times worse than our rotten system. Remember, there is no private ownership in Russia, the State charge these prices!

We do not draw our punches. At our three Mackay meetings we had 3000, 4000, and 6000 people. If you want to know why we lost the Mackay by-election, and why I was sent out last week for two weeks without pay, read last week's Government Hansard. As your member, he will send you one, I hope?

Come along to our meetings and hear the TRUTH about the Brisbane Line, and hear how it is possible to pay our soldiers the same wages as the Americans are getting—they are worth every penny of it.

PROGRAMME.

GLADSTONE, To-night (Wednesday) 8 p.m. August 11th; Bundaberg 7.30 p.m. August 14th; Barcaldine 8 p.m. August 17; Rockhampton (grand finale) 8 p.m. August 20th.

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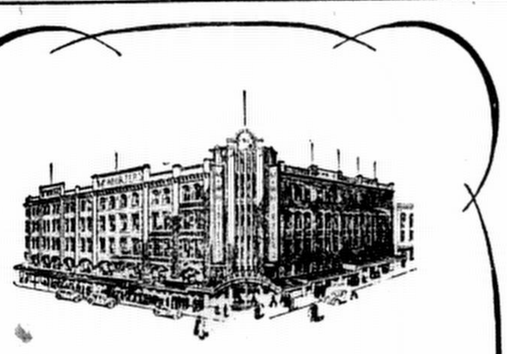

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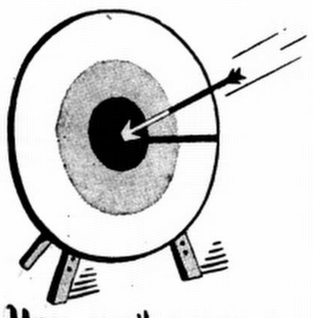

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ASSAULT CASE

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a half to three years and might have retained the upper teeth for six or seven years. To provide plaintiff with a one-tooth partial upper plate and a four-tooth partial lower plate would reasonably cost £8/8/-.

PYORRHEA CONDITION WORSE.

By Mr. Larcombe: The pyorrhea condition had grown progressively worse since September, 1942. In April, 1943 he extracted one tooth for plaintiff and he thought it was an upper right wisdom tooth. He thought plaintiff would be well advised to have his teeth extracted apart from the recent injuries to his mouth.

JONES RECALLED.

Percival Martin Jones was recalled, and in answer to questions asked by Mr. Larcombe stated: "I don't remember defendant saying to me at the long counter 'You are nothing more than a snake. A snake has got nothing on you, and you have nothing on a snake'." Jones could not remember saying in reply to that "Thank you." Defendant had the bundle of papers under his arm at the time when he was struck. He did not say, "I ought to slap you over the ears with the 20 Women's Weeklies," and I did not say, "Yes, you ought to," and then Otty struck him.

By Mr. Joseph: He did not say anything about hitting me over the head with the 20 "Women's Weeklies" when he struck me.

THE DEFENCE.

William George Otty deposed that on July 12 he called at plaintiff's shop about 2.30 p.m. to obtain his "Women's Weeklies" from him. When he picked up the papers he noticed there were only 20 copies for him. He received 24 the previous week. He said to the plaintiff calmly, "Is this the best you can do for me," and he replied, "Yes." He then said to the plaintiff "Do you think you are treating me quite fairly?" and Jones stated, "There is no need for me to discuss the matter; you simply don't exist." Jones then walked away from him and ignored him, and later when the shop was empty except for a Mr. Fred Williams he said to plaintiff: "I don't want to say this, but you are nothing more or less than a black snake; you have got nothing on a snake and a snake has got nothing on you," and in reply to that Jones said "Thank you" and walked away from him, and from then on ignored him.

"YOU'VE GOT NO BRAINS."

Witness went on to say that later he called to the plaintiff "Are you game to come down here" and Jones muttered something which he could not catch at first, but the concluding words were, "You'll do no good; you've got no brains." In reply Otty said, "I'd like to get you down the back steps for a few minutes" and if you were half a man you would come." Just at this stage the previous witness (Smith) came into the shop and plaintiff walked towards the other side of the shop. Otty then commenced to walk out of the shop, and when he arrived at the passageway between the long and short counters plaintiff stepped in front of him. As he did so he brushed him, or may have bumped him slightly and as he turned round and faced Otty the defendant said, "I'm sorry." In reply to this Jones said, "You're not a bit sorry" and later defendant remarked, "I ought to slap you over the ears with these 20 "Women's Weeklies" and Jones said, "Yes, you ought to."

"STRUCK JONES WITH RIGHT FIST."

Continuing, Otty went on to say that he struck Jones with his right fist on the mouth and he was definitely facing him when he struck. At that time the "Women's Weeklies" were under his left arm, and plaintiff raised his hands slightly and then called to one of his girls, "Ring for the police" and in reply to this witness stated, "There is no necessity, I am leaving." He had dealt with the plaintiff since 1925, and in 1939 he purchased a mixed business at the corner of Auckland and Herbert Streets. In July, 1939, he tendered for the rights of the bookstall at the Gladstone Railway Station, and when he obtained the rights he was able to make satisfactory arrangements for the supply of all papers except the "Women's Weekly," "Smiths Weekly," "Sydney Bulletin" and "Women's Mirror." The proprietors of those four papers told him it was not their practice to appoint agents indiscriminately, but that he would be able to draw his needs through the plaintiff, and he obtained his supplies from Jones from time to time. In December, 1941 he was obtaining 102 copies of the "Women's Weekly" through the plaintiff, but in July Jones cut his supply down to 20 weeklies, and this put his newspaper business at both the shop and the bookstall into a chaotic state.

PAPER SUPPLIES.

When Otty applied for the "Women's Weekly" the proprietors did not put any restriction on him as to where he was to sell them, and plaintiff did not do so either. All the periodicals and papers that he obtained through Gordon & Gotch he was compelled to restrict for sale to the railway bookstall. All other papers and periodicals he handled had no restrictions whatever. No restrictions were placed on him by the proprietors of the "Sydney Bulletin," "Women's Weekly," or "Women's Mirror." Owing to his papers being reduced by Jones, and being unable to supply his patrons, he had lost their custom to the plaintiff. On several occasions as his supplies were being reduced he asked Jones if he could not maintain his supplies, knowing that he was under no cut himself. He simply would shrug his shoulders or say "No." This town had never been blocked in regard to the sale of newspapers and he only invited the plaintiff to come outside on one occasion. Jones never said to him it would be better if he went to his shop and started work. If Otty stood on the toe of the plaintiff's boot it was quite accidental, and he was unaware of it.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr Larcombe intimated that his defence was directed to the mitigation of damages only.

OTTY CROSS EXAMINED.

By Mr. Joseph: Plaintiff had no block rights as far as Gladstone was concerned other than the Gordon & Gotch agencies. He made one application through the member for a direct agency of the "Women's Weekly," but he never received a reply. He had never been advised by the plaintiff or the "Women's Weekly" that he was prohibited selling that paper off the railway platform. When he first got the papers from the plaintiff he did not tell him they were only to be sold at the railway bookstall, and if Jones said he did it would be a lie.

"COME OUT AND FIGHT."

In March, 1943, it was pointed out to him by Gordon & Gotch that he was restricted to selling their publications away from the railway bookstall, and since that time he had not done so. Gordon & Gotch had reduced his supplies by 10 per cent. and all his papers come addressed to the railway bookstall. If he did not have that stall he could still get the daily papers. After he had seen the cut in his supplies on July 12 he wanted the plaintiff to come out and fight, but it was not a common thing for him to go looking for fights.

"AIMED AT HIS CHIN."

About six months ago Otty had a struggle with a man named Sanders out in front of his shop, and he struck Mr. Tweed in self defence about twelve months ago. Within the last eight or nine months a Mr Duke wanted him to come out of his shop and fight, but as he was in the shop by himself he could not do so. He did not know that Duke was a sick man. At Mr. Treacy's residence last Saturday he wanted to throw him (Otty) down the steps, and he did not show his right fist to Treacy and say to him, "This is what I did to Jones." When Otty found his "Women's Weeklies" were reduced down to twenty he was very annoyed, and so much so that he wanted the plaintiff to come out and fight. It was quite possible that he deliberately bumped into plaintiff, and had he accepted his apologies at the time that would have been the end of it. Actually he did deliberately bump him, so his apology, "I'm sorry," was purely sarcastic. That was the first occasion when he hit anyone in the mouth, and when he struck plaintiff his hands were down, but immediately afterwards Jones raised them. He thought plaintiff was expecting the blow, but he had no particular reason for striking Jones on the mouth, and added, "I think I aimed at his chin."

SANDERS INCIDENT.

By Mr. Larcombe: The incident with Sanders occurred about six months ago. He is a carter employed by Friends and he had two dozen bottles of methylated spirits on the cart for him, and Sanders wanted empty bottles in exchange right away, but he did not have any empty bottles to replace them. Otty asked Sanders to leave the methylated spirits and told him he would let them have the two dozen empty bottles later in the week when he could dig them up. Witness then endeavoured to take the methylated spirits off the lorry, telling Sanders he would take full responsibility, but he caught hold of Otty, and they had a struggle and he pushed the witness aside. Otty told Sanders next morning that he regretted the incident, and said as far as he was concerned he had forgotten about it. Tweed and Otty were now good friends.

The case was then adjourned until to-morrow (Thursday).

PORT CURTIS TIDES

AUGUST.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
11	4.25	5.4x	.....	11.04	——
12	5.50	6.50	.....	12.08	12.05
13	7.09	7.46	.....	1.14	1.04
14	7.59	8.37	.....	2.13	1.59
15	8.52	9.25	.....	3.07	2.53
16	9.41	10.10	.....	3.59	3.45
17	10.30	10.55	.....	4.46	4.38
18	11.17	11.39	.....	5.34	5.28
19	——	12.05	.....	6.18	6.20
20	12.21	12.52	.....	7.01	7.13
21	1.05	1.41	.....	7.46	8.09
22	1.50	2.38	.....	8.32	9.10
23	2.43	3.41	.....	9.21	10.16
24	3.49	4.53	.....	10.15	11.26
25	5.06	6.01	.....	11.10	——
26	6.17	6.57	.....	12.30	12.05
27	7.14	7.42	.....	1.25	12.57
28	8.00	8.22	.....	2.10	1.44
29	8.41	8.59	.....	2.50	2.28
30	9.20	9.34	.....	3.27	3.08
31	9.56	10.07	.....	4.02	3.46

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9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
1.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

a.m. WEEK DAYS
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
6.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

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DEFENCES OF AUSTRALIA

LABOUR GOVERNMENT REDUCED DEFENCE VOTE

POSITION SUMMED UP BY MR. C. P. WARD, C.N.O. CANDIDATE

In the first place I may say that I have no excuse or apology to make for contesting this election against a member who has represented the Capricornia electorate for 20 years, and who at the present time holds the position of Minister for the Army, said Mr. C. P. Ward, the endorsed C.N.O. candidate for Capricornia, in his opening remarks in his address to the electors in the Town Hall on Thursday night. Mr. Ward was supported by Mr. L. W. Luckins, M.L.A. (member for Mareel). The Deputy Mayor (Ald. W. R. Golding) presided, and introduced the speakers.

RESIDENT OF ROCKHAMPTON.

I have been a resident of the city of Rockhampton for upwards of five years, and all my interests are centred in the district. When I decided to make an important change in my life and to launch out in business on my own account I chose the Central Division of Queensland to take the chance. It is a tribute to the opportunities which exist in this region for all men of energy and enterprise, if they are given the chance, that I can claim to have achieved some measure of success. Whatever that success has been, all my interests are here and if I am returned as member for this division it is natural that my energies shall be directed to the advancement of the division and its people.

ROCKHAMPTON AND GLADSTONE.

I am, as you know, a resident of Rockhampton. I understand that before my time there used to be some rivalry between Rockhampton and Gladstone, on the score of shipping and roads. Rivlray between towns and cities is not a new thing. It has existed throughout history, and so far as I can gather, so long as it is a healthy rivlary it never does much harm. In the case of Gladstone and Rockhampton it certainly has done no harm, for both have made, and are making, steady progress, which I feel sure will continue.

In the case of Gladstone this has been most marked. I remember the town a few years ago, when it was not perhaps quite so progressive as it has since become. I feel sure that the progress will continue under the stimulus of sympathetic consideration from those who have post war reconstruction in hand.

FALSE AND TRUE ISSUES.

Now as you all are aware, elections are fought on what are known as "issues." There are real issues and false issues. Many elections have been fought and won on false issues. It is of the greatest importance to Australia that this election, above all others, shall be fought on true issues.

At a meeting in Rockhampton Senator Cooper made a remark which made a deep impression on me. It was that this election was probably the most important that had ever been held in Australia, and that its result would determine the Government which would rule the lives of our people for many years to come. That, I think, is true. And for that reason, above all others, we must make sure first and foremost that the election is fought on real issues. All political parties naturally would like to chose their own election issues, just as the man who is going in to fight would like to chose his own weapons. It is clear that the Labour Government is fighting this election and seeks return first and foremost on the defence issue.

DEFENCE ISSUE.

And what is the defence issue?

Reduced to the simplest and plainest terms it is this:—

That the Menzies-Fadden Government neglected the defences of Australia, that they adopted a defeatest attitude towards the war, and if it had not been for the Labour Party coming to the rescue we would have been in a sorry plight. That Menzies and Fadden took no steps for our protection, and Curtin and Forde and Eddie Ward and Senator Collings are the saviours of the country. That is what Mr. Forde is telling you, and he expects you to believe it and return him to Parliament again on the strength of it.

LABOUR'S TWO VOICES.

I think I can safely leave any intelligent person who has followed the events of the last three years and whose memory can go back a little further to make his own comment on that particular claim. But I will quote an authority which throughout his ministry has been very favourably disposed towards Mr. Curtin. That is the "Sydney Morning Herald." In a recent article, entitled "Labour's Two Voices," it said:—

"A more impudently fraudulent issue was never devised for the gulling of voters than that on which Labour hopes to concentrate electoral attention. The strutting of the party's pacifist demagogues, posing now as the militant saviours of the country, and ranting against 'guilty men,' merely arouse derision. Their records are rank: their effrontery is limitless."

After Mr. Curtin became Prime Minister, he not only declared that we were able to defend ourselves, but told Parliament six weeks after Labour had assumed control that Australia was never before so well prepared for war as it was then.

MR. CURTIN PAYS TRIBUTE.

Six months before becoming Prime Minister Mr. Curtin said:

"I claim that the war has been prosecuted to the maximum of Australia's capacity."

This was six months before Japan entered the war. After he had been in office a whole year Mr. Curtin saw no reason to change his opinion.

At a Labour rally in the Sydney Town Hall on October 12, 1942, Mr. Curtin said:—

"I pay tribute to the Governments which preceded my own for the constructive work they have done in defence and the foundations they have laid."

"DEFENCE VOTE SHOULD BE REDUCED."

In 1938, the last year of the Lyons Government, members of the Curtin Government urged that the defence vote should be substantially reduced instead of "calamitiously" increased. That was only a year before war broke out. At the same time Mr. Curtin declared in Parliament that the international crisis had passed. This is what he said:—

"I say that any increase of defence expenditure after the Munich pact, so far as Australia is concerned, appears to me to be utterly unjustifiable and an hysterical piece of panic propaganda."

With these contradictory statements of the Prime Minister and other Government leaders before us, does it not strike you what a total lack of sincerity and untruthfulness there is with these men? And if we cannot look for truth and sincerity from our national leaders, where are we to look for it?

Twenty-three years ago a Trades Union Conference, attended by six of the present ministers, including Mr. Curtin, denounced compulsory military training as "morally degrading." Ten years later Labour abolished compulsory military training and stripped the country of such defences as it possessed. As late as December 1939 (three months after the outbreak of war) Mr. Curtin denounced the calling up of young men for home defence training. He said the Menzies Government affronted the patriotism of the people by the imposition of compulsory training, and that there was no justification for it, and that he was irrevocably and unequivocally opposed to it.

I say emphatically that if any affront has been offered it is the affront to the intelligence of the people of Capricornia, when Mr. Forde gets up and says that a party of which he is Minister for the Army and which tried to prevent the youth of the country already at war from being taught to bear arms, should now pose as the only party fit to govern in war time.

"THAT SCOUNDREL CHURCHILL."

Now, I could go on quoting indefinitely of the things which our new-found saviours of the country were saying about the time when war broke out and Australia was collecting its first divisions for overseas—those magnificent young men who won such proud honour for Australia in the Middle East, and many of whose people are in this audience to-night. I will, however, recall to you that notorious outburst of Senator Collings, who referred to one of the greatest men the world has known as: "That scoundrel Churchill, the mad dog of Europe."

Here also is a comment by General Brand, a man with an honoured career in the last war:—

"It makes my blood boil when I hear politicians who never did a day's soldiering in their lives, never wanted anyone to train to defend their country, and never raised their voice or lifted a finger to help us in the first world war, airing their views on military strategy and battle tactics."

OTHER SIDE OF PICTURE.

Now, the other side of the picture. Everything must have a beginning. Before a building can be erected the foundations must be laid. Before a harvest can be reaped the seed must be planted. In no field of human endeavour is it more necessary for planning sound foundations than in the arming of a nation. The whole of this war has proved that.

The real facts are that when the Labour Government came into power Australia was manufacturing the famous three point seven anti-aircraft gun, the twenty-five pounder, and the Beaufort bomber, and had advanced them to mass production stage. We had raised four divisions of the A.I.F., 70,000 Australians were in training for the Empire air scheme, a start had been made in the face of strong Labour criticism with the Women's Auxiliary Services that have proved of such great value to us. And yet responsible ministers—men like Mr. Forde and Mr. Curtin—stand up and tell us that nothing was done, that it was they who saved the country.

I say that these Labour politicians, in an endeavour to throw mud at their political opponents, are libelling thousands of men and women who gave magnificent service in the production of the implements of war whilst these politicians were not lifting a finger to help Australia.

LABOUR NEGLECTED AUSTRALIA.

Now, I do not propose to pursue this matter any further at this juncture. I think I have put before you evidence which shows these people up in their true colours. It is they who are the defeatists, they who would have neglected Australia's safety. The application of a little common sense on your part exercised when you go to the ballot box on August 21st will give them the answer they so rich deserve.

MAIN POINTS.

Now, to briefly review for you my grasp of the main points in Mr. Fadden's policy speech, let me say:

Whilst it is necessary to offer strong criticism of our opponents at this election on account of the outrageous claims they are making in connection with the defences of Australia, I will admit that criticism of one's opponent is in itself not a sufficient claim to ask you to return me to Parliament. An old and tried campaigner of my acquaintance often said:

"The candidate who does nothing but criticise his opponents is not long in convincing his audience that he has nothing else to talk about."

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COUNTRY NATIONAL ORGANISATION AND NORTHERN COUNTRY PARTY SENATE CANDIDATES

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J. J. McDonald

C. V. WATSON BROWN

Squadron Leader Watson Brown joined the first A.I.F. in 1914; co-pioneer of Flying Doctor Service and Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme; foundation member of the Returned Soldiers' League; graduated in medicine in Sydney University and practised in Longreach District for 20 years; represented Gregory in the State Parliament; made an extensive study of Queensland industrial, sociological and health problems; enlisted in the R.A.A.F. on the day the present war was declared; and is at present serving with the rank of Squadron Leader.

PAUL L. GOLDENSTEDT

Lieut.-Col. Paul Goldenstedt is a soldier of two wars. He landed on Gallipoli with the 3rd Infantry Battalion, A.I.F., and fought throughout the entire campaign, winning his commission at Lone Pine in August, 1915. For his services in this operation he was mentioned in despatches.
On the outbreak of this war he was appointed Assistant Quartermaster-General of Northern Command (Queensland) with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel and afterwards was appointed to command Redbank Camp.

J. J. McDONALD

Captain McDonald served in Egypt, Gallipoli, and France with the first A.I.F. After the war he took up farming on the Atherton Tableland; was a member of the Maize Board, a foundation member of the Barron Falls Hydro-Electric Board, Atherton Shire Councillor; was for 12 years organising secretary of the N.C.P. Possesses an intimate knowledge of Queensland and her rural industries. Enlisting in September, 1941, he became an honorary organiser for the War Loan, and was also in charge of the A.I.F. Recruiting in North Queensland. He later was promoted to rank of Captain and R.T.O. at an interstate railway station.

VOTE THUS on AUGUST 21st

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—Says Mrs. J. M. Vasey wife of Major-General Vasey

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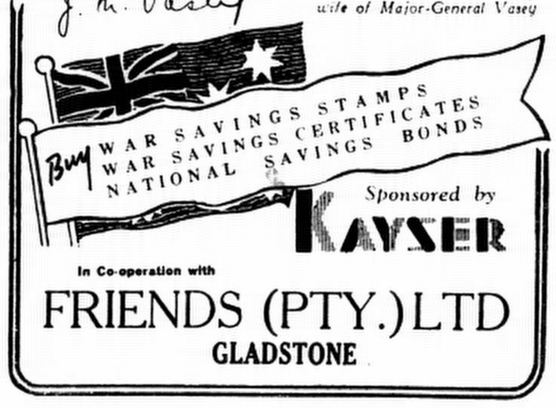

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Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, estab. 1867. Sunday, August 15, 1943.—9.45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Worship and Young Worshippers' League, 6.30 p.m. P.F.A. Group, 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship. Visiting preacher, Rev. I. H. Shakespeare. Minister, Rev. H. Mac-Neil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 15th August:—11 a.m. preacher Rev. Shakespeare of the British and Foreign Bible Society; 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m., preacher Mr. A. Blake. All are cordially invited to these services.

Engagement

SCHNEIDER-McKEAN.—The engagement is announced of Eunice May McKean, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McKean, West Street, Rockhampton, and native of Calliope to William Frank Schneider, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider, West Gladstone.

Thanks.

MR. and MRS. E. J. JONES and Family wish to sincerely thank Gladstone State School Teachers, also children and School Committee, Salvation Army and Red Shield Committee, Second Gladstone Group Boy Scouts, Cubs and Scout Master, Ladies' Committee, Burgess's Staff, Members A.M.I.E. Union, and all other kind friends for floral tributes, messages of sympathy, cards, etc., in their recent sad bereavement of their little son and brother, Neville.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

COMMERCIAL BANKING COY. OF SYDNEY.

The General Manager (Mr. C. Darvall) of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., advises by advertisement in our business columns that the Mount Larcom branch of the bank will be closed on Monday, August 30, and that the business will be transferred to the Gladstone (Q.) branch. A receiving office will be conducted at Mount Larcom each Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

P.O.W. SCHEME.

Gladstone's Prisoner of War street scheme is well organised, and continues to return approximately £1400 per annum. The joint organiser Mr. D. J. Connellan, banked £140 on Thursday being collections by ladies for the period July 1 to August 11. Two original collectors, in Mesdames G. Hartley and Mortimer Tait have had to temporarily give up their books. These two ladies did splendid work in the early part of the scheme, and continued to collect weekly since last February. Boy Scouts have been assisting Mrs. Tait in recent months. The organisers would be pleased to hear from any ladies living in Bramston Street and Central Lane who could take over the books. Mrs. Masterson has returned and resumed her collections in Gondoon Street, which were kindly taken over by Mrs. Hall in her absence.

Many friends will regret to learn that the joint secretary of the Red Cross, Mrs. H. P. Browne, has been ill for the past fortnight, and unable to attend to her usual duties. Members will join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

AMBULANCE BALL.

The annual bearers' dance in aid of the Gladstone Ambulance Brigade was held in the Trocadero on Friday night. The dance was well patronised by Gladstone and district people, and reflected great credit on all who helped to make it a success. The Committee wish to thank everyone who gave their support. Hon. Bearer Geo. Curran acted as M.C., and carried out the duties in his usual capable manner. The raffle was in the hands of Hon. Bearer Alf Barker, assisted by Hon. Bearer G. Bruce and Mr. Frank Farmer. The Treasurer (Mr. Alf Fry) was in chage of the ticket selling, and the doorkeepers were Messrs. A. T. Power and W. O'Reilly (chairman and deputy chairman, respectively). All carried out their respective duties in a most capable manner. The music was supplied by Miss G. Ward (piano), V. Royston (violin and trumpet), and R. Brennan (drums). The shipping bag of groceries was won by Mr. F. Pashley (ticket No. 1243D), the Monte Carlo by Miss C. Barker and partner (Mr. T. Judge), and the spot onestep by Miss Josie Reaney and partner (Mr. V. Breslin). Next Ambulance dance will be held at Calliope on August 14, when a good time is assured.

"VOTE FORDE OUT"

REASONS OUTLINED

Mr. Barnes at Gladstone

Mr. Frank Barnes, the "bombshell" in Australian politics, after addressing record political meetings at Monto, Rockhampton and Mt. Morgan, continued his record here on Wednesday night by addressing the largest wet night meeting Gladstone has ever seen.

PORT OF GLADSTONE.

Mr. Barnes said Gladstone was not only the best natural port in Queensland, but the second best natural port in Australia but it had not been pushed ahead because it has had no real assistance from its State and Federal members. A striking example of this is the Gladstone water scheme. The only way to cure this ill is to show both Mr. Forde and the State member (Mr. Williams) that their seats are not "safe" any more by voting—

[2] FORDE
[1] WARD

"MAN-MADE DEPRESSION."

Mr. Barnes criticised a number of statements which he claimed Mr. Forde had made, including one "that there must not be a repetition of the dark days of the man-made depression."

This man-made depression, said Mr. Barnes, was allowed by Jack Scullin, because he was Prime Minister at the time, and he should have hunted Sir Otto Niemeyer back to England as fast as he came here. Then there would not have been a depression. Nor would there have been one if Sir Denison Miller, the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, had been alive as just previously, in 1923 when the world bank smash was on. Sir Denison saved the Australian banks from ruin. Over 1400 banks went smash in America alone at that time. This reminds me of Sir Denison's historic saying: "What is physically possible I will make financially possible."

FARMERS' SONS.

Mr. Barnes went on to say that the Prime Minister made the following statement 12 months ago: "If I have to chose between manpower for an army and manpower for food production, I would choose the former."

This is what Mr. Curtin has done, Mr. Barnes added. He has sent the farmers sons to war, then his labourers, then his machinery, and if a farmer had any machinery left he has no petrol with which to run it. The result is that primary production has dropped more than 33 per cent all over Australia, which eventually means "hungry stomachs." This along with the main communist doctrine of bloodshed means revolution, because all revolutions are made possible by "hungry stomachs."

SOLDIERS' PAY.

Mr. Barnes said Mr. Forde's skiting that his Government had increased soldiers' pay 1/6 a day and the old age pension 1/6 a week was humorous to him, because in reality they had reduced their pay. The old age pensioner to-day can buy about 4/6 worth goods less than he could have bought two years ago; that makes him 3/- a week worse off than he was two years ago! What is the use of increasing their pay and allowing the price of goods to go up higher than their increased pay? said Mr. Barnes.

Just fancy Mr. Forde skiting about a 1/6 a day increase in our soldiers' pay: they should be getting 18/- a day, the same as the Americans are getting. This argument alone proves that the American Government must be a three times better Government than his (Mr. Forde's) Government.

There is no Government in the world better than a true Labour Government. A true Labour Government would pay our soldiers this pay without increasing taxation, by using the Commonwealth Bank the way King O'Malley (the founder) wanted it to be used.

"VOTE FOR WARD."

An interjector asked: Do you want us to vote Tory, Mr. Barnes?

Mr. Barnes replied: You have no alternative, because the candidates are both Tories. It is just a matter of working out which Tory would be better to vote for, and you will agree that Mr. Ward has declared himself as a Tory, so you know where you stand with him. But Mr. Forde is a Tory wearing the Labour uniform, and you don't know where you stand with him.

I am asking you to vote Forde out, not to vote Tory, continued Mr. Barnes, but in voting Forde out you have no alternative but to vote for Ward. I am not interested in Mr. Ward; I am only interested in giving the A.L.P. and Q.C.E. the lesson they should have got years ago.

INDIRECT TAXATION.

In answer to another interjection about Indirect taxation, Mr. Barnes said: "In Pitt's time you could tax the past.

HARBOUR BOARD

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Harbour Board was held yesterday. Present: Messrs. A. W. Drewe, W. R. Golding, J. F. Donovan, E. W. Crow, C. S. Schache, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

Owing to the absence of the Chairman through illness, Mr. A. W. Drewe was appointed acting chairman. Apologies were received from Messrs. C. W. Macfarlan (chairman) and R. S. Wilson for non-attendance, and they were granted leave of absence from the meeting.

The District Engineer, Main Roads Commission, Rockhampton, was written to regarding hire charges on and the return of the Board's pile-driving equipment.

The Gladstone Unemployment Board invited delegates from the Harbour Board to meet members of the Board at its next meeting to discuss any post war schemes the Board may have for the utilisation of the services of men and women now engaged on war duties.

The Chairman of the Works Committee (Mr. W. R. Golding) and Mr. E. W. Crow were appointed to represent the Board.

FINANCE.

Payments amounting to £173/13/9 were confirmed and accounts amounting to £122/15/5 passed for payment.

It was decided to remit a further £1500 to the Treasury Department on account of interest and redemption.

WEDDING BELLS

BURDEN-RIGBY.

A wedding of interest to Gladstone and Adelaide (S.A.) residents was celebrated at St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Gladstone, when the marriage of A.C.W. Joan Eva, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rigby, Roseberry Street, Gladstone, to Corporal Maxwell Harold Robert, of the R.A.A.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burden, Walkerville (S.A.), was solemnised.

Revd. Bode was the officiating clergyman, and Mrs. J. Busteed presided at the organ.

The bride, who wore her service uniform entered the church on the arm of her father.

Mrs. C. D. Ryalls, sister of the bride, attended as matron of honour, and was frocked in a dusty pink jumper suit with navy accessories.

Mr. L. J. Rigby, brother of the bride, was best man.

The wedding breakfast was held at the Geisha Cafe, the main feature of the table being a two-tiered cake, made by the bride's mother.

Mrs. Rigby, mother of the bride, received the guests wearing a black wool de chene ensemble and accessories.

Among the toasts honoured was "Absent Relatives," Sam, Connie, Alex and Bob (brothers and brothers-in-law of the bride, who are all on active service).

The young couple left by the afternoon train for Adelaide, where the honeymoon was spent. Both have since returned and rejoined their units in the north.

the shirt off a man's back by indirect taxation, and he would not complain. I say you can now tax the gold out of a man's back teeth by indirect taxation without even disturbing the conversation!"

ELECTION FIGURES.

Mr. Barnes said that at the last election the Social Credit movement of Capricornia voted for Forde to the man because of his promise to introduce monetary reform, and because he failed to do this the Social Credit voters are voting against him this election, which means the Social Credit candidate the election before last (six years ago) polled 6000 votes, which at a minimum has doubled in six years. This means 12,000 of Mr. Forde's last election votes of 33,000 will be reduced to 21,000. Add 12,000 to the Tory's 23,000 last election, and Mr. Ward will poll 35,000 votes. Supposing there are only 6000 Social Credit votes this time. This means 6000 from Mr. Forde's 33,000, which leaves him with 27,000; and 6000 on to the Tory candidate's 23,000 last times will give Mr. Ward 29,000 votes. Remember, two elections ago Mr. Forde had an absolute majority of only 443.

LABOUR FARMERS.

This time most of the Labour farmers, the soldiers, and the true Labour man will also be voting against Mr. Forde, so why waste your vote? Vote (2) Forde, (1) Ward, and give the A.L.P. and Q.C.E. a lesson, which they badly need.

"SHOW YOUR PROTEST."

Show your protest to these Communistic actions by voting (2) Forde (1) Ward, and make, as I have said previously, Mr. Forde an example to the whole of the Australian Labour parties. If you don't protest you will get the apathy you have received in

TOWN CLERK

MR. GRAYSON RESIGNED

Joined the R.A.A.F.

Mr. R. H. Grayson, who has occupied the position of Town Clerk with the Gladstone Town Council for the past 12½ years, has joined the R.A.A.F., and left on Wednesday to take up his duties with the equipment section of the Air Force at a southern base.

Mr. Grayson has been an efficient and popular officer, and his many friends will join in extending best wishes for success and a safe return. He actually enlisted some 12 months ago, but was not called upon until last week, when he was successful in passing the necessary tests.

A well-known sportsman, Mr. Grayson is perhaps best remembered by his association with early Rugby League football, when he was one of the three-quarter stars in that brilliant pre-war combination, the Waratahs.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

The Muspratt family still await official news of Driver Arthur Muspratt, who has been posted as missing in Malaya.

Gnr. Mona Muspratt, of Littlemore, and now of the A.W.A.S., has recently been home on leave. She has now rejoined her unit in the south.

Corporal Eric and Sapper Roger Muspratt are home on three weeks' leave with their parents at "Littlemere" after 18 months in New Guinea, and are thoroughly enjoying their leave, but finding it very cold after the tropical heat.

Corporal Noel Muspratt, who is a P.R.T. instructor, is now stationed in Toowoomba. He has come across several Gladstone lads during his term as instructor in various other centres, mostly team-mates or opponents of the good old football days.

MISSING REAR GUNNER.

Recently, when Rear Gunner Jack Ryalls was reported missing in air operations over Germany, mention was made of a recent promotion. Mr. J. T. Ryalls, of Monto, has now received official word from R.A.A.F. headquarters of the promotion of his son Flight Sergt. J. Ryalls to the rank of pilot officer as from May 11—just two weeks before he was posted missing. Sergt. Con Ryalls advises that on a visit to Jack's squadron's headquarters in England information was available which leads him to believe that a Lancaster aircraft which came down over the Dutch coast will prove to be the one in which Jack was a member of the crew. Hockey enthusiasts will be pleased to learn that Con still retains his form, as in a recent game with an R.A.F. team against Southampton he scored three goals, the game ending in a 3-all draw.

TOWN COUNCIL

LOW VOLTAGE AT STATION

Boyne Water Scheme

At the Town Council meeting last Monday night the Deputy Mayor (Ald. Golding) moved that a minute be placed on record expressing the Council's appreciation of the excellent work performed by Mr. Grayson over a lengthy period in the Council's employ.

Aldermen Smith, Tudman, Busteed and Deveney joined in wishing Mr. Grayson every good fortune.

The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), who was indisposed, also sent a message expressing his best wishes.

At Monday night's meeting of the Gladstone Town Council the General Manager Central Queensland Railways wrote drawing the Council's attention to the low voltage and poor lighting which resulted in very indifferent illumination at the Gladstone Railway Station. The Electricity Manager (Mr. E. W. Phillips) is to report on the matter.

The Insurance Commissioner advised through Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., that the term of the £90,000 debenture loan for the construction of the final section of the Boyne water scheme had been extended from 15 to 30 years.

The Department of Public Lands advised that authorised surveyor Mr. W. R. Groundwater had been appointed to carry out the survey of the pipe line from the Boyne River to Gladstone. Letters from Mr. Axon (consulting engineer) re whether electricity was to be used for pumping the Boyne water, and Mr. W. H. Reinhold (consulting engineer) re cost of using steam for pumping, were held over until the Mayor attended the next meeting of the Council.

The Calliope Shire Council acknowledged a communication from the Council concerning the proposal to draw up a joint scheme of post war work for consideration by the Unemployment Exchange Board. This is to be dealt with at the next meeting of the Shire Council.

It was decided to support a proposal by the South Gladstone and Barney Pt. Progress Association in its efforts to have the Parsons Pt. State School removed to a more suitable site.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, August 20.

The convenor, Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenor, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry, or Mrs. Macfarlan.

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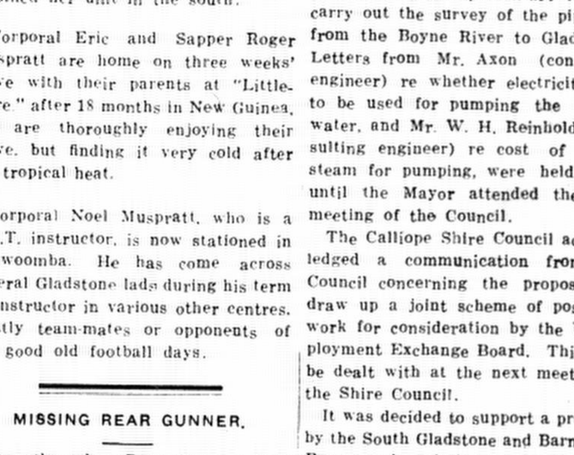

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NOTICE RE POSTAL VOTES.

PERSONS who will be unable to attend a Polling Booth on Election Day (next Saturday), are advised to make application for a Postal Vote.

Applications must be posted to Rockhampton, and as the papers must return to the Elector on or before Polling Day, it is hardly possible to secure a Postal Vote from Gladstone, if the application is posted later than Thursday next.

Full information may be obtained at Post Offices and from any local union or A.L.P. official.

(Syd.) J. BURROWS,
Hon. Secretary Executive Campaign Committee of A.L.P.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

The Comonwealth Electoral Act
State of Queensland
Electoral Division of Capricornia

THE following persons have been duly nominated as Candidates for the Election of one Member of the House of Representatives, for the above Division, to serve in the Parliament of the Commonwealth:—

FORDE, Francis Michael, Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, Parliamentarian.

WARD, Charles Power, 9 Talford Street, Rockhampton, Auctioneer.

A POLL will accordingly be taken for the Division on Saturday, the twenty-first day of August, 1943, in accordance with the law of the Commonwealth for the regulation of Parliamentary Elections. The Poll will open at eight o'clock in the morning, and will not close until all Electors present in the Polling Booth at eight o'clock in the evening, and desiring to vote, have voted.

The Polling Places appointed for the Division which are prescribed for the Subdivision of Gladstone are as follows:—

SUBDIVISION OF GLADSTONE.

Prescribed Polling Places: Ambrose (school), Argoon (school, Earlsfield), Argoon Post Office (post office), Baffle Creek (school), Barmundu (railway shed), Beecher (railway shed), Benaraby (school), Beranjondo (railway shed), Biloela (school), Booroom (school), Bororen (school), Boynedale (railway shed), Bracewell (school), Callide (school), Calliope (school), Calliope Station (school), Cedar Vale (school), Colosseum Creek (railway shed), Coreen (school), Dan Dan Creek (barn at Streeter's residence), Gladstone (school), Goovigen (school), Greycliffe (school), Iveragh (school), Jambin (school), Kariboe Creek (school), Kooingal (school), Korenan (school), Langmorn (school), Langmorn Station (head station), Lawgi (school), Littlemore (school), Lowmead (school), Machine Creek (school), Many Peaks (school), Miriam Vale (shire office), Mount Alma (bachelors' quarters), Mount Larcom (school), Mount Murchison (school), Mullet Creek (school), Nagoorin (school), Parson's Point (school), Polmaily (D. S. Smith's residence), Raglan (school), Rosedale (school), Scoria (school), Taragoola (Bruce's premises), Targinnie (school), The Valley, Gladstone (Gladstone Joinery Works), Thangool (school), Uboho (school), Valentine Plains (school), Watalgan (school), Waterloo (hall), Wilmott (school), Winfield (school), Yaparaba (school), Yarwun (school).

Note.—A list of all the Polling Places appointed for the Division was advertised in the Rockhampton "Morning Bulletin" on the twelfth day of August, 1943.

Dated at Rockhampton this twelfth day of August, 1943.

W. H. GREEN,
Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Capricornia.

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C. DARVALL, General Manager.

PUBLIC MEETING.

EMBASSY, 16th August, 8 p.m., convened by Gladstone Trades and Labour Council, in support of Curtin Government. Principal Speaker, J. HANSEN unr., of Brisbane T. and L. Council, supported by local T. and L. speakers.

J. GOSSCHALK,
Hon. Sec. Gladstone T. and L. Council.

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POSTAL VOTES

COUNTRY NATIONAL ORGANISATION.

MR. C. P. WARD, Endorsed Candidate.

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Posted Missing, by Harold Bindless, 9/6.
Old Bart, by Cecil Hunt, 9/6.
It Happened Like This, by A. S. M. Hutchinson, 13/6.
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPRICORNIA DIVISION

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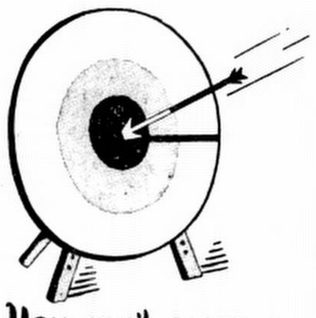

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I think you people here to-night and all the electors of Capricornia, are entitled to know what is the policy of the party with which I am associated. You are entitled to know that, and I am now going to state it.

First of all, our policy is to prosecute the war on the battlefronts and on the home front to the utmost of Australia's capacity, so that this horrible war shall not be allowed to last one moment longer than is necessary.

Secondly, our policy is, when the war ends, to take full measures to see that the men and women in the services are returned to peaceful occupation with a minimum of dislocation and an absence of hardship. A most important measure to that end is the maintenance of servicemen until they have found a place in civil life. This is a most just provision in my opinion and it is the duty of all relatives of servicemen to vote for the Government which promises it.

Thirdly, our policy is to make over a certain amount of the money you are now paying in war time taxation, so that you will receive it back in the shape of post war credit certificates after the war. On top of that Mr. Fadden promises to make these post war credits retrospective to the time when his Budget containing a similar provision was defeated prior to the advent of the Curtin Government. That, I should say, is an undertaking that no body of people in their sane senses would reject.

Other points are: A generous repatriation scheme. Unqualified preference to employment of all members of the services. Two days' leave for every month of service for servicemen, after 12 months in tropical battle areas. Those who have already served 12 months to get this leave within six months.

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The United Australia Party and the United Country Party are firmly convinced that the primary requisite is a National or All-party Government. They believe that for the duration of the war party politics should be set aside, that personal and sectional differences should be obliterated. The supreme purpose of the whole Commonwealth should be to co-ordinate and employ the nation's resources. Only in this way can Australia's contribution to ultimate annihilation of the Axis gangster be a maximum one.

COMMUNISM.

There are other important issues involved in this election, which I can only touch on briefly. The people of Australia are becoming gravely concerned about this matter of Australian Communism, which is something very different to Russian patriotism. No one more than the Australian is prepared to honour the Russians for the magnificent fight and the great sacrifices they have borne in defence of their country. But there is a growing fear in the public mind in Australia that this Communism aims to secure control of the industrial, political, social and religious life of our country. That is something we do not want, because we think it will rob us of that individuality, freedom and initiative which is the pride of all Australians, and for which we are fighting to-day.

STRIKES.

As to strikes and absenteeism, we must admit that these happenings have often caused us great concern. I want to say that I believe the great majority of Australian workers are loyal and honest, and wish to see the country perform its maximum war effort. But there is a small element which is out to frustrate that maximum effort. Our complaint is that these men have not been controlled as they should have been by the Government and the ministers whose duty it was to do so.

LABOUR INEFFICIENCY.

There has been inefficiency in ministerial administration and I claim that until this inefficiency disappears we will never get that peace in our industrial life which everyone, and none more than the great body of workers desire to see. You will never get it whilst we have men like Mr. Eddie Ward as Minister for Labour and National Security.

DRIFTING TO INFLATION.

Australia's money policy also is a matter of great concern to all our people. We are drifting towards that dreaded inflation that has brought ruin to so many other countries. It is believed, and I think with reason, that the policy which the Labour Government is pursuing in the issue of so much paper money will have that effect, and if it should come about you must realise what it will mean to the little bit of money you have in the bank and upon the value of your insurance policy when you come to use it.

WHISPERING CAMPAIGN

Not only are these Labour politicians lying with regard to such matters as the Brisbane line and who saved Australia—they are circulating even baser falsehoods. It has come to my notice that a whispering campaign has started that if Mr. Forde is defeated it will mean the end of old age pensions and that there will be no more child endowment.

Surely no sensible person will believe this! No Government will interfere with these pensions or endowment. In fact, I think that after the war greater social services will be available to the people of Australia. Instead of taking things away from you Mr. Fadden promises to give you something that Labour took away from you. He will convert some of your present taxes into post war certificates, and will make these certificates retrospective to the time when his Budget containing a similar proposal was defeated by Mr. Curtin, Mr. Forde, and others.

LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

On the question of local industries I am aware that Gladstone is largely dependent for its prosperity on an industry with which I can claim to have a fairly close knowledge, since I make my own living in connection with it. That is the beef cattle industry. There are over one million beef cattle in Central Queensland. They are the basis of the prosperity of the entire district. When the beef cattle industry is having a bad time, so is everything else having a bad time. You all have some idea of the work which the industry provides for stockmen, drovers and other bush workers. When the cattle are ready for the market and have to be trucked they provide much work for railwaymen, and the freights contribute largely to the revenue of the State. But that is not all. Many thousands of workers in this district enjoy good employment at the Meatworks as a result of the beef cattle industry. At Lakes Creek we have the largest meat works in Australia, employing 2000 men and women. Gladstone does not fall far short of this. Then there are

MR. C. P. WARD.

the thousands of others who derive employment because of the wages earned by meatworkers for the treatment of the stock and the price derived by the owners for their sale.

It will be a bad day for Central Queensland if through any cause whatever a setback were to be given to the beef cattle industry.

At the present time it is receiving a setback through the number of men taken away from the country by reason of the manpower call-up. Wherever I have been in country districts during the election I have found that the country has been denuded of men who would have been better left in the rural industries. Fences have had to go; improvements have had to be neglected.

"PRIMITIVE STATE."

Down at Abercorn a man told me that already his property had slipped half back to its primitive state. I say that the manpower position has been badly handled, particularly with regard to rural industries, and when we speak of rural industry in this part of Australia we speak of the beef cattle industry and of the dairying industry. I say that not only must the beef cattle industry be kept up to the highest point of efficiency so that it shall continue to contribute to the prosperity of towns like Gladstone and Rockhampton, but I believe that it is capable of doing much more. If there is anything in this talk of decentralisation of industry, we must look forward to the time when centres such as Gladstone and Bundaberg and Rockhampton shall have their secondary industries.

RAW MATERIALS.

The trend of the future, I believe, is that raw materials shall be manufactured close to the source of supply. In that case Rockhampton and Gladstone should have tanneries to treat the hundreds of thousands of hides that now go away to be tanned. And when the leather has been tanned here we should have factories to turn out boots and leather goods.

That, in my opinion is what should be meant by decentralisation of industry. What applies to the hides applies also to other by-products. Look at the many uses to which lard us have them turned into the finished product here and not have them taken away to provide wealth and work for someone else. The days of the big bloated city should be over. Smaller cities give better living conditions and happier lives. Let us have one here.

"ALWAYS PROMISED"

Mr. Forde when he was here made some rather lavish promises regarding certain matters which are important to Gladstone's future. It seems strange to me that a man who has represented this town for the past 20 years should still be in the stage of promising to do things. Why has he not done some of them in the past, specially during that portion of the past when he has been acting Prime Minister?

That is the complaint I have found against Mr. Forde—that during his long term in Parliament he has always promised and never performed.

I have no intention, ladies and gentlemen of trying to out-do Mr. Forde in the field of promise. I am prepared to believe that this part of Capricornia has many needs and has perhaps suffered neglect in the past. If I am returned I shall make it my business to inform myself fully on all matters of this nature with which you are concerned, and to place them before the new Government, and to back them up with all the force at my command. I feel sure you will not ask more of me than that. If I were to promise more than I should not be worthy of that support I hope to receive from you.

But before concluding I will put the election before you as it appeals to me. You will study the respective policies, and I hope you will give some little attention to my own attitude to the bigger questions involved in the election and my interest in local affairs in weighing up my claim for your votes.

"SWING TOWARDS FADDEN."

In closing I would say this. It must be growing daily more apparent that at this election there is likely to be a big swing towards Mr. Fadden, because of the assurance he offers of a stable Government to enable Australia to finish the war at the earliest possible moment, and to lay the foundations for peace.

Already I have said that it is the opinion of competent people that whatever Government is returned will be in for a long time. There is a saying in the sporting world that it is a wise thing to be with the strength. That is my tip; I give it to the people of Capricornia. Return me as your member, and we will see if we cannot get more out of this Government than we have got out of the last. On this note I leave you.

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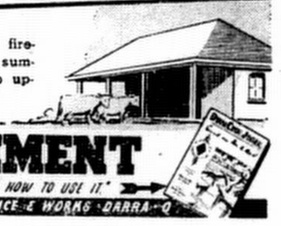

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NEED FOR CHURCH UNITY

Church of England

Dean H. T. Langley, of Melbourne, preaching at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, said the deepest need of Christendom was unity. The Church was beginning to realise how divided she was and the grievous sin of her divisions.

"The problem is a specially urgent one for the Church of England," he said. "We have managed to keep within the same organisation and name, but we are made impotent by our distinct internal disintegration, and we are unable to speak as one Church to the world or to take any practical steps towards the goal of reunion."

He said that the recent meeting of the Constitution Committee in Sydney was a last, almost despairing effort to save the fruits of thirty years' work by the best minds of the Church. "Repeated failure and frustration has characterised the great movement to make the Church of England in Australia one in organisation and power to act as a united Church. At present the Church of England is made impotent and immobile in the life of the Australian nation, in which she is the largest religious factor, by the fact that she is content to remain in a loose assortment of provinces under different constitutions, and growing in divergence of teaching and practice.

The Church of England remains a congeries of independent and mutually exclusive dioceses. This would be serious at any time, especially for a Church which inherits a great national tradition, but in the midst of the most decisive turning point perhaps in the world's history, we are passive, disintegrated, and 'cribbed, cabined, and confined' by obsolete and out-moded machinery and a like mentality. We are living in an age of transition, and it is threatening us in Australia, where many young people render allegiance to Russian ideals rather than to the traditions of Britain.

We as a Church are standing still, not even marking time. The whole scene is shifting. At best it will leave us aside as irrelevant to its needs; at worst it may turn on us and rob us of our place.

Dean Langley is to be heartily commended for this frank and courageous utterance. It is especially welcome as coming from an Anglican.

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Voting is Compulsory

HOW TO VOTE

For Candidates Endorsed by Country-National Organisation and Northern Country Party

— SENATE —

A. 7	BROWN, G.	B. 4	ANNAND, J. D.	C. 1	**BROWN, C. V. W.**	10	KIDMAN, J. N.
A. 8	COLLINGS, J. S.	B. 5	McGEOCH, R. S.	C. 2	**GOLDENSTEDT, P. L.**	11	HUGHES, W. T
A. 9	COURTICE, B.	B. 6	WARE, C.	C. 3	**McDONALD, J. J.**		

— HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES —

BRISBANE DIVISION

3	BOARDMAN, R. A.
1	**FLETCHER, J. W.**
4	LAWSON, G.
2	PIE, B.

MORETON DIVISION

3	BELCHAM, R. L.
2	CANTWELL, J. E.
1	**FRANCIS, J.**
4	McNALLY, P. J.

DARLING DOWNS

4	BAILEY, L. W.
1	**FADDEN, A. W.**
2	MULLALY, R. C. L.
3	PHAIR, H. D.

GRIFFITH DIVISION

5	CARBINE, J.
4	CONELAN, W. P.
3	DUNSTONE, T. B.
2	KINGWELL, W. R.
1	**LARKING, R. J.**

WIDE BAY DIVISION

1	**CORSER, Bernard H.**
2	HEADING, J. A.
3	LAMBOURNE, C.
4	MADDEN, H. I.
5	WATSON, G.

MARANOA DIVISION

1	**ADERMANN, C. F.**
2	BAKER, F. P.

CAPRICORNIA DIVISION

2	FORDE, F. M.
1	**WARD, Charles Powers**

LILLEY DIVISION

3	BEIERS, H. A.
4	HADLEY, J. W.
1	**JOLLY, W. A.**
2	JULIN, J. H.

KENNEDY DIVISION

2	DEAN, A. M.
3	RIORDAN, W. J. F.
1	**SIMMONDS, W. M.**
4	VANE-MILBANK, R. A.

HERBERT DIVISION

2	COOK, C.
1	**GRAHAM, A. H.**
3	MARTENS, G. W.
4	PATERSON, F. W.

ELECTORS MUST PLACE A NUMBER IN EVERY SQUARE

VOTE **C·N·O** COUNTRY-NATIONAL ORGANISATION **N·C·P** NORTHERN COUNTRY PARTY

ELECTORS MUST PLACE A NUMBER IN EVERY SQUARE

Authorised by B. F. Chapman, Hon. Campaign Director, 179 Eagle Street, Brisbane.

AUCTION SALES

Second-Hand Goods

A senior officer of the Prices Branch from Canberra has visited Brisbane and inspected auction sales in the city. After interviewing auctioneers and furniture dealers he expressed satisfaction at the manner in which auction sales were conducted in Brisbane, and the way auctioneers and furniture dealers were co-operating with the Queensland Prices Branch.

This was stated by the Deputy Prices Commissioner (Mr. E. H. Lindsey), in reply to a report that an Army officer had "out-bid" civilians at an auction sale conducted in a northern centre.

Mr. Lindsey stated that all sales of second-hand goods, whether sold by dealers in their shops, by private persons, or by auction, were covered by the recent regulations applying to second-hand goods.

With regard to second-hand goods sold by auction, the order fixed the maximum prices at which they may be sold. In its application the order throws certain responsibilities on the auctioneer, of which the most important is that of ascertaining the prices of comparable new goods. The ceiling price of second-hand goods sold by auction is 75 per cent of the price at which a comparable new article would have been sold on April 12, 1943.

Objects of fine art and genuine antiques (not reproductions) are excluded from the operations of the order.

The order also lays down certain terms and conditions under which auctions may be conducted.

Mr. Lindsey said that the regulations applied to the whole of the State, and where an auctioneer did not comply with such regulations the Deputy Commissioner had power to prohibit him from conducting the auction. This power was used in Sydney recently when an auctioneer was found to have committed a breach of the regulations by selling above the ceiling price.

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Maximum number of words under this scale 48.

GRAVITATION MAIN

PROGRESS OF WORK

Mr. Tait's Report

At the last meeting of the Town Council the Works Overseer (Mr. R. Tait) reported on the progress of the work on the gravitation main for the period between June 24 and July 29.

During this period of five weeks there has been a lot of broken time on the job through the men not being available for the work. We have had only nine days pipe laying and seven days on earthwork.

The gang went off the job on to the wharves on July 2, and nine or ten of them returned to work again on July 22.

I understand the remainder of the men are on the sick list, so I have been working shorthanded since then. Some days only six men have reported for work. Up to July 29 1700 lineal feet of 12-inch main has been laid and jointed, and 4700 lineal feet of trenching has been opened up, and 3800 lineal feet of this length has been completed.

When the men went off the job on July 2 I was greatly relieved when Alderman Golding suggested that I send the tractor and grader to town. The tractor has been working intown continuously since then.

The truck-driver (G. Parsloe) and I were working in town with it cleaning up along the edges of the bitumen after the grader for a few days, and the rest of the time we were tarring the pipes.

Before the men went off the job I was making very good progress with the pipe laying, and if I could get a continuous run at it I feel confident that we could do 300 feet a day without increasing the gang.

The report was adopted.

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1 BROWN, Gordon
2 COLLINGS, Joseph Silver
3 COURTICE, Benjamin

Then follow on and PLACE A FIGURE IN EACH SQUARE opposite the name of each Candidate appearing on the Ballot Paper until you have filled in the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 in their numerical order in each square appearing on the Ballot Paper, commencing with the Figure One opposite the name of Brown, Gordon, and finishing with the Figure Eleven opposite the name of Hughes.

YOU MUST FILL IN ALL SQUARES

If you fail to fill in all Squares, or make any other mark on the Ballot Paper, your Vote will be Informal

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Authorised by C. G. FALLON, Campaign Director, Dunstan House, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

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. . . of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

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Kindly accept this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

POWER—In loving memory of our dear Mother, who passed away on August 17th, 1938.

Always Remembered.

(Deserted by her loving daughters and sons.)

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Street, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

PORT CURTIS DAIRY ASSOCIATION.

Notice is given in our advertising columns that the annual general meeting of shareholders will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, October 22 at 10 o'clock a.m. The business of the meeting is fully detailed in the advertisement, which appears on page 3 of this issue.

POLICE COURT.

Reginald Thomas Lindley was charged in the Police Court with unlawfully assaulting Reuben Carl Simonen, and thereby did bodily harm. The police offered no evidence, and the defendant was discharged. Lindley was then charged with unlawful assault, to which he pleaded guilty, and was convicted and fined £5, in default one months imprisonment with hard labour in Brisbane Gaol. Sergt. H. V. Sjostedt prosecuted.

PROHIBITED HOURS.

In the Court of Petty Session, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), Neville Frederick Spencer, was charged with carrying liquor away from licensed premises during prohibited hours. Spencer pleaded guilty by letter, and was convicted and fined £2, costs of court 6/-, in default seven days in the lockup. Kevin Last was simarly charged and dealt with.

BREACH OF BY-LAWS.

A resident of Gladstone was charged in the Court of Petty Sessions, before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer) with committing a breach of the Town Council's by-laws, using water through a hose not held in the hand. A plea of guilty was entered, and a fine of £1 and 6/-

DAMAGES FOR ASSAULT

JONES-OTTY CASE

Judgment for Plaintiff

In the Magistrate's Court last week before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer), Percival Martin Jones of Gladstone proceeded against William George Otty, of Gladstone, claiming £158/8/- damages for alleged assault.

The damages were made up as follows:—

Dentist's costs of attention to teeth and making of upper and lower plates £8/8/-, and general damages £150.

The notice of defence set out: (1) Not indebted as alleged or at all; (2) not guilty.

Mr. C. N. Joseph, of Messrs. Keller & Joseph, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. Farcombe, for the defendant, instructed by Mr. D. P. Carey of Rockhampton.

The S.M. (Mr. Dwyer) entered judgment for the plaintiff as follows:—

General damages £50, costs of court 19/6, professional costs £3/3/-, expenses of witness £3/3/6, total £57/6.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST V.D.

WOMEN WARNED

City Residentials Visited

A drive to protect servicemen from women infected with V.D. was made in Sydney during last week-end by a number of police from special vice and consorting squads.

Some women frequenting hotels and wine bars so as to meet soldiers who subsequently have been infected with the disease, were warned by the police.

Some city residentials also were visited, and from some of these young girls were removed.

A conference attended by United States and Australian officers, doctors, representatives of the Department of Health, police and various health and welfare bodies decided to ask each State Government to take immediate action to have all sufferers from V.D. treated under proper supervision.

The conference recommended that the police should be given powers to detain any girl reasonably suspected of having V.D.

It is thought that if immediate medical attention proved a girl was capable of infecting others she should be compelled to undergo proper treatment until cured, if necessary under detention in an institution.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the State Governments with the request that in the interests of

AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN MARRIAGES

GIRLS TOLD DIFFICULTIES

Regulations and Legal Aspects

Prospective Australian wives of American servicemen are being interviewed by officers of the American Red Cross at the request of the U.S. Army.

These officers point before the girl the difficulties facing them in American marriages, and present the facts regarding the prospective bridegrooms' civilian position. In each instance they have to report to the men's commanding officers the type of girls interviewed.

On rare occasions only have any of the girls decided not to go ahead with the marriage.

American Red Cross Field Director (Mr. W. R. Elsbarty) sometimes interviews ten couples a week.

"There is every chance for happiness when an American boy marries an Australian girl," he said. "After all, it's only the difference in miles that separates us, isn't it? Almost every case has been one of genuine love, and almost all the girls should make grand wives."

"We do not give any opinion on the proposed marriages. We merely interview both parties and place the facts before the commanding officer of the man's unit. If he approves the marriage takes place.

"I've been two years in this country, and Australian young people are now aware of the regulations and legal aspects associated with Australian-American marriages.

"What we do try to do is to make each aware of the other's background, the type of homes they come from, and the jobs they have been doing, so that each may be sure that neither is hiding anything.

"We've had very few instances of couples who are not well matched," he added.

Parents of prospective brides are asked to sign papers showing that they are prepared to support the bride if her husband becomes a casualty, or until her allotment arrives.

Brides are told by American Red Cross officers that any children born to them become "foreign-born Americans," and that until the war is over there is little chance of them reaching America.

Soldiers marrying Australian girls must remain with their unit and wait until they reach America for their military release.

TROOPER WARNER ISSUES CHALLENGE.

Trooper D. A. Warner, one of the

METHODIST FLOWER SHOW

GARDEN COMPETITION

Win For H. Anderson

[illegible] Methodist Flower Show. A feature was the results of the garden competition [illegible]

H. Anderson, Lower Kerry [illegible]

[illegible] Lord Street [illegible]

The prizes were £2/2/- first and £1/1/- second, both donated by Mr. P. A. Friend and the winners can obtain same by calling on the Secretary (Mr. Blake) any time between Thursday and Saturday of this week.

The competition which was run in conjunction with the annual flower show and fair, attracted six entries and the judge was Mrs. H. C. Parsloe, who won the competition last year. The lay-out of both gardens this year was good, excellent quality with provision for continuity in each case.

Winners of prizes at the flower show who have not yet collected their awards, are asked to call on Mr. Jones, Gladstone Hardware, this week to enable the secretary to finalise the distribution of payments.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

Week-End Games

Bundaberg Club Secretary (Mr. H. V. Golding), and one of that club's low markers, is spending a holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding, senr. There were no links in Gladstone when H.V. spent his boyhood here, but he has since done well at the game, and there was much interest to see how he would shape against the unofficial local champion, Harold O'Sing, who was his opponent on Saturday.

Allowing for the fact that the Bundaberg man was on a strange course, with very small greens, there was little between the pair in actual play. O'Sing shaded him in both matches over the week-end, and would probably hold his own with him on a neutral course, as the Gladstone player has proved himself previously on such long S.S.S. links as Toowoomba and Rockhampton.

BOGEY COMPETITION.

In the bogey competition H. O'Sing 5 down, led Frank Peardon 6 down. Then came R. Elliott 7 down, and L. Collins 8 down.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

SUCCESSFUL PADDY'S MARKET

£46 Raised

Once again the monthly Paddy's market conducted by Mrs. A. P. Friend and her committee of ladies was very successful, the Red Cross funds benefiting to the extent of £46.

The raffle of a box of Winning Post chocolates (donated by Mrs. Friend) was won by Mr. W. McDermott with ticket No. 6, and the cake (donated by Mrs. Parsloe) by Mrs. G. Kirkham, Targantie.

The next market will take place on September 10, when a beautiful bed side rug (now on display in Friends window) will be raffled.

DONATIONS.

Miss E. Stirrat £2/2/-, K. Ballantine 17/6, Mrs. Wyatt 10/-, Miss N. Hall (sale of posies) 10/-, H. C. Dougall 10/-, A. Wagner 10/-, J. Tapper 10/-, H. Hall 5/-, Mrs. J. Starmer 5/-, Mrs. M. North 5/-, Mrs. Geo. Phillips (sale of eggs) 4/6, Miss J. Brian 4/-, Shirley McCray's pupils 3/-, Mrs. C. Dahl 3/-, Mrs. Pring 2/6, Mrs. Sly 2/6, Mrs. Jim Worthington 2/-, Mrs. Mackay 2/-.

Fruit: H. Ballantine, Mesdames Menzies, R. Wilson, H. Boyle, Jas. Thompson, Kirkham, T. C. Mann.

Vegetables: Mesdames Hamilton, Collins, Ricketts, Malpass, A. E. Easterby, R. Farnsworth, T. Richards, F. Stitt.

Plants: Mesdames J. S. Henderson, Jac. Worthington, and Harbottle.

Flowers: Mesdames P. A. Friend, Parsloe, Walters, D. Groundwater, Mackenzie, Uni, Geo. Phillips, Malpas, R. Farnsworth, Dick Barker, A. V. Evans, and F. Stitt.

Jam: Mesdames Menzies, J. S. Henderson, S. Geddes, L. Johnstone, G. T. Clark, Leadbetter, McDermott, H. Prizeman, Ricketts, Golding, Mackay, D. J. Connellan.

Pickles and chutney: Mrs. Kirkham.

Cakes: Mesdames C. Cooper, Parsloe, S. Geddes, E. J. Masterson, A. Friend, Collins, Hando, Malpas, H. C. Moore, Golding, W. Hodge, Condon, C. N. Joseph, Pring, Sly, C. Barker, Ricketts, P. M. Jones, Labatt, H. McCray, A. V. Evans, D. J. Connellan, P. A. Friend, Ladner, D. Pidgeon, Vivian, Byrne, Connolly, Vic. Smith, and Meldrum.

Scones: Mesdames Woodrow and Hando.

Plum pudding: Mrs. Ricketts.

Mayonaise: Mrs. Masterson.

Sugar: Mrs. Gollnick.

Sausage rolls: Mesdames C. Barker and Cavill.

Eggs: K. and H. Ballantine, Mesdames Mills, C. Bell, Wyatt, W. J. Barker, L. Johnstone, Kirkham, A.

FEDERAL ELECTION, AUGUST 21st, 1943

HOW TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY COUNTRY-NATIONAL ORGANISATION AND NORTHERN COUNTRY PARTY

NOTE: THE ELECTOR MUST PLACE A NUMBER IN EVERY SQUARE

SENATE

A [7] BROWN, Gordon	B [4] ARNAND, James Douglas	C [1] BROWN, Charles Victor Watson	[10] KIDMAN, James Nicolas
A [8] COLLINGS, Joseph Silver	B [5] McGEOCH, Robert Stewart	C [2] GOLDENSTEDT, Paul Lucien	[11] HUGHES, Walter Thomas
A [9] COURTICE, Benjamin	B [6] WARE, Charles	C [3] McDONALD, James Joseph	

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPRICORNIA DIVISION

[8] Forde, Francis Michael

[1] WARD, CHARLES POWER

(Authorised by Jno. B. Fitzpatrick, Durham Street, Rockhampton)

C.W. ASSOCIATION

ROOM AT HOSTEL

Hope To Raise £50

The President of the Gladstone branch of the C.W. Association (Mrs. H. Phillips) presided over the monthly meeting.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem and "My Creed," the accompaniment being rendered by Miss Ward, which was followed by a two minutes' silent prayer for the fighting forces and those bereaved.

VISITORS WELCOMED.

Several apologies were received, and a goodly number of members were present, including two visitors—Mrs. Farmer (State President) and Mrs. Dougal.

Mrs. Phillips welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Farmer suitably responded.

£100 CERTIFICATE.

Among the correspondence was the certificate of £100 interest free war loan, and the secretary asked that this should be lodged at the Commonwealth Bank with the rest of the documents. This was agreed to.

NO DISTRESS CASES.

Mrs. Leadbetter reported that owing to sickness, etc., the attendance at euchre had slightly fallen off. The secretary reported no distress cases, and no travellers' aid was required this month. The cottage was occupied and being well cared for. Two engagements have been received for the month for the rest room, and a religious body had asked permission to hold services on Saturday mornings. This was granted at a small rental.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Hospital visiting had been carried on by Mesdames Phillips and Chapman, who have agreed to still do the ensuing month, and would like reading matter for men and children.

The thanks of the Association is due to Mesdames Gerber and Fleetwood for papers, etc., also to Master Barry Gerber for comics.

CAMOUFLAGE NET MAKING.

The convenor reported that camouflage net making was going steadily along, and a plentiful supply of twine was on hand.

The Association is sorry to lose Mrs. Paxton, who has been such a splendid help, but she has left two very good supervisors in charge at the C.W.A. Hall group, namely, Mesdames Bryan and Spork.

HOSTEL.

The dance to be held at the Trocadero on Friday next was discussed, and it was decided to erect the flags in the hall on Thursday night, if possible, and the flags will then be on display to the public on Friday for the small charge of 6d. The Association is hoping for good results, as it was desirous of having a room at the hostel dedicated to the branch. It is hoped to raise £50 for this purpuse.

Mrs. H. C. Moore has very kindly donated a pair of beautiful towels to be raffled, which with the fruit cake should bring in a fair amount. Several donations have also been promised, and the Gladstone Golf Club had offered to put on a day's play.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all donors.

It was also decided that soft drinks be sold at the dance, and Mesdames Hamill, Duff, Baynton, and Chapman offered to attend to same.

TAG DAY.

Friday, August 20, will also be C.W.A. Tag Day, when tags will be on sale at 6d each. Tags numbered will be sold at the dance, with a prize for the lucky number.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

The mystery parcel was donated by Mrs. Baynton and won by Mrs. Hughes.

AFTERNOON TEA.

A very dainty afternoon tea was then served by the hostesses, Mesdames Wallace and Ryalls.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Among the recent appointments to the Justices of the Peace is Mr. Frank Cannan, of "Wangalee," Builyan. Frank is well known to tennis players in Gladstone and district, all of whom will join in congratulating him on his elevation to the Bench.

The many friends of Miss Dorothy Henderson, of Dalgetys Ltd., will be pleased to learn that she has made good progress after her recent illness.

Master Bruce Moore is home from his University studies on vacation. Bruce has been playing first grade Union football with Great Public Schools, which won the Brisbane premiership final last Saturday.

LABOUR RALLY

Town Hall Friday Night Next

AT 8 O'CLOCK

Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) will address the Electors in support of Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) and the Curtin Government.

ROLL UP. ROLL UP.

(Authorised by J. Burrows, Bayne Street, Gladstone.)

ATTEMPT TO SAVE CHILD'S LIFE

NEW DRUG USED

Discovered by Accident

The American public is watching a dramatic use of the newly discovered miracle drug, penicillin, believed to be a more powerful internal bacteria killer than sulfa.

The patient is two-year-old Patricia Malone, of New York. She is suffering from septicemia, and failed to respond to transfusions and sulfa drugs.

Doctors pronounced that an immediate dose of penicillin alone offered a 100 to one chance of saving the child's life.

Urgent requests were made to Washington for the release of some of the drug by the U.S. Army, which is holding yet inadequate supplies reserved for its use.

Physicians report a slight improvement in the conditions of the child, who is fighting for life in an oxygen tent, watched by her parents and doctors.

Penicillin is the discovery partly of an Adelaide doctor, Professor of Bacteriology at Adelaide University (Dr. Florey), now at Oxford University.

Penicillin, the new wonder drug, now being used in such dramatic circumstances to save a New York child's life, was discovered by accident. It was partly the work of an Adelaide doctor.

The drug is developed from common moulds, such as develop on old boots, stale bread, or other fungus and decaying matter.

In penicillin there has been found the cure for meningitis, pneumonia, and venereal disease, and possibly many other serious diseases, including bone infections.

It was first noticed by Dr. F. Fleming, of London, that bacterial cultures with which a little bit of mould had come into contact had immediately died.

Later the Professor of Bacteriology in Adelaide (Dr. Florey), now of Oxford University, saw the significance of this. To-day penicillin doses, which are injected, are measurel in Florey units.

Dr. J. V. Duhig, professor of pathology at the Queensland University, said that penicillin is not toxic to the human being, and its bacteria killing power is enormously in excess of that of the sulfa drugs, formerly the best known.

At the moment stocks are limited, and it is difficult to obtain sufficient quantities for use on a large scale. Research is being directed towards the discovery of a "salt" of the drug, which will remain stable in the human body long enough to exert its effect.

With this "salt" smaller quantities should be effective.

SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sleeping in Horse Stalls

In a scathing statement, Squadron Leader Watson-Brown, C.N.O. and N.C.P. Senate candidate, complained bitterly of the treatment of Queensland school children by the Army.

Squadron Leader Watson-Brown, who returned to Brisbane from a tour of the State, said that school children were actually sleeping on Charters Towers racecourse in horse stalls, the dirt floors of which were impregnated with manure.

The Squadron Leader said it was scandalous that schools, particularly boarding schools, should be taken over by the Army without provision being made for housing the children. No national emergency should require interference with the chilren's health and education. All other avenues should be considered before the sacrifice of children.

"Scandalous cases have been seen," Squadron Leader Watson-Brown said. "But the greatest scandal that could have ever been perpetrated is in the case of the schools at Charters Towers. Two hundred and forty children are accommodated in the dilapidated structures on the racecourse. Some of the children are actually sleeping in the horse stalls. It is a state of affairs that a civilised community could not [illegible]

Five miles further along the road, the Squadron Leader continued, there was a perfect workers' camp, with prefabricated huts and cement floors, kitchens and mess huts, and all necessary outbuildings. If this camp could be provided for workers, surely similar provision could at least be made for children, who formed the country's greatest asset.

Responsibility for this, Squadron Leader Watson-Brown added, rested on the shoulders of the Army Minister.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

PARTY POLITICS

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I believe you will agree with me that party politics is very largely responsible for the confusion and waste of our manpower, and other resources, which is in such startling evidence around us.

Men have been ruthlessly withdrawn by unqualified and irresponsible bureaucrats, from such essential activities as food production, activities for which it has taken men a lifetime to qualify, and compelled to fritter away their time.

I believe you will agree with me that it is impossible for political party hacks to represent their electors and the vested interests of their parties at the same time. Cowering beneath the lash of the party bosses, your representatives only protest feebly against the onslaught of bureaucracy and invariably vote for it as told. Hence the Planning Boards, Famine Boards, and plethora of rules and regulations at present thwarting the will of electors and hampering the war effort.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

A vote for any party hack is a mandate for much worse treatment.

The only way to free ourselves from the creeping paralysis of bureaucratic control is to elect to Parliament men who are determined to resist bureaucratic control and all other policies which do not come from the people whom they are elected to represent.

In order to afford the people of Queensland an opportunity to register their utter hostility and resistance to these imposed policies, I have nominated as a candidate for election to the Senate.

Apart from the resistance to bureaucracy and other imposed policies, which I believe to be the outstanding desires of Queensland people at the present time, I do not believe that it is the function of a candidate to formulate policy. It is the function of electors to know clearly what they want in relation to each issue as it arises, and it is the job of the representative to learn from the electors what they want, and to apply all his power to urging their desires in Parliament. This, if elected, I promise faithfully to do. Moreover, I sincerely promise and undertake, at all times, to act in relation to my constituents in the folloing manner:—

(a) I will give my whole-hearted allegiance to my constituents, and derive from them, and from them only, the policies which I advocate and vote for in the Senate.

(b) I will make every effort to ascertain and advocate the will of my constituents, issue by issue, as they arise.

(c) I will vote against every measure brought before the Senate which does not implement the clearly expressed will of my constituents.

(d) I will resist to my utmost all pressure brought to bear upon me which does not arise from my constituents.

If elected I will make special arrangements to encourage constituents to set up policy groups, who will form a channel by which I can at all times be in close touch with the desires of my electors in relation to all issues as they arise. Yours, etc.,

J. N. KIDMAN.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

(In pursuance of Section 159 of "The Land Acts 1910 to 1943")

NOTICE is hereby given that, default having been made in payment of the principal interest and other moneys secured by the Memorandum of Mortgage under the provisions of "The Land Acts 1910 to 1943" dated the thirteenth day of July 1933 Registered Number 10376, given by JOHN LONGWILL, formerly of Clayfield, Brisbane, in the State of Queensland, retired grazier, now deceased, in favour of the Liquidators of THE AUSTRALIAN BANK OF COMMERCE LIMITED (in voluntary liquidation) (hereinafter called "the said Mortgagees") over the Special Leases in the Gladstone District Numbered respectively 5044 (being Portion 21 in the County of Clinton Parish of Tooloon, area 16 acres) and 5045 (being Portion 7 in the County of Clinton Parish of Tondoon, area 20 acres), the said Mortgagees will, after the expiration of thirty days from the date of the publication hereof sell the said Special Leases by public auction or private contract in pursuance of and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the said Mortgagees by the 159th Section of "The Land Acts 1910 to 1943" and the said Memorandum of Mortgage.

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DIRECTORS.

In accordance with Rule 86 the undermentioned Directors will retire at the Annual General Meeting through effluxion of time but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly:—

BUNDABERG ZONE.

GRAHAM, Robert Finley, Wallaville.
THIELE, Charles William, Kalkie Bundaberg.

MONTO ZONE.

BELLOW, August Herman, Mulgeldie
MOFFATT, Graham Buchanan, Mungungo.

Nominations for the position of Directors for the above zones, two Directors for each zone, will be received at the Registered Office of the Association, Gladstone, up to 5 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 8th September, 1943.

CASUAL VACANCY GLADSTONE ZONE.

Nominations are hereby invited for the position of Director for the Gladstone zone to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Henry Robinson.

Nominations will be received at the Registered Office of the Association, Gladstone, up to 5 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 8th September, 1943.

No person shall be eligible for nomination or appointment as a Director unless, at the time of such nomination or appointment, he is the registered holder of not less than ten shares in the Association on which calls, for the time being made, shall be fully paid.

Any qualified candidate for the office of Director must be nominated by not less than three shareholders, who shall sign his nomination paper (which shall bear the consent of the nominee) and cause the same to be deposited at the Registered Office of the Association not later than the date fixed for the closing of nominations.

AUDITOR.

Nominations are hereby invited for the position of Auditor to the Association for the year ending 30th June, 1944. A continuous audit is required. Nominations for the position of Auditor, signed by at least three shareholders of the Association qualified to vote, together with the consent in writing of the nominee to act, if elected, must be in the hands of the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting. The retiring Auditor, Mr. V. A. Summers, F.C.A. (Chartered Accountant, Australia) is eligible for re-election, and offers himself accordingly.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.

Shareholders are reminded that notice of intention to move any resolution that requires a Notice to Members shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least thirty clear days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

By order of the Board.
C. E. BUTTERWORTH,
A.F.I.A., A.A.I.S.,
Secretary.

Gladstone, 16th August, 1943.

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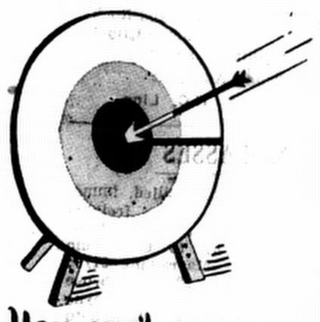

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BOMBING OF ROME

STRATEGIC AND OTHER REASONS

Mr. Churchill's Warning

The "bombing of Rome" has been a vexed question for some time. On the one hand there have been those who for reprisal or other reasons, have ardently advocated such a course, while on the other hand, there have been others who for cultural or religious reasons, have as ardently opposed it.

Now, Rome has been bombed, and in no half-hearted manner. What is the significance of the contentions? On both sides there has been a considerable amount of ill-informed opinion expressed.

Most of the confusion involved has arisen from the failure to recognise that there are really two Romes: the one the Rome of Michaelangelo and his confreres the present home of the Vatican, and the other the modern Rome, which Mussolini has brought into existence.

The Rome of the Vatican, which is a neutral State, none would wish to damage, and as far as possible it will undoubtedly be left unharmed: but Mussolini's Rome is bound to get all that is coming to it, for strategic and other reasons.

It will be remembered that at the time of the German blitz on London Mussolini asked permission of Hitler that Italian airmen be allowed to participate. This permission was granted, and Italians joined with the Germans in dropping bombs on the British capital. The Italian airmen desisted from this self-chosen task only when they found the going too hot for them.

At the time Mr. Churchill warned the Italians of what would come to them in due time, and now that it is coming to them they can have little ground for complaint.

It is not really, however, a matter of retaliation. The truth of it is this: Mussolino set out to make Rome a great industrial city, and just about trebled the size of its population, until it has become comparable with Sydney in size. Mussolini was asked to demilitarise Rome, but, believing it would not be bombed, replied with only arrogant refusal.

The factories of Rome, which feed the Italian war effort, are undoubtedly a military objective, and as such the United Nations are justified in bombing it. Because Mussolini has built factories in Rome is no reason why they should be immune from attack.

What is more importan is his: Mussolini has made Rome a vital rail communication centre. For geographical reasons the railway system of Italy is particularly vulnerable. The United Nations know that they need to disrupt Italy's rail communications to prevent men and munitions being sent to Sicily or to points on the mainland which may be attacked. In this system the railway station and the marshalling yards of Rome are a vital link. That is probably the main reason, and a justifiable one, why the United Nations have bombed Rome.

FASCISTS TO BLAME.

The head of Roman Catholicism in Queensland (Archbishop Duhig) took a definite stand against Fascism in his recent commentary on the bombing of Rome. He also stated that the views he expressed represented those of the Roman Catholic people of Queensland generally. He asserted that he was in no way associated with the cablegram on the bombing of Rome which had been sent to the Vatican on behalf of the bishops of Australia.

"I would sooner entrust the fate of Italy to the Allied Nations than to the Nazis," said the Archbishop. "We can give to Great Britain and America the credit of honourable intentions towards Rome and the head of the Catholic Church.

"Rome belongs, not to Italy alone, but to the entire world, from all parts of which pilgrims flock to it. It is not in any way suited to be a commercial capital. But the pride of the Fascists would not permit them to forgo its possession. They made it their capital; they turned it into military barracks, monasteries and schools."

"REAL LEADERSHIP"

MR. JOHN CURTIN

Statement by Mr. Forde

At no time in Australia's history has it been so necessary that real leadership should be provided by the man who is chosen as Prime Minister of this country. On August 21 the electors will have to decide a momentous question, which will profoundly affect the future of this country probably for many years to come, said the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde).

If the Labour Party is chosen to govern, then the Prime Minister will be Mr. John Curtin, who commands the absolute loyalty of his party, and who gave the country, the Parliament, and his own party members inspiring leadership during the last twenty-one months.

POSTERITY.

I am sure that posterity will assess Mr. Curtin as probably the outstanding Prime Minister that the country has ever had, judging him only upon his achievements over the last twenty months. He is capable of performing even greater service to Australia in the future.

"UNITED GOVERNMENT."

I stress this point again. If the Labour Party is returned by the electors as the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia after August 21, Mr. Curtin will continue to enjoy the absolute loyalty and confidence of the members of the Parliamentary Labour Party. He will be supported by every member of his party in carrying into effect the reforms which he outlined in his policy speech of July 26. Labour has provided a unified Government since it has been in office, and will continue to provide unified government when it is returned.

OPPOSITION PARTIES.

If we examine the record of the Opposition parties since the last election in 1940 we find that they have been torn by strife, dissension and quarrels over the leadership, and even since this election campaign has been going on Mr. Menzies and Mr. Fadden have been at one another's throats as a resit of a dispute over the post-war credits scheme mentioned by Mr. Fadden in his policy speech. Mr. Menzies said only a few days ago that he could not support this part of Mr. Fadden's policy, and Mr. Fadden said that Mr. Menzies was stabbing him in the back. How can the country expect stable and unified government through the Opposition parties when their leaders carry on like this, even when appealing to the people for support?

"RESULT OF QUARRELS."

It was the result of quarrels and intrigues among members of the Opposition parties that Mr. Menzies was deposed as Prime Minister in 1941, and Mr. Fadden selected in his stead for a few brief weeks. It was not the Labour Party which threw the Fadden Government out of office. The Labour Party could not do this, because it was in a minority in both Houses of the Federal Parliament.

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS.

The two independent members of the House of Representatives (Mr. Coles and Mr. Wilson) became so disgusted with the performance of the Opposition Government that they voted them out and voted Labour in. Mr. Curtin became Prime Minister, and has carried on magnificently for 21 months, although lacking a majority in the House of Representatives and being badgered by a hostile Senate. Despite these handicaps, Mr. Curtin's Government made an all-time record of stability for an Australian Government. The Labour Cabinet remained unchanged for a longer period than any other Cabinet in the country's history.

SOME OF THE POINTS.

Here are some of the points which are in the forefront of Labour's policy for the coming three years:—

Labour is determined to continue an all-out prosecution of the war against the Japanese to the maximum of the country's capabilities.

Already plans are being made for post-war reconstruction, and Labour is determined that these plans will reach the blueprint stage before the end of the war.

When service men and women are demobilised from the fighting forces they should not return to face a situation similar to that after the last war. The Government is determined that employment will be waiting for them so that they can take their places in the post-war economy.

The Government is determined to press on with its plans for improvements in social services and health. A nation-wide housing plan is one of the Government's chief objectives.

The Government is also determined that Australia shall play her part as a great nation in the Pacific. The Government will concentrate on establishing a system of security which will be as effective in the Pacific as in any other part of the world.

The importance of Queensland in the post-war reconstruction period will not be overlooked by the Government which, by reason of the works it has already constructed in this State, has laid the foundations for great progress after the war.

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22	1.50	2.38	8.32	9.10
23	2.43	3.41	9.21	10.16
24	3.49	4.53	10.15	11.26
25	5.06	6.01	11.10	——
26	6.17	6.57	12.30	12.05
27	7.14	7.42	1.25	12.57
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29	8.41	8.59	2.50	2.28
30	9.20	9.34	3.27	3.08
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THE MOON.

Full Moon	August 16
Last Quarter	August 23
New Moon	August 31

SEPTEMBER.

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3	11.34	11.36	5.36	5.36
4	——	12.07	6.06	6.17
5	12.08	12.48	6.36	7.05
6	12.47	1.32	7.15	8.09
7	1.35	2.33	8.10	9.25
8	2.37	3.51	9.22	10.41
9	4.05	5.15	10.36	11.53
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11	6.48	7.25	12.57	12.48
12	7.46	8.17	1.54	1.46
13	8.39	9.05	2.45	2.40
14	9.26	9.49	3.32	3.32
15	10.10	10.32	4.16	4.22
16	10.55	11.13	4.59	5.11
17	11.40	11.45	5.40	6.02
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19	12.35	1.09	7.01	7.47
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Last Quarter	September 21
New Moon	September 29

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MR. FADDEN AT ROCKHAMPTON

RECORD CROWD

Communism Denounced

Mr. A. W. Fadden, Leader of the Federal Opposition, speaking at Rockhampton in support of the candidature of Mr. P. C. Ward, C.N.O. candidate for Capricornia, addressed the largest political meeting held in Rockhampton for many years. Mr. Fadden was subjected to a little interruption which was counter-balanced by frequent outb

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Brisbane Line, Mr. Fadden said that Mr. Eddie Ward, who had first brought it up, made certain that he kept himself on the safe side of it. Mr. Forde, too, was secure 800 miles south of the line.

Vigorously attacking the Labour Government for claiming to have saved Australia, Mr. Fadden said Labour had opposed every attempt to defend Australia. Mr. Forde was a member of the Government which had abolished compulsory military training, which had closed Duntroon and Jervis Bay and the Cockatoo Island dry dock and the Flying Fish Point aviation works, and had opposed the sending of Australian troops abroad, and the Empire Air Training Scheme. Yet he now had the colossal effrontery to claim that as Minister for the Army he was one of the saviours of Australia.

Referring to his financial proposals, Mr. Fadden explained the refund of taxes by way of war savings certificates, and said that the scheme was already working in Britain and Canada. People asked where would the money come from. It would come from the same place as the money for soldiers' deferred pay and the repayment of war loans and war savings certificates. These post-war certificates would be a nest egg, a protection for deflation, and a safeguard against Communistic control. The pay as you earn system of income tax was something that no sane person should reject.

Returning to Communism he described it as a godless organisation out to control the lives of the people of Australia at all costs. It would destroy our individualism and initiative, and it would be the end of all private enterprise. If they did not reject Communism at this election they might never get the chance of doing so again by the exercise of a free franchise.

The meeting concluded with cheers.

MALARIA IN BRISBANE.

Two cases of malaria are reported in the "Medical Journal" as having occurred in Brisbane in April and May. The victims were two boys. The journal states that there was strong presumptive evidence that local mosquitoes conveyed the infection from convalescent soldiers.

Mr. Fadden Hits Out

Speaking in Brisbane Mr. Fadden recalled that at Perth on March 5, 1937, Mr. Curtin advocated the sale of iron ore to Japan. Mr. Fadden said he mentioned this as a reply to unfair propaganda aimed at Mr. Menzies regarding scrap and pig iron.

Early in 1937 and in 1938 the Western Australian Labour Government proposed to lease iron ore deposits at Yampi Sound to a company which had entered into contracts to supply up to 1,000,000 tons of iron ore yearly to Japan.

In May, 1938, the Lyons Government prevented the Western Australian Labour Government from proceeding with this colossal supply of raw material for munitions to Japan by prohibiting the export of iron ore from Australia.

Mr. Fadden said: "The Japanese Government and the Labour Premier of Western Australia (Mr. J. Wilcock) protested strongly, but the Lyons Government remained firm, and but for their action our soldiers to-day would have been assailed with shells and bombs made from Western Australian iron."

Disclosing how consistent was the attitude of Western Australian Labour men on this question, Mr. Fadden quoted a statement made in Perth by Mr. Curtin on March 5, 1937, when the question of the Yampi Sound iron was first raised. Mr. Curtin said: "There is no more reason for refusing iron ore than any other commodity which might strengthen Japan in her economic organisation. Refusal to sell the necessary commodities would be a fertile cause of war."

PATRICK'S EASY WIN.

Giving one of the smoothest boxing displays of his career, Vic Patrick, Australian lightweight champion, annihilated Jimmy Dundee at the Sydney Stadium on Saturday night, knocking him out with a crisp left to the jaw and a battery of body blows in the fourth round. Patrick weighed 9.11½, conceding 9½ lbs. to Dundee.

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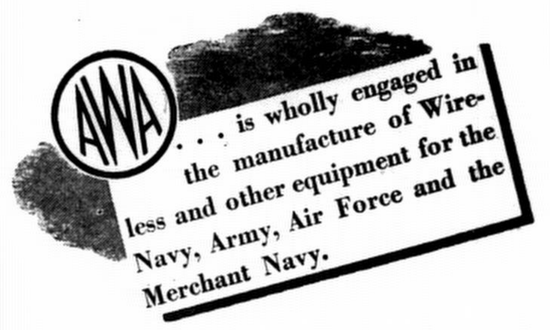

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LIBYA	Opposition to A.I.F.
TOBRUK	Opposition to Empire Air Scheme
GREECE	Rejected National Government
CRETE	Food and Clothing Bungling
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MR. FADDEN AT ROCKHAMPTON

RECORD CROWD

Communism Denounced

Mr. A. W. Fadden, Leader of the Federal Opposition, speaking at Rockhampton in support of the candidature of Mr. P. C. Ward, C.N.O. candidate for Capricornia, addressed the largest political meeting held in Rockhampton for many years. Mr. Fadden was subjected to a little interruption, which was counter-balanced by frequent outbursts of applause.

Mr. Ward was the first speaker, and he gave an account of his tour of Capricornia and the relations of the electorate to the big political questions of the moment and the local issues.

"Wherever I went," said Mr. Ward, "I found that the people throughout Capricornia were strongly of the opinion that Australia should have had a National Government during the last three years, and especially from the moment Japan entered the war. They consider it is still desirable, in the interests of laying the foundation of peace as well as the vigorous prosecution of the war to its end, that we should have a United Government.

"I found also there was a strong opinion, especially in the country, that since the commencement of the war no Government had shown a sufficiently strong hand in dealing with strikes and absenteeism."

MR. FADDEN.

Mr. Fadden dealt mainly with the connection of the Labour Party and Communism. He claimed that they were closely linked, no matter how much Mr. Curtin might try to disavow the connection.

He quoted a Communist pamphlet appeal to the electors to vote for the Labour Party so that there would be a Labour Government supported by Communists. He cited subscription lists sent out soliciting financial support for Labour's expenses in N.S. Wales.

The objectives of the Communist Party and the Labour Party were the same, their ultimate aim being Socialism. This was something that Australia did not want. It wanted to be free and untrammelled, controlled by practical, enterprising men and women.

A voice: What about the Red Army?

Mr. Fadden: There is absolutely no connection between those brave and gallant Russians who are fighting for their country and these Australian Communists who have no time for their country.

Replying to an interjection about the Brisbane Line, Mr. Fadden said that Mr. Eddie Ward, who had first brought it up, made certain that he kept himself on the safe side of it. Mr. Forde, too, was secure 800 miles south of the line.

Vigorously attacking the Labour Government for claiming to have saved Australia, Mr. Fadden said Labour had opposed every attempt to defend Australia. Mr. Forde was a member of the Government which had abolished compulsory military training, which had closed Duntroon and Jervis Bay and the Cockatoo Island dry dock and the Flying Fish Point aviation works, and had opposed the sending of Australian troops abroad, and the Empire Air Training Scheme. Yet he now had the colossal effrontery to claim that as Minister for the Army he was one of the saviours of Australia.

Referring to his financial proposals, Mr. Fadden explained the refund of taxes by way of war savings certificates, and said that the scheme was already working in Britain and Canada. People asked where would the money come from. It would come from the same place as the money for soldiers' deferred pay and the repayment of war loans and war savings certificates. These post-war certificates would be a nest egg, a protection for deflation, and a safeguard against Communistic control. The pay as you earn system of income tax was something that no sane person should reject.

Returning to Communism he described it as a godless organisation out to control the lives of the people of Australia at all costs. It would destroy our individualism and initiative, and [illegible] the end of all private enterprise. If they did not reject Communism at this election they might never get the chance of doing so again by the exercise of a free franchise.

The meeting concluded with cheers.

MALARIA IN BRISBANE.

Two cases of malaria are reported in the "Medical Journal" as having occurred in Brisbane in April and May. The victims were two boys. The journal states that there was strong presumptive evidence that local mosquitoes conveyed the infection from convalescent soldiers.

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A. 7 BROWN, G.	B. 4 ANNAND, J. D.	C. 1 **BROWN, C. V. W.**	10	KIDMAN, J. N.
A. 8 COLLINGS, J. S.	B. 5 McGEOCH, R. S.	C. 2 **GOLDENSTEDT, P. L.**	11	HUGHES, W. T.
A. 9 COURTICE, B.	B. 6 WARE, C.	C. 3 **McDONALD, J. J.**		

— HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES —

BRISBANE DIVISION	MORETON DIVISION	DARLING DOWNS
3 BOARDMAN, R. A.	3 BELCHAM, R. L.	4 BAILEY, L. W.
1 **FLETCHER, J. W.**	2 CANTWELL, J. E.	1 **FADDEN, A. W.**
4 LAWSON, G.	1 **FRANCIS, J.**	2 MULLALY, R. C. L.
2 PIE, B.	4 McINALLY, P. J.	3 PHAIR, H. D.

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4 CONELAN, W. P.	2 HEADING, J. A.	2 BAKER, F. P.
3 DUNSTONE, T. B.	3 LAMBOURNE, C.	
2 KINGWELL [illegible]	[illegible] H. I.	CAPRICORNIA DIVISION
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		1 **WARD, Charles Powers**

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4 HADLEY, J. [illegible] F.	1 **GRAHAM, A. H.**
1 **JOLLY, W. A.**	3 MARTENS, G. W.
2 JULIN, J. H.	4 PATERSON, F. W.
1 **SIMMONDS, W. M.**	
4 VANE-MILBANK, R. A.	

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SALE OF IRON ORE TO JAPAN

YAMPI SOUND DEPOSITS

Mr. Fadden Hits Out

Speaking in Brisbane Mr. Fadden recalled that at Perth on March 5, 1937, Mr. Curtin advocated the sale of iron ore to Japan. Mr. Fadden said he mentioned this as a reply to unfair propaganda aimed at Mr. Menzies regarding scrap and pig iron.

Early in 1937 and in 1938 the Western Australian Labour Government proposed to lease iron ore deposits at Yampi Sound to a company which had entered into contracts to supply up to 1,000,000 tons of iron ore yearly to Japan.

In May, 1938, the Lyons Government prevented the Western Australian Labour Government from proceeding with this colossal supply of raw material for munitions to Japan by prohibiting the export of iron ore from Australia.

Mr. Fadden said: "The Japanese Government and the Labour Premier of Western Australia (Mr. J. Wilcock) protested strongly, but the Lyons Government remained firm, and but for their action our soldiers to-day would have been assailed with shells and bombs made from Western Australian iron."

Disclosing how consistent was the attitude of Western Australian Labour men on this question, Mr. Fadden quoted a statement made in Perth by Mr. Curtin on March 5, 1937, when the question of the Yampi Sound iron was first raised. Mr. Curtin said: "There is no more reason for refusing iron ore than any other commodity which might strengthen Japan in her economic organisation. Refusal to sell the necessary commodities would be a fertile cause of war."

PATRICK'S EASY WIN.

Giving one of the smoothest boxing displays of his career, Vic Patrick, Australian lightweight champion, annihilated Jimmy Dundee at the Sydney Stadium on Saturday night, knocking him out with a crisp left to the jaw and a battery of body blows in the fourth round. Patrick weighed 9.11½, conceding 9½ lbs. to Dundee.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

ELECTORAL DIVISION OF CAPRICORNIA

Subdivision of Gladstone

Prescribed Polling Places: Ambrose (school), Argoon (school, Earlsfield), Argoon Post Office (post office), Baffle Creek (school), Barmundu (railway shed), Beecher (railway shed), Benaraby (school), Beranjondo (railway shed), Biloela (school), Booroom (school), Bororen (school), Boynedale (railway shed), Bracewell (school), Callide (school), Calliope (school), Calliope Station (school), Cedar Vale (school), Colosseum Creek (railway shed), Coreen (school), Dan Dan Creek (barn at Streeter's residence), Gladstone (school), Goovigen (school), Greycliffe (school), Iveragh (school), Jambin (school), Kariboe Creek (school), Kooingal (school), Korenan (school), Langmorn (school), Langmorn Station (head station), Lawgi (school), Littlemore (school), Lowmead (school), Machine Creek (school), Many Peaks (school), Miriam Vale (shire office), Mount Alma (bachelors' quarters), Mount Larcom (school), Mount Murchison (school), Mullet Creek (school), Nagoorin (school), Parson's Point (school), Polmaily (D. S. Smith's residence), Raglan (school), Rosedale (school), Scoria (school), Taragoola (Bruce's premises), Targinnie (school), The Valley, Gladstone (Gladstone Joinery Works), Thangool (school), Ubobo (school), Valentine Plains (school), Watalgan (school), Waterloo (hall), Wilmott (school), Winfield (school), Yaparaba (school), Yarwun (school).

PORT CURTIS TIDES

AUGUST.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
21	1.05	1.41	7.46	8.09
22	1.50	2.38	8.32	9.10
23	2.43	3.41	9.21	10.16
24	3.49	4.53	10.15	11.26
25	5.06	6.01	11.10	——
26	6.17	6.57	12.30	12.05
27	7.14	7.42	1.25	12.57
28	8.00	8.22	2.10	1.44
29	8.41	8.59	2.50	2.28
30	9.20	9.34	3.27	3.08
31	9.56	10.07	4.02	3.46

THE MOON.

Last Quarter ..... August 23
New Moon ..... August 31

SEPTEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.30	10.37	4.36	4.24
2	11.02	11.06	5.06	4.59
3	11.34	11.36	5.36	5.36
4	——	12.07	6.06	6.17
5	12.08	12.48	6.36	7.05
6	12.47	1.32	7.15	8.09
7	1.35	2.33	8.10	9.25
8	2.37	3.51	9.22	10.41
9	4.05	5.15	10.36	11.53
10	5.36	6.26	11.45	——
11	6.48	7.25	12.57	12.48
12	7.46	8.17	1.54	1.46
13	8.39	9.05	2.45	2.40
14	9.26	9.49	3.32	3.32

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Read This

ONE OF THE SPECIAL DUTIES undertaken by the Swiss Red Cross in Europe is Aid to Child War Victims. Rigorous food rationing in European countries is having a serious effect on the health of children and young people, and the Swiss Red Cross, acting in collaboration with the Swiss Government, is offering shelter and care to thousands of children from occupied countries.

From November 1940 to December 1941, 7730 children from Belgium and France (free and occupied zones) came to Switzerland. In the first nine months of 1942, 15,184 children came from Belgium, France, and Serbia.

It was found that, except for in cases where for medical reasons a different solution was necessary, children could be best cared for if they were placed in family homes. So these small refugees—war orphans, children whose fathers are prisoners, children from necessitous families—come to Switzerland to stay with "adopted" parents for at least three months, until their health is restored.

Travelling expenses are paid by the Swiss Red Cross and the Swiss Government, and these bodies also provide clothing if it is needed. Convoys arrive and leave almost every week, and numbers of offers of hospitality for children from private Swiss families are amply sufficient.

At the end of September, 1942, 6300 children from other countries were staying in Switzerland; 5430 with private families, and 900 in special homes.

To help children who cannot travel to Switzerland (only a limited number of travel authorisations are made available) a system of "adoptions," or "sponsorships" h[illegible]

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IT is incredible [illegible] there should [illegible] eggs and vegeta[illegible] to seek. RECKLESS MISMANAGEMENT BY THE CURTIN GOVERNMENT has resulted in a call-up of men and women whose experience should have been retained to produce food not only for Australia, but also for our Allies overseas. The Curtin Government's catch-cry is that the commitments to our Allies must be met. There would have been enough for all, under wise Government direction. Make sure of that direction. Your vote is your safeguard—use it effectively on Polling Day.

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Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, estab. 1867. Sunday, August 22, 1943. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship and Young Worshippers' League; 7 p.m. Calliope; 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship. Special address, as Home Mission Rally. Offering. At the conclusion of the worship a Congregational Meeting will be held in connection with the 75th Anniversary. Minister, Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH. Minister, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 22nd August. 11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Birth-Death

MARTIN.—(n[illegible] Pauline McLachlan). At the Gladstone District Hospital on August 16th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Martin of Builyan, a son (Duncan Wayne). And passed away on August 17th, 1943. Sad Memories.

Marriage

BAYS-SLATER.—On the 17th August, 1943, in the Catholic Church, Goondoon Street, Gladstone, by Rev. Father Cullen, P.P.C., William Thomas Bays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bays, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., to Catherine Harriet May Slater, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Slater, Auckland Street, Gladstone.

Thanks.

[illegible] basement of the Town Hall, when preparations for the A.R.P. demonstration to be held on September 1 will be made.

POPULAR BOATMAN.

A popular figure has been missing from the waterfront for several weeks in the person of Mr. Thos. Dore, owing to sustaining a serious accident while engaged on duties with his launch. Skilled attention at the District Hospital has the genial Tom on the highway to recovery, and his legion of friends will be pleased to see him about again.

HAIR OIL BLACK MARKET.

Commonwealth officers this week unearthed a plant estimated worth £15,000, which they believe to have supplied an extensive black market with hair oil and other cosmetics. The plant was discovered in Sydney, and equipment found included stills, plant for bottling mixture to be sold as brilliantine, and several hundred bottles of brilliantine packed ready for the market.

CANTEEN PROFITS.

Lieut. Commander Harewood, of the Salvation Army, who recently visited Gladstone, states that to his knowledge the Australian Defence Canteens had made a profit of £2,000,000, and that the money should be spent in the provision of hostels and leave centres. There was no need for the civilian purse to provide these amenities for the men. These colossal profits should be spent on the Diggers.

WANTED—FEMALE DRIVERS

The United States Army requires female transport drivers in Cairns, and it has been decided that Mr. A. Pares, of the Cairns Harbour Board, accompanied by Mrs. Pares, will visit Gladstone on Thursday, August 26, in connection with the matter. Applicants may be interviewed by Mrs. Pares by applying to the National Services Officer at the Court House, Gladstone. The main qualifications is the ability to drive a car.

You can't fool all the people all the time, but you can keep a politician from trying when you go to the ballot box.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

Large and Varied Schedule

The outstanding event of the year in Gladstone, the Presbyterian Flower Show, is near at hand.

In spite of the limitations imposed by present circumstances a large and varied schedule is offered to competitors.

Once again as in previous years, the Scott Cup is open to competition for the champion flower of the show, and Messrs. Arthur Yates & Co. Ltd. of Sydney have donated a silver cup for the competitor scoring the highest number of points for cut flowers grown from seed.

The Committee very much regret that owing to circumstances outside their control they are unable to secure the usual gold watch for the trophy for the sponge sandwich cake, but a cash prize of 10/6 has been donated in lieu by Mr. A. W. Young.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the other championships because of the same difficulty to procure suitable trophies.

The section for home manufactures has been carefully revised to enable competitors to cope with rationing restrictions.

A new feature this year is a juvenile section, in which boys may compete for maps and handicrafts.

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OLD AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS

Whispering Campaign

It is odd that those who seek to undermine the heart by whispering in the ear are telling aged people that if Labour is defeated their pensions will be reduced, and are also assuring mothers that the return of a Fadden Government would spell the end of child endowment.

Not only is it odd; it is clumsy. The fact is that the only Australian Government to reduce the amount paid per week to old-age and invalid pensioners was the Scullin Labour Government, of which Mr. Forde was a Cabinet Minister; and also because it was the Menzies Government which brought in child endowment. The date of pension reduction was July 23, 1931, and that of passing the Child Endowment Act was April 3, 1941.

Many of Labour's election boners have proved mere squibs, or else have exploded in the fumbling hand which fashioned them.

SOLDIERS UNLOAD BEEF

Meatworkers Refused

Beef supplies for the Army had to be unloaded yesterday when Brisbane Abattoir employees refused to do the work after their demands for higher rates of pay were not met.

The beef arrived in frozen form to make up the shortage of service supplies available in Brisbane. The employees at the abattoirs refused to unload it from the trucks into motor vehicles unless they were paid "freezer" rates, following a combined stopwork meeting of freezers and yard gangs.

As a result of the dispute, the Army arranged for the unloading of its own supplies.

FEDERAL ELECTION

VOTE OUT SOCIALISM

Protect Your Own Interests

It is merely stating a fact even to say that the election to be held on Saturday is more crucial than any previous election in Australian history.

If the Labour Government is returned to power it will claim that it has a mandate from the people to proceed with a definite policy of socialisation of industry.

Certain members of the present Government have already made it very clear what can be expected in this regard. These gentlemen want to tear down the present social and economic order and replace it with a new order which will not only stifle initiative, but destroy private enterprise.

The experience of the past 18 months is some indication as to what will take place in Australia if the Labour Government has a working majority instead of having to rely upon the support of an independent.

The tragedy of it is that it is largely due to the apathy of the anti-labour supporters in Queensland at the last election that we have had a Commonwealth Labour Government. It only required a little more effort at that election, and the result in Brisbane, Griffith and Maranoa would have been reversed, as these seats were won by the Labour candidates by [illegible]

LABOUR DID NOT SAVE AUSTRALIA

DEFENCE PROJECTS

Some Telling Facts

One of the questions which has been raised during the election is why Australia was caught unprepared when war broke out. The Labour Party is trying to throw all the blame on the shoulders of their political opponents, and calling upon the people of Australia to look upon them and them alone as the people who have saved this country from the horrors of invasion.

What are the facts? Here are some of them.

(1) It was a Labour Government which first reduced the number of men to be trained and eventually abolished compulsory training for the young men of Australia.

(2) On November 2, 1938, a motion of no-confidence was moved by Mr. Curtin against the Federal Government then in power. One of the principal charges against the Government was that it was spending too much money on defence projects. On that occasion Mr. Curtin said, "The Government has brought the country to the verge of war hysteria."

Speaking on the motion, Mr. Ward, of Brisbane Line fame, said, "How does the Government propose to finance its enlarged defence programme?

Another Labour Minister (Mr. Holloway) said, "I do not charge the Government with not spending enough money on defence. I make it clear at the outset that I think it is spending too much."

And these are the very same men who are stating to-day that the previous Government took no steps to protect Australia in the event of war.

In May, 1941, five months before he became Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, speaking of the Menzies Government's war effort, said, "The war has been prosecuted to the maximum of Australia's capacity." To-day he is saying just the opposite, and trying to convince the people that only a Labour Government saved Australia.

The truth is that Labour came into office just at the right moment to reap the result of the years of blue-printing and tooling-up which had been done by previous non-Labour Governments. For instance, the Beaufort bomber for which Labour is claiming credit, was just beginning to come off the assembly line when Labour took office.

So far as munitions are concerned, the supply was short because the previous Government had sent munitions from Australia's scant supplies to Great Britain in order to help the Mother Country in her hour of need, when most of her supplies had been lost at Dunkirk.

These are cold, hard facts, and prove that any claim by Labour Ministers that a Labour Government has saved Australia is as far from the truth as any statement ever made.

Electors should not be led astray by these mis-statements, but must remember that their own future and the future of Australia will best be served by men who have a true Country Party outlook, and can be depended on to prosecute the war whilst it lasts, and watch over the interests of country producers when peace is again restored.

BOARD AND MEALS.

Regulations under the Public Safety Act were issued on Thursday modifying the Liquor Act impelling licensees to utilise to the full the facilities existing on their premises for supplying board and meals to the public. In the event of failure to comply with this provision the Licensing Commission is empowered to temporarily suspend licenses by way of penalty.

ACID THROWER.

Sydney detectives are searching for a man who threw corrosive acid into the face of William Edward Duncan, 26, an Australian naval rating. Duncan told the police he was walking near the Art Gallery when a man asked him for a cigarette. Duncan gave him one and then struck a match to light it. As he was holding the match the man threw acid into his face. His skin was burned and an eye injured, necessitating treatment at Sydney Hospital. The man ran away after throwing the acid.

FEDERAL ELECTION

ONLY TWO ISSUES

Statement By Mr. Forde

There are really only two issues which electors have to decide in this election, said the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde). Do you want the Curtin Labour Government to continue to control the defences of this country and to be responsible for its safety? Or do you want to revert to the Fadden-Hughes-Menzies party, which failed on the job before and fell to pieces owing to intrigue and personal antagonism?

The second is: Do you want the Curtin Labour Government to continue its social welfare programme and to control the post-war reconstruction programme in the interests of the ordinary men and women of the land? Or do you want the Fadden-Hughes-Menzies Governments to control the country on behalf of the vested interests they represent when the post-war world is planned and the plans are carried out?

It will not be difficult for the electors to decide these two issues. The Fadden-Hughes-Menzies parties realise that they are bankrupt, and that they are known by the people to be bankrupt, both in past achievements and future plans.

PERSONAL ANTAGONISMS.

Their personal antagonisms have burst through to the surface again. Their answer to the charge that they left the country almost defenceless at the outbreak of war is frantic, but unconvincing, especially in Queensland, where it is well known what the position was when the war with Japan broke out. Their sorry record in social services in the past makes it clear that their programme in the future will be no more for the benefit of ordinary men and women that it has ever been.

STOP STRIKES.

Mr. Fadden, in his policy speech, said he would stop strikes. He does not say how. We know, however, that any attempt made will be the usual provocative methods. These will destroy the basis of co-operation and consultation with the Trades Union movement. Mr. Fadden and his associates would provoke more industrial trouble than ever before.

Remember these facts, and discount propaganda. Do not let a smoke-screen deceive you or side-track you from the real issues. Return the Curtin Government by voting for Labour candidates for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

HARBOUR OF GLADSTONE

View From Aucland Hill

A Rockhampton citizen, giving his impressions of Gladstone while on a recent visit, states:—

Whether Gladstone will ever get a lead on Rockhampton or not much will depend on how long we dilly dally over the Port Alma Road. Anyone who can remember Gladstone a few years back must admit that it has made great strides in the last five or six years, and it looks like going on with the good work. It is bound to be an important airport for flying boats after the war.

If I am to be run out of my own city with a tin can tied to my tail for saying so, I must say you will go a long way before anything finer is spread before you than the view from the park on Auckland Hill. It had rained the night before, the harbour was at its best, and a flying boat was taking off.

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DAMAGED OR MISBOUND TEXT

WHEN YOU HELP THE RED CROSS

YOU ARE BUILDING FOR A NEW WORLD

Read This

ONE OF THE SPECIAL DUTIES undertaken by the Swiss Red Cross in Europe is Aid to Child War Victims. Rigorous food rationing in European countries is having a serious effect on the health of children and young people, and the Swiss Red Cross, acting in collaboration with the Swiss Government, is offering shelter and care to thousands of children from occupied countries.

From November 1940 to December 1941, 7730 children from Belgium and France (free and occupied zones) came to Switzerland. In the first nine months of 1942, 15,184 children came from Belgium, France, and Serbia.

It was found that, except for in cases where for medical reasons a different solution was necessary, children could be best cared for if they were placed in family homes. So these small refugees—war orphans, children whose fathers are prisoners, children from necessitous families—come to Switzerland to stay with "adopted" parents for at least three months, until their health is restored.

Travelling expenses are paid by the Swiss Red Cross and the Swiss Government, and these bodies also provide clothing if it is needed. Convoys arrive and leave almost every week, and numbers of offers of hospitality for children from private Swiss families are amply sufficient.

At the end of September, 1942, 6,300 children from other countries were staying in Switzerland; 5430 with private families, and 900 in special homes.

To help children who cannot travel to Switzerland (only a limited number of travel authorisations are made available) a system of "adoptions," or "sponsorships" has been organised.

Swiss godparents, or sponsors, undertake to pay 10 francs monthly for the support of a godchild in France or Belgium during six months. At the end of this time the sponsorship may be renewed.

Each godparent receives a card bearing his protege's photograph, and giving his name, age, and information about his health, circumstances of his family, etc. In addition they are encouraged to correspond with him.

At the end of July 1942 there were 12,500 of these sponsors in Switzerland, and in all 1,200,000 Swiss francs had been subscribed by these people for the relief of children in other lands.

Recently a Grant of £10,000 was made by the Australian Red Cross for China Famine Relief, and this was handed over to the National Relief Committee at Chungking.

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GLADSTONE

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Shortage

OF FOODSTUFFS

Who's to Blame?

IT is incredible in a land like Australia, that there should be shortages of meat, butter, eggs and vegetables. The cause is not far to seek. RECKLESS MISMANAGEMENT BY THE CURTIN GOVERNMENT has resulted in a call-up of men and women whose experience should have been retained to produce food not only for Australia, but also for our Allies overseas. The Curtin Government's catch-cry is that the commitments to our Allies must be met. There would have been enough for all, under wise Government direction. Make sure of that direction. Your vote is your safeguard—use it effectively on Polling Day.

★ HOW TO VOTE FOR THE SENATE ★

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3 McDONALD, James J.

AND BE SURE TO PLACE A NUMBER IN EVERY OTHER SQUARE

VOTE C·N·O COUNTRY-NATIONAL ORGANISATION N·C·P NORTHERN COUNTRY PARTY

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Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (estab. 1867). Sunday, August 22, 1943. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Morning Worship and Young Worshippers' League. 7 p.m. Calhoun. 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship. Special address by Home Mission Building Offering. At the conclusion of the worship a Congregational Meeting will be held in connection with the 75th Anniversary. Minister, Rev. H. MacN. Sunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH. Minister, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 22nd August. 11 a.m. preacher, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Birth-Death

MARTIN.—(n. e Pauline McLachlan). At the Gladstone District Hospital, on August 16th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Martin of Buffaan, a son (Duncan Wayne). And passed away on August 17th, 1943.

Sad Memories.

Marriage

BAYS-SLATER.—On the 17th August, 1943, in the Catholic Church, Goondoon Street, Gladstone, by Rev. Father Cullen, P.P.C., William Thomas Bays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bays, Spokane, Washington, U.S.A., to Catherine Harriet May Slater, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Slater, Auckland Street, Gladstone.

Thanks.

MR. T. P. G. DORE, Glenlyon Street, Gladstone desires to thank Dr. Skinner, Matron, and Nursing Staff of the Gladstone District Hospital for their kind and skilled attention during his recent illness.

In Memoriam

FARNSWORTH.—A tribute of love and remembrance of our dear son and brother, Robert Reginald, who passed away in Brisbane on the 22nd of August, 1939, in his 16th year.

Until the day dawns
And the shadows flee away.

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The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

A special meeting of the Essential Services personnel will be held in the basement of the Town Hall on Monday night next at 7.30 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

AUSTRALIAN FOOD OUTPUT.

Plans have been announced to greatly increase Australia's production of dairy produce, eggs and vegetables. The plans, if carried out, will mean the release of thousands of farm workers from the Army and other wartime occupations.

RESCUE AND DEMOLITION SQUAD.

A special meeting of the Rescue and Demolition Squad will be held on Tuesday night at 7.30 o'clock in the basement of the Town Hall, when preparations for the A.R.P. demonstration to be held on September 1 will be made.

POPULAR BOATMAN.

A popular figure has been missing from the waterfront for several weeks in the person of Mr. Thos. Dore, owing to sustaining a serious accident while engaged on duties with his launch. Skilled attention at the District Hospital has the genial Tom on the highway to recovery, and his legion of friends will be pleased to see him about again.

HAIR OIL BLACK MARKET.

Commonwealth officers this week unearthed a plant estimated worth £15,000, which they believe to have supplied an extensive black market with hair oil and other cosmetics. The plant was discovered in Sydney and equipment found included stills, plant for bottling mixture to be sold as brilliantine, and several hundred bottles of brilliantine packed ready for the market.

CANTEEN PROFITS.

Lieut.-Commander Harewood, of the Salvation Army, who recently visited Gladstone, states that to his knowledge the Australian Defence Canteens had made a profit of £2,000,000, and that the money should be spent in the provision of hostels and leave centres. There was no need for the civilian purse to provide these amenities for the men. These colossal profits should be spent on the Diggers.

WANTED—FEMALE DRIVERS

The United States Army requires female transport drivers in Cairns, and it has been decided that Mr. A. Pares, of the Cairns Harbour Board, accompanied by Mrs. Pares, will visit Gladstone on Thursday, August 26, in connection with the matter. Applicants may be interviewed by Mrs. Pares by applying to the National Services Officer at the Court House, Gladstone. The main qualifications is the ability to drive a car.

You can't fool all the people all the time, but you can keep a politician from trying when you go to the ballot box.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

Large and Varied Schedule

The outstanding event of the year in Gladstone, the Presbyterian Flower Show, is near at hand.

In spite of the limitations imposed by prevailing circumstances a large and varied schedule is offered to competitors.

Once again as in previous years the Scott Cup is open to competition for the champion flower of the show, and Messrs. Arthur Yates & Co. Ltd. of Sydney, have donated a silver cup for the competitor scoring the highest number of points for cut flowers grown from seed.

The Committee very much regret that owing to circumstances outside their control they are unable to secure the usual gold watch for the trophy for the sponge sandwich cake, but a cash prize of 10/6 has been donated by Hen. by Mr. A. W. Young.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the other championships because of the same difficulty to procure suitable trophies.

The section for home manufactures has been carefully revised to enable competitors to cope with rationing restrictions.

A new feature this year is a juvenile section, in which boys may compete for maps and handicrafts.

A special prize of 10/6 has been donated by the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) for collection of vegetables grown by the exhibitor, and Mrs. Dennis has given a similar prize for collection of flowers which are grown by the exhibitor.

Entries close on Friday, August 27, at 10 a.m. and the show will be open to the public at 12 noon. The official opening will take place at 3 p.m. and the prize money will be paid after 7 p.m. that evening.

Keen interest is being shown in the Flower Show and intending exhibitors are urged to have their exhibits ready and on hand at an early hour. Schedules are available at Mr. A. Young's, Friends (Pty.) Ltd., or Mar 5.

The show this year promises to be one of the best for years. Don't forget the time and place: the Town Hall, Friday, August 27.

BIBLE SOCIETY

VISIT OF REV. SHAKESPEARE

Amazing Results Outlined

The Rev. L. H. Shakespeare, General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, addressed an interested congregation in the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening last. He told of the effects of the word of God on the inmates of H.M. Prison in Boggo Road.

The Bible Society, he said, had placed a copy of the New Testament in each cell, and the results were amazing. One of the prisoners serving a life sentence takes his New Testament out into the remand yard every mid-day and reads to those who will listen.

Mr. Shakespeare said that every night at 9 o'clock the lights were out, a bell strikes, and a prayer meeting is held in the prison. The men cannot meet physically, but meet spiritually, and each man—eleven of them—as the bell chimes 9 p.m., falls on his knees in his cell and prays.

Mr. Shakespeare indicated several instances of men who have been released from gaol and are new men in Christ Jesus.

The speaker also said that Australia was seeking to lift some of the burden from Border's shoulders by printing the Gospels in seven languages in Australia. Most of these are for the Aboriginal tribes somewhere in Australia.

Mr. Shakespeare visited Gladstone to place on a working basis the local branch of the Society. There was a unanimous decision at the meeting that the branch should be revitalised.

The Ministers are being acquainted with the decision of the meeting, and it is hoped that a committee will be appointed in due course.

The branch will seek to extend interest in and obtain more support for the Bible Society, which for many years has become the indispensable handmaid of the Christian Church.

Mr. Shakespeare left for the north on Tuesday last.

NON-VOTING SOLDIERS.

The Wartime Electoral Act does not prescribe any penalty for soldiers who do not vote at elections. Heavy penalties are prescribed under the Act for anyone found guilty of impersonation.

FINAL ELECTION RESULTS.

At least ten days and up to fourteen will elapse before the results will be definitely known in most seats, and Senate results will not be known for a month or five weeks after polling day. The delay will be due to the service vote, expected to total 600,000.

COMMUNIST MENACE.

Speaking at Laidley on Thursday night, Mr. Fadden said only the formation of a National Government could save Labour from itself and from complete subjugation by the Communist menace that was slowly but surely strangling it.

FEDERAL ELECTION

VOTE OUT SOCIALISM

Protect Your Own Interests

It is merely stating a truism to say that the election to be held early (Saturday) is more crucial than any previous election in Australian history.

If the Labour Government is returned to power it will claim that it has a mandate from the people to proceed with a definite policy of socialisation of industry.

Certain members of the present Government have already made it very clear what can be expected in this regard. These gentlemen want to tear down the present social and economic order and replace it with a new order which will not only stifle initiative, but destroy private enterprise.

The experience of the past 18 months is some indication as to what will take place in Australia if the Labour Government has a working majority instead of having to rely upon the support of an independent.

The tragedy of it is that it is largely due to the apathy of the anti-labour supporters in Queensland at the last election that we have had a Commonwealth Labour Government. It only required a little more effort at that election, and the result in Brisbane, Griffith and Maranoa would have been reversed, as these seats were won by the Labour candidates by very slender majorities.

The Country-National Organisation has organised a most intensive campaign against the Socialistic Party in Queensland. Every seat in this State and the Senate vacancies will be keenly contested.

Every elector should weigh financially the risk to him personally, and vote against the Labour-Socialist candidate.

PAY-AS-EARN TAXATION

DESIRABLE SAFEGUARD

Operating Elsewhere

"There can be no argument about the possibility of the pay-as-you-earn taxation scheme in Australia," said the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Fadden).

"Taxpayers will pay as they earn, and when they cease to earn, they will cease to pay taxation immediately—that is, if the Opposition is returned to power on Saturday."

Pay-as-you-earn taxation represented a very desirable safeguard for women in war work. When these women returned to their homes they would not be called on to meet a tax liability.

Unless the present system was changed servicemen and their wives would begin civil life under the handicap of taxation of the year's income of the wife. Soldier husbands whose income dropped severely when they entered the army, would be freed of a debt for past taxes.

Taxation arrangements in the United States and Canada have been converted to a pay-as-you-earn basis, and this should be applied in Australia.

OLD AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS

Whispering Campaign

It is odd that those who seek to undermine the heart by whispering in the ear are telling aged people that if Labour is defeated their pensions will be reduced, and are also assuring mothers that the return of a Fadden Government would spell the end of child endowment.

Not only is it odd; it is clumsy. The fact is that the only Australian Government to reduce the amount paid per week to old-age and invalid pensioners was the Scullin Labour Government, of which Mr. Forde was a Cabinet Minister; and also because it was the Menzies Government which brought in child endowment. The date of pension reduction was July 23, 1931, and that of passing the Child Endowment Act was April 3, 1941.

Many of Labour's election boloes have proved mere squibs, or else have exploded in the fumbling hand which fashioned them.

SOLDIERS UNLOAD BEEF

Meatworkers Refused

Beef supplies for the Army had to be unloaded yesterday when Brisbane Abattoir employees refused to do the work after their demands for higher rates of pay were not met.

The beef arrived in frozen form to make up the shortage of service supplies available in Brisbane. The employees at the abattoirs refused to unload it from the trucks into motor vehicles unless they were paid "freezer" rates, following a combined stopwork meeting of freezers and yard gangs.

As a result of the dispute, the Army arranged for the unloading of its own supplies.

LABOUR DID NOT SAVE AUSTRALIA

DEFENCE PROJECTS

Some Telling Facts

One of the questions that has been raised during the election is why Australia was caught unprepared when war broke out. The Labour Party is asking to throw all the blame on the shoulders of their political opponents, and calling upon the people of Australia to look upon them and them alone as the people who have saved this country from the horrors of invasion.

What are the facts? Here are some of them.

(1) It was a Labour Government which first reduced the number of men to be trained and eventually abolished compulsory training for the young men of Australia.

(2) On November 2, 1938, a motion of no-confidence was moved by Mr. Curtin against the Federal Government then in power. One of the principal charges against the Government was that it was spending too much money on defence projects. On that occasion Mr. Curtin said, "The Government has brought the country to the verge of war hysteria."

Speaking on the motion, Mr. Ward, of Brisbane Line fame, said, "How does the Government propose to finance its enlarged defence programme?"

Another Labour Minister (Mr. Holloway) said, "I do not charge the Government with not spending enough money on defence. I make it clear at the outset that I think it is spending too much."

And these are the very same men who are stating to-day that the previous Government took no steps to protect Australia in the event of war.

In May, 1941, five months before he became Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, speaking of the Menzies Government's war effort, said, "The war has been prosecuted to the maximum of Australia's capacity." To-day he is saying just the opposite, and trying to convince the people that only a Labour Government saved Australia.

The truth is that Labour came into office just at the right moment to reap the result of the years of blue-printing and tooling-up which had been done by previous non-Labour Governments. For instance, the Beaufort bomber for which Labour is claiming credit, was just beginning to come off the assembly line when Labour took office.

So far as munitions are concerned, the supply was short because the previous Government had sent munitions from Australia's scant supplies to Great Britain in order to help the Mother Country in her hour of need, when most of her supplies had been lost at Dunkirk.

These are cold, hard facts, and prove that any claim by Labour Ministers that a Labour Government has saved Australia is as far from the truth as any statement ever made.

Electors should not be led astray by these mis-statements, but must remember that their own future and the future of Australia will best be served by men who have a true Country Party outlook, and can be depended on to prosecute the war whilst it lasts, and watch over the interests of country producers when peace is again restored.

BOARD AND MEALS.

Regulations under the Public Safety Act were issued on Thursday modifying the Liquor Act impelling licensees to utilise to the full the facilities existing on their premises for supplying board and meals to the public. In the event of failure to comply with this provision the Licensing Commission is empowered to temporarily suspend licenses by way of penalty.

ACID THROWER.

Sydney detectives are searching for a man who threw corrosive acid into the face of William Edward Duncan, 26, an Australian naval rating. Duncan told the police he was walking near the Art Gallery when a man asked him for a cigarette. Duncan gave him one and then struck a match to light it. As he was holding the match the man threw acid into his face. His skin was burned and an eye injured, necessitating treatment at Sydney Hospital. The man ran away after throwing the acid.

FEDERAL ELECTION

ONLY TWO ISSUES

Statement By Mr. Forde

There are really only two issues which electors have to decide in this election, said the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde). Do you want the Curtin Labour Government to continue to control the defences of this country and to be responsible for its safety? Or do you want to revert to the Fadden-Hughes-Menzies party which failed on the job before and fell to pieces owing to intrigue and personal antagonism?

The second is: Do you want the Curtin Labour Government to continue its social welfare programme and to control the post-war reconstruction programme in the interests of the ordinary men and women of the land? Or do you want the Fadden-Hughes-Menzies Governments to control the country on behalf of the vested interests they represent when the post-war world is planned and the plans are carried out?

It will not be difficult for the electors to decide these two issues. The Fadden-Hughes-Menzies parties realise that they are bankrupt, and that they are known by the people to be bankrupt, both in past achievements and future plans.

PERSONAL ANTAGONISMS.

Their personal antagonisms have burst through to the surface again. Their answer to the charge that they left the country almost defenceless at the outbreak of war is frantic, but unconvincing, especially in Queensland, where it is well known what the position was when the war with Japan broke out. Their sorry record in social services in the past makes it clear that their programme in the future will be no more for the benefit of ordinary men and women that it has ever been.

STOP STRIKES.

Mr. Fadden, in his policy speech, said he would stop strikes. He does not say how. We know, however, that any attempt made will be the usual provocative methods. These will destroy the basis of co-operation and consultation with the Trades Union movement. Mr. Fadden and his associates would provoke more industrial trouble than ever before.

Remember these facts, and discount propaganda. Do not let a smoke-screen deceive you or side-track you from the real issues. Return the Curtin Government by voting for Labour candidates for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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FEDERAL ELECTION, AUGUST 21st, 1943

HOW TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY COUNTRY-NATIONAL ORGANISATION AND NORTHERN COUNTRY PARTY

NOTE: THE ELECTOR MUST PLACE A NUMBER IN EVERY SQUARE

SENATE

A 7 BROWN, Gordon	B 4 ANNAND, James Douglas	C 1 BROWN, Charles Victor Watson	10 KIDMAN, James Nicolas
A 8 COLLINGS, Joseph Silver	B 5 McGEOCH, Robert Stewart	C 2 GOLDENSTEDT, Paul Lucien	11 HUGHES, Walter Thomas
A 9 COURTICE, Benjamin	B 6 WARE, Charles	C 3 McDONALD, James Joseph	

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPRICORNIA DIVISION

1 Forde, Francis Michael

1 WARD, CHARLES POWER

(Authorised by Jas. H. Fitzpatrick, Denham Street, Rockhampton)

BEWARE! BEWARE!

The Trade Union Bosses, drunk with power!
The Lawless Masses of Sydney and Melbourne!
The Menace of Communism!

AND REMEMBER

Curtin and Forde cannot, or will not, control these elements

BE SURE - BE SAFE - BE WISE

VOTE FOR MR. C. P. WARD

FOR CAPRICORNIA

—AND—

Brown, Goldenstedt and McDonald for the Senate

MR. C. P. WARD

(Authorised by J. H. Fitzpatrick, Denham St., Rockhampton)

HOCKEY

THE GAME THAT GROWS

Week-End Matches

(By "Skylark")

Sunday last saw the hockey fixtures advanced a further stage. Owing to sickness there was no ladies' match. This was regrettable, as the ladies have put up some stirring games this season. I hope to see the girls in action again next Sunday.

The first match on Sunday, Bandit A v. B., was a wash-out. Both sides were short of players, and several of the older players failed to put in an appearance—not like the old originals. In the past it was not a question of the Bandits having a full team; the trouble was who was going to stand down. It's up to the older players to give the beginners a little more encouragement, or take a back seat.

The second game was a thriller, and made up for the first Sparks v. A.T.C. The cadets were two players short, and Sparks, in a sporting manner, agreed to other players filling the vacancies.

For the first time this season the Cadets put it over the Sparks in no uncertain way by six goals to two.

Sparks were without their star centre forward, Tommy Morgan, and he was sadly missed. Gilbert Beal, Pat Crow and Watty Spencer tried all the tricks they know, but the Cadets were too solid and would not be denied.

Tom Duncan and Eddie Coxon at full-back worked overtime for Sparks. The halves have played better hockey. Bill O'Donnell was the safest. Len Flack was very erratic, far too much wild swinging at the ball. Better to settle down, boy; give the ball to your forwards; never mind punching the ball over the back line. Beale, Spence and Crow were solid, and put in some good hard work.

For Cadets Len George made some splendid saves for his side—the best display this season. Lewis and Last at full-back were very safe, and cleared well.

In the halves, Nevell Knott played an outstanding game. This boy has given promises right through the season. He was in everything last week, and rarely missed the ball; his anticipation was excellent, but inclined to make sticks. A little more practice with the stick and Cadets have a fine half.

Merv. Patterson and Harison were also solid, missing very little.

Forwards: Tom Judge was right on his toes, but appears to get a little confused with the rules. He is a rattling good hustling forward, with plenty of pace, and always willing to have a go, and very dangerous when he gets to the circle.

Gus Power can improve. He seems very slow on the up-take to me.

Kev. Flack had a day out, shooting four goals for his side. He kept well up in position last week, and knows the game. His pace and stick

John Ryan, on the wing, is one of the hardest workers in this team, and gets a full share of the ball for his side. He also knows what to do with it.

Kev. Last, on the left wing, put up a good game, shooting a good goal for Cadets.

It looks like a hard tussel for the premiership between Sparks and Cadets. I still like the young Cadets.

FERTILIZERS.— Under Government restrictions each householder is allowed 7lb. per month. We can offer Superphosphate, Bone ust, Beanup, No. 5, No. Q5, No. 8, and Bone Dust.— Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

"SUEZ TO SINGAPORE"

American Comment

The noted American war correspondent, Cecil Brown, in a recently published book, "Suez to Singapore," makes the following comment:—

"One of the most incredible men I ever encountered in political life was the Army Minister, Francis Forde.

"In his office at Parliament House he acted as harassed as if a Japanese division was chasing him.

"His manner was to keep on saying, 'Yes, yes, yes,' whether you were saying anything to him or not.

"In my talk with him there were periods of half-minute silences, and during that time Mr. Forde kept saying, 'Yes, yes, yes,' as though he were in a dream.

(The above is quoted from "Smith's Weekly.")

ECONOMIC CHAOS

Financial Crisis

Two issues of the Government stand out crystal clear. First, compulsory unionism; the domination of one class by another—the submission of reason to force; and since force begets force, while the spirit of freedom bre[athes] that way lies violence and revolution.

The second is the Government's insistence on eating into the resources of the individual, by taking goods from the trader and services from the worker, and paying for them with irredeemable I O U's: by taking from the banks the substance of their customers' deposits and giving in exchange accommodation bills which may be renewed indefinitely, but never repaid: by commandeering portion of the banks' credit balances and thus reducing the working capital of the country: and by taking from the higher income earners part of their capital.

Obviously the end is in sight. When the Government has exhausted the capital sources now being tapped they face the alternative of summarily and drastically cutting down expenditure; otherwise, Australia faces an unprecedented financial crisis, with its ensuing economic chaos, since the fund out of which present wages are being paid can no longer function.

If the country endorses Labour's policy it makes it its own, but it is expedient now to issue a grave warning of what lies ahead—revolution on one hand, and economic chaos on the other.

(James Murray, AIASA, Balwyn, ES, Victoria.)

WANTED - FEMALE TRANSPORT DRIVERS.

MR. A. PARES, of the Cairns Harbour Board, will be visiting Gladstone on the 26th August. He will be accompanied by Miss Page, who is National Emergency Legion.

Persons interested in female transport work with the United States Army may be interviewed by Mrs. Pares by applying to the National Services Officer, Gladstone. Wages not less than £5 per week.

Spare parts for all TREWHELLA JACKS, GRUBBERS ETC., Obtainable from your local hardware store

If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6.

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AND REMEMBER

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HOCKEY

THE GAME THAT GROWS

Week-End Matches

(By "Skylark")

Sunday last saw the hockey fixtures advanced a further stage. Owing to sickness there was no ladies' match. This was regrettable, as the ladies have put up some stirring games this season. I hope to see the girls in action again next Sunday.

The first match on Sunday, Bandit A v. B., was a wash-out. Both sides were short of players, and several of the older players failed to put in an appearance—not like the old originals. In the past it was not a question of the Bandits having a full team; the trouble was who was going to stand down. It's up to the older players to give the beginners a little more encouragement, or take a back seat.

The second game was a thriller, and made up for the first Sparks v. A.T.C. The cadets were two players short, and Sparks, in a sporting manner, agreed to other players filling the vacancies.

For the first time this season the Cadets put it over the Sparks in no uncertain way by six goals to two.

Sparks were without their star centre forward, Tommy Morgan, and he was sadly missed. Gilbert Beal, Pat Crow and Watty Spencer tried all the tricks they know, but the Cadets were too solid and would not be denied.

Tom Duncan and Eddie Coxon at full-back worked overtime for Sparks. The halves have played better hockey. Bill O'Donnell was the safest. Len Flack was very erratic, far too much wild swinging at the ball. Better to settle down, boy; give the ball to your forwards; never mind punching the ball over the back line. Beale, Spence and Crow were solid, and put in some good hard work.

For Cadets Len George made some splendid saves for his side—the best display this season. Lewis and Last at full-back were very safe, and cleared well.

In the halves, Nevell Knott played an outstanding game. This boy has given promise right through the season. He was in everything last week, and rarely missed the ball; his anticipation was excellent, but inclined to make sticks. A little more practice with the stick and Cadets have a fine half.

Merv. Patterson and Harison were also solid, missing very little.

Forwards: Tom Judge was right on his toes, but appears to get a little confused with the rules. He is a rattling good hustling forward, with plenty of pace, and always willing to have a go, and very dangerous when he gets to the circle.

Gus Power can improve. He seems very slow on the up-take to me.

Kev. Flack had a day out, shooting four goals for his side. He kept well up in position last week, and knows the game. His pace and stick

John Ryan, on the wing, is one of the hardest workers in this team, and gets a full share of the ball for his side. He also knows what to do with it.

Kev. Last, on the left wing, put up a good game, shooting a good goal for Cadets.

It looks like a hard tussel for the premiership between Sparks and Cadets. I still like the young Cadets.

"SUEZ TO SINGAPORE"

American Comment

The noted American war correspondent, Cecil Brown, in a recently published book, "Suez to Singapore," makes the following comment:—

"One of the most incredible men I ever encountered in political life was the Army Minister, Francis Forde.

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(The above is quoted from "Smith's Weekly.")

ECONOMIC CHAOS

Financial Crisis

Two issues of the Government stand out crystal clear. First, compulsory unionism, the domination of one class by another—the submission of reason to force; and since force begets force, while the spirit of freedom bre[athes] that way lies violence and revolution.

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Obviously the end is in sight. When the Government has exhausted the capital sources now being tapped they face the alternative of summarily and drastically cutting down expenditure; otherwise, Australia faces an unprecedented financial crisis, with its ensuing economic chaos, since the fund out of which present wages are being paid can no longer function.

If the country endorses Labour's policy it makes it its own, but it is expedient now to issue a grave warning of what lies ahead—revolution on one hand, and economic chaos on the other.

(James Murray, AIASA, Balwyn, E8, Victoria.)

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MR. A. PARES, of the Cairns Harbour Board, will be visiting Gladstone on the 26th August. He will be accompanied by Miss Hay, who is National Emergency Legion

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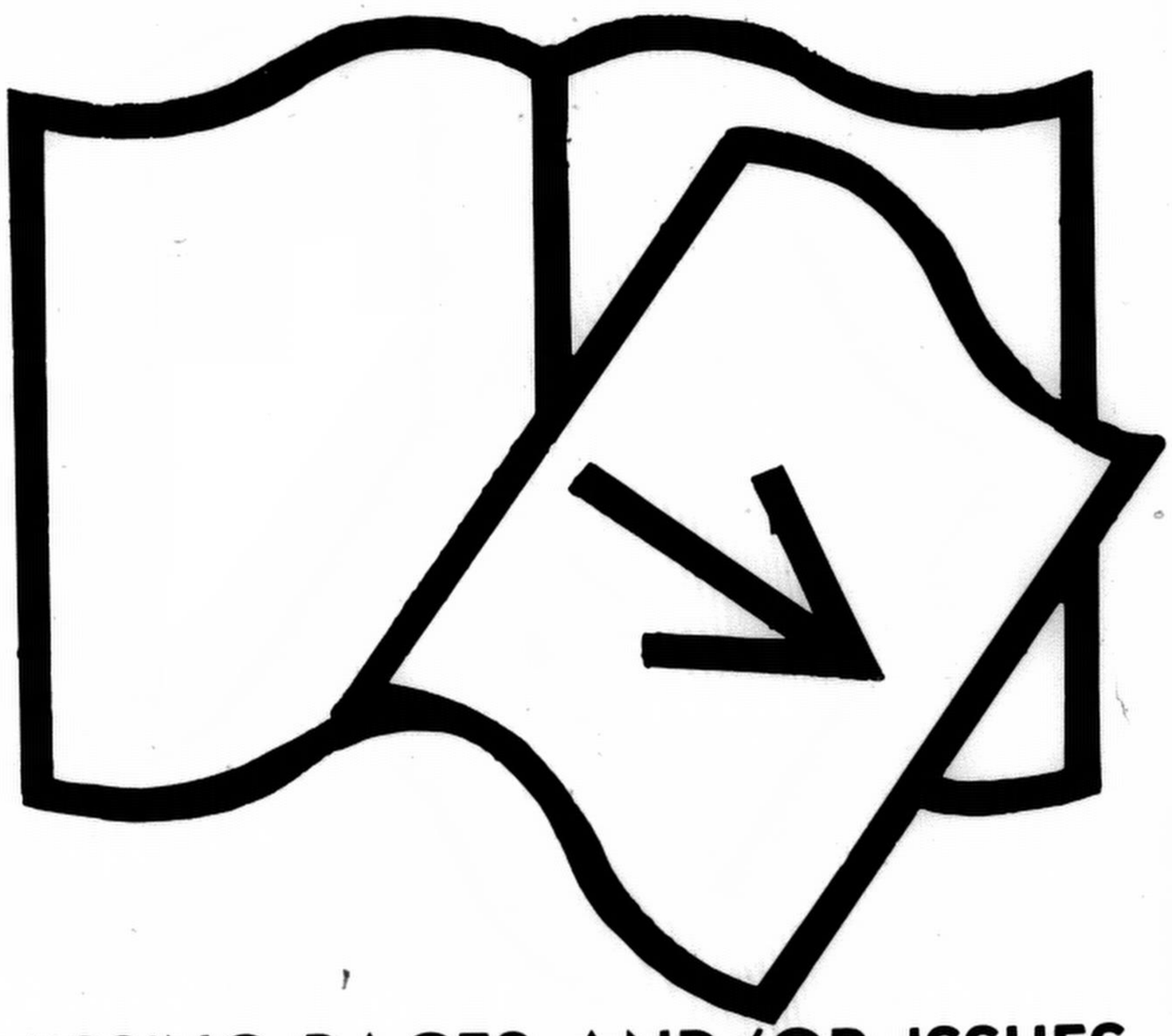

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Shortly after the last war a British statesman said: "We must become international or perish," and there are many thoughtful people who believe that failure to accept this dictum was the root cause of the present war; whether this is true or not, the statement has a realistic application to the problems that confront the world to-day.

This war has brought out some of the most horrible of human tendencies, but it has, at the same time, demonstrated some of the finest qualities of mankind.

In England during the blitz, people found themselves suddenly surrounded with friends. People whom they had never known before, came to their aid when bombs or fire had destroyed their homes and personal possessions.

Age-old barriers between rich and poor were broken down by an instinct greater than that of self survival; a sudden understanding brought people of every kind together in a time of dire need.

This same humanitarian tendency is being demonstrated in many wider spheres. There is the Lease Lend Bill, the greatest international gesture of trust and understanding yet recorded in world history, and more recently the convening of an International food conference in America, where, it appears, plans are being laid for a global distribution of the world's supplies of food according to the greatest need of help.

We in Australia must do more than applaud the sentiment inspiring them if we are to keep our present place among the nations. The measure of our greatness will be the measure of our readiness to make a fitting contribution to the needs of global peace.

As a member of an international commonwealth there can be no question of producing too much food while China has her starving millions; there can be no thought of settling down to peace and ease and plenty while untold numbers in the Indies, Burma and Malaya cry for material, medical and economic help.

Already there are people conscious of these facts. The Australian Red Cross is preparing plans to train welfare officers who will follow the Allied armies into the islands and countries of the Pacific. Relief will come with liberation.

Committees are being formed in every State; lectures and classes will soon be held to teach the principles of relief administration; theories of nutrition are being studied, so that these ambassadors of friendship will be equipped to give the fullest help to Australia's needy neighbours.

We have learned, in a measure, the need for international co-operation in this war. We have seen that a few personal and national sacrifices are no exorbitant price to pay for peace.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

HOUSEWIVES' PROBLEMS

Shipping Difficulties

Shipping difficulties have provided problems for the housewife, and territorial losses and war's denial of certain supply sources have added to them. But victories have already returned to us some of the materials we have managed without for so long, and as these victories follow each other, so will the problems decrease in number.

Washing powder cannot be shipped interstate. Before the war there was a large exchange of this powder between N.S.W. and Victoria. But as it is made from the same material, each State now supplies its own markets.

Baking powder became very scarce, but the clearing of the Axis from Africa will improve this position.

Algiers was one of the world sources of rock phosphate, which is used for makin agricultural fertilisers, and, in a refined form, for the food phosphates used in making powder. Germany, consequently, has lost one of the main sources of phosphates for her agriculture and her war chemicals. All North Africa's phosphates are now available to the Allies.

Before the war the people of Japan used to collect the flowers of pyrethrum, a species of the chrysanthemum, which is their national flower, and send them to Australia, where we used them dried and powdered in fly sprays and insect powders.

It has been found difficult to get anything to take the place of pyrethrum as a fly-killer. Kenya, in Africa, was practically the only source of pyrethrum supplies left to the Allies after Japan came into the war. But later the chrysanthemums of Madagascar became available.

The same war that cut off pyrethrum from Japan also increased the use of pyrethrum. It is used for killing malarial mosquitoes in the jungle.

SUPPLIES RESERVED.

Pyrethrum supplies in Australia are reserved entirely for military use, except in northern areas where malaria and dengue carrying mosquitoes are prevalent.

For that reason insect-killing sprays in the south are not as potent as they used to be.

Samples of all brands being sold in the cities are now being tested out by the Division of Economic Entomology, for the protection of purchasers.

At the same time, pyrethrum substitutes are being developed in the division's laboratories, so that, while the old-style fly sprays protect soldiers against malaria in New Guinea, their wives and mothers at home can still kill the flies in the kitchen.

FREEDOM FROM WANT

Banishing a Spectre

"It is true that no nation has ever had enough food to feed all its people as we know human beings should be fed."

Thus President Roosevelt when the United Nations' Food Conference ended its first meeting with a recommendation to set up a permanent organisation.

Out of evil, good; out of war, peace and the hope of a better world. The war, with its agonies of body and mind, gave birth to this meeting of the United Nations.

In a setting of war, delegates representing four out of every five inhabitants of the globe faced up to the need of banishing the spectre of want of adequate food from the post-war world.

Only an Allied victory can accomplish this. Had the Nazis won, we should have gone back to a dark age of penalty and starvation.

No sacrifice for victory is too great if our children, and theirs, may enjoy freedom from want.

EXTENSION AIR TRAVEL

FLYING BOAT SERVICE

Position Reviewed

"I am convinced that the development of aviation in Australia is most urgent. It will have a considerable bearing on the development of the country and its future prospects," said an airline executive in Sydney last week.

"To my knowledge there are no particular plans in train for post-war aviation, possibly due to the fact that though development is important, the immediate future prospects have, in my opinion, been somewhot exaggerated. The cost of aviation is not going to be cheap, by any means, and I feel that aviation can only be considered as transport for passengers and first-class mail.

"Though the flying boat service between Sydney and Townsville has been re-opened, and a new two-way air service between Sydney and Melbourne has begun, aviation has not begun to get back to pre-war standards or costs by any means. There is an enormous demand for air transport, because of what air transport has to offer—the saving of time. And time," he added, "is possibly the most valuable thing we can save. The cost of development will be high, but we can anticipate that ultimately we will be able to supply cheap speed for everybody.

"Let's consider, for a moment, the costs of aviation. The cost of aircraft itself will always be high. No commercial aircraft is being built in Australia at present, and even after the war it will probably be uneconomic to build such planes.

The job of switching over from the production of fighter planes to commercial planes would be difficult and costly. The recent great development in the aircraft industry in England and the States means that enormous set-ups have been established to turn out large numbers of land and marine types.

It would be a very different proposition for Australia to produce similar types at a cost which would make them economic to operate. Quite apart from the initial cost of the plane itself, its period of operation throughout the year is limited. The number of hours flying a crew can maintain during a year is limited. Fuel costs are high, and therefore the operational costs are high.

"Many people consider that after the war there will be 'family planes,' just as now there are 'family cars,' and that autogiros will be on the market for everyone. But autogiros need flat roofs for city or suburban landing grounds, and there again, the cost would be tremendous. Here again I feel that the immediate future of aviation in Australia has been over-optimistically glamorised. Certainly we have lots of territory and suitable weather, but our population is still small.

"The continual development of radio and meteorological facilities in the Commonwealth will help the establishment of regular air services and will greatly increase the safety of flying, and provided it is carefully planned and controlled, the development of aviation is the most desirable development which could take place for this Commonwealth.

"As to who should control aviation in the future, I am particularly opposed to monopolies, and I do feel that the Government should maintin possibly more control than in the past, but I feel also that the sound future of air transport needs an organisation which will permit competitive standards of service and efficiency."

During the past six months in the U.S.A. approximately 500,000 lbs. of rubber has been conserved through the use of wool felt in the making of washers, gaskets, and similar items.

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. . . of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

"Saving can be exciting. I have found that out for myself and pass it on to you. In peace time we Australians were free spenders, and it was fun to buy nice things, and plan little treats, but now we're at war, and a thrifty living is necessary to the success of the War Effort. Feel that every economy and self-denial helps our boys. Be proud of the mounting total of your Bonds and War Savings Certificates, and, believe me, you'll get a thrill out of saving."

—Says Mrs. Jones wife of Air Vice-Marshal Jones

Muriel Jones.

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Church Services

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 29th August: 11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Engagement

HUGHES-ABSOLUM.—The engagement is announced of Myrtle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hughes, Gladstone, to A.C.I. (Mick) Absolum, R.A.A.F., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Absolum, Oak Avenue, Warwick.

In Memoriam

IRWIN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Jessie Irwin, who departed this life on August 2nd, 1941.

In the heavens above, the angels,
Whispering to one another, can find
Within their burning terms of love,
None so devotional as that of "Mother."

(Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Hazel and Charlie, Percy and Lucy, and grandson Joe, and Muriel.)

ROBINSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, James Robinson, who passed away August 27th, 1940.

Always Remembered.

(Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family.)

HARBOTTLE.—In loving memory of our darling Mother, who passed away 30th August, 1941.

We have a beautiful memory
To treasure our whole life through.
Its sweetness will linger forever
The memory, dear Mother, of you.

(Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.)

DALE.—In ever loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Caroline Dale, who passed peacefully away on August 31st, 1935.

Without farewell she fell asleep,
With only memories left to keep
A silent thought, a secret tear
Holds her memory ever dear.

(Inserted by her loving sons, sons-in-law, daughters, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren.)

WARD.—In loving memory of my dear Husband, and our loving Father, Father-in-Law, and Grandfather, Francis Charles, who passed away at Gladstone 31st August, 1942.

A silent thought brings many a tear
Of the one we lost and loved so dear.
The ones that loved him only know
How much we lost one year ago.

(Inserted by his loving wife, sons, daughters and grandchildren.)

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

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CURRENT TOPICS

COUPONS FOR WORK CLOTHES

Extra coupons to cover needs of industrial occupations where wear on clothing is exceptionally heavy will be made available for the current ration year on January 1 next. The granting of extra coupons will follow the same principle as adopted last ration year.

SOCIAL EVENING.

A party was held at "Warwick," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rigby, of Gladstone, to bid farewell to Miss Alexia Rigby. The programme included games, competitions and community singing. Supper was served, and the happy gathering broke up at midnight. Alexia left during the week to commence her duties as a trainee at the Brisbane General Hospital.

AIR RAID WARDENS.

Sergt. Gill advises that a meeting of air raid wardens will be held at the Court House on Thursday, September 2, at 7.30 p.m., to finalise arrangements in connection with the demonstration to be held on Civil Defence Day in Gladstone on Saturday, September 4. A large attendance is requested.

MT. LARCOM AMBULANCE RODEO.

Readers are reminded of the rodeo and grand ball to be held at Mt. Larcom on Saturday, September 4, by the Mt. Larcom Ambulance Rodeo Committee. Good nominations have been received, and some of Central Queensland's best horses and horsemen will be competing. A grand ball will be held at night, and a cordial welcome is extended to all.

COMFORTS FUND

SUCCESSFUL STREET STALL

Total Takings £45

The August street stall of the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund was another outstanding success, the takings amounting to £45, which reflects great credit on all concerned.

The convenor (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan) was ably assisted by a band of willing workers, and the Fund deeply appreciates the ever increasing support received from town and country residents.

CASH DONATIONS.

Mesdames G. Hughes, J. Stevens, Wyatt senr., C. Chapman, Forty, H. C. Smith, Powell, Hallam, Stalley, R. Mackay, Pengelly, Bensted, Robson, Curran, Dawson, Myers, Lewis, Smith, Burnham, A. H. Friend, Smith, and Messrs. W. J. Golding junr., J. M. Stanfield, S. Rehn, and Misses J. King and D. Brown (Beecher).

CAKES AND SCONES.

Mesdames Stiebe, G. Gordon, C. W. Macfarlan, W. Richards, A. J. A. Stanfield, H. Robson, W. Burns, W. C. Chapman, E. Thiele, A. W. Young, R. Barker, T. O'Shea, W. Keller, E. Spencer, W. Picton, Hamilton, Reutel, C. Barker.

SWEETS.

Mesdames A. J. Watson, Hamilton, Vallis senr., Stanfield, Groth, R. Barker, Picton, Miss Mona Hadgraft.

JAM, CHUTNEY, LEMON CHEESE.

Mesdames Radford, C. Flanagan, Stanfield, Gardner, Keller, W. Wood, Burnham, Picton, G. Clarke, Turner.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

Mesdames L. D. Wood, A. D. Hopper, Pope, W. C. Chapman, Jac Worthington, S. Geddes, Menzies, Rees Jones, W. S. Wood, Messrs. Wade, Cooper, McLean (Benaraby), B. Hoddinott, Gunston (Calliope), H. Ballantine, A. W. Young.

FLOWERS.

Mesdames L. D. Wood, W. C. Chapman, Jim Hughes, Jac Worthington, Wyatt senr.

SUNDRIES.

Mrs. A. J. A. Stanfield, eggs; Mrs. S. C. Wilson, box cigars and scarves.

STEP-UP FOOD PRODUCTION

MANPOWER PROBLEM

Vegetable Production

Following important discussions by the Commonwealth Food Executive in Sydney, the War Cabinet will be faced at its first post-election meeting in two weeks time with far-reaching proposals to step up the production of food in Australia.

The major problem will be the supply of sufficient manpower to permit a large scale increase in the output of dairy produce, meat, poultry, eggs, and vegetables to supply increasing service, civilian, and United Kingdom needs.

"It is clear from an examination of the total demands made upon Australia's food resources we shall have to have a very big step-up in food production," said Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce) after the conference. Not only will Australia be called upon more and more to feed the armed forces based on this country, thus becoming in a true sense one of the principal food arsenals of the Allied nations, but it is clear we shall be called upon to play a big part in feeding the peoples of many occupied countries as they become liberated when the war is over.

"Production of vegetables also is a major problem, because, unlike other industries, such as dairying, meat and poultry, there was no export surplus before the war, and therefore increased demands in Australia itself will have to be met entirely by increased production.

"The Government places the greatest importance on the campaign which has been launched for the home growing of vegetables. Spring plantings can now be made, and people are urged to grow more vegetables in their back yards than ever before."

CIVIL DEFENCE DAY.

A meeting of all first aid parties and Ambulance personnel will be held at the Ambulance Centre next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock to make final arrangements in connection with the parade and demonstration on Civil Defence Day, Saturday, September 4.

TOWN COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AND BUDGET

Some Interesting Points

Interesting points from the Town Council balance sheet and budget are:

Total receipts for the year ended June 30, 1943, amounted to £33,892/-/1.

Credit balance at same date in all funds amounted to £4346/14/-.

Arrears of rates was reduced £1400 over the twelve months.

Interest received from arrears of rates was £298/17/8.

Total amount of money spent on road work £2050/5/10.

Hospital precept for current year at £320 is £117 lower than last year.

Fire Brigade precept at £520 compares favourably with £649/11/10 for the year 1942-43.

Receipts from cemetery charges were £320/8/-, and expenses amounted to £370/9/10.

Estimated cost of new drain through school grounds is £300. Public Works Department will pay half.

Receipts from hirers of Town Hall were £421/13/-.

Provision has been made in the estimates for 25 chains of concrete channelling.

Receipts from the electricity undertaking exceeded expenses by £493/15/9.

Sales of light and power amounted to £10,374/1/8.

Wages paid in this branch of the Council's activities amounted to £3173/11/4.

Fuel and lubricating oil at £3598/6/9 was £848 over the estimate.

Interest and redemption on plant was £2856/4/4, and all but £481 was paid out of receipts from sales of current.

Receipts from operation of the cleansing fund at £3270/5/6 was a record, being £620 over the estimate.

£500 has been earmarked for expenditure this year on new sanitary depot.

Sales of water by meter and consumers' charges were £4466/5/4, which exceeded the estimate by £556.

Cost of pumping by electricity was £1,040/13/1, and wages paid was £1469/4/1.

Estimated surplus over expenditure for the current year in all accounts is £3911/17/8.

£125,000,000 LOAN

OPENS OCTOBER 5

Call On Nation

Mr. Curtin stated on Thursday last that the Fourth Liberty Loan, the greatest war loan undertaken, opens on October 5, and in five weeks the Government will ask for £125,000,000.

He said there must be no doubt of the response. The loan would offer the people immediate opportunity of demonstrating their complete unity in purpose of hastening victory. A great deal had been done, but the nation must still exert every scrap of strength in step with the Allies to finish the job.

The Allies had passed from the defensive to attack. None could escape the responsibility of ensuring means were constantly provided so that Australia could press on unremittingly to final victory.

The call was on the nation to spend less and save more for the war effort. There should be 750,000 subscribers at least, although they had not exceeded 450,000 previously.

Australia had not yet failed to fill a loan, and he asked the people to register the greatest triumph of all in the Fourth Liberty Loan. Rates of interest would be the same as in the last, 2½ per cent for short, four to five years; 3½ per cent for seven to 16 years.

WATERFRONT WORK.

A new order making it necessary for employers to engage casual labour for waterfront work (other than waterside workers) through a National Service Office has been issued. In future it will be necessary for the engagement of tally clerks, waterfront watchmen, ironworkers' assistants, shipwrights, ship joiners, ship painters, and dockers and storemen and packers to be made through a National Service Office.

In Britain postage stamps numbering 6,200,000,000 were issued last year.

CIVIL DEFENCE DAY

PARADE AND DEMONSTRATION

Gladstone, September 4

In Australia thousands of men and women have given freely of their leisure time in order to reach a standard of efficiency in civil defence work, which has had the effect of sustaining public morale in these recent months of tension and uncertainty.

So that the efforts of these patriotic individuals might receive recognition and appreciation of their fellow citizens it has been decided to set aside Saturday, September 4, as Civil Defence Day throughout the Commonwealth, and on that day parades and demonstrations will be held at all centres to remind the public of the debt of gratitude it owes to its civil defence organisations, which was called into being for the sole purpose of saving civilian life and property endangered by any possible enemy action.

COMMENCE AT 2.10 P.M.

At a meeting of the local committee of the organisation, held last Wednesday, under the presidency of the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), it was decided that the Gladstone Civil Defence Organisations fall into line with these ideals, and that a parade and demonstration be held, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

MARSHALLING THE PARADE.

It was resolved that Captain C. D. Patrick be approached, and asked to undertaake the duty of marshalling the parade, and that the services be in the following order:—

(1) A.R.P. Wardens
(2) Essential and Emergency services.
(3) Hospital and Ambulance services.
(4) Fire Brigade services.
(5) Welfare and Mobile Canteen services.

ROUTE OF THE PARADE.

It was then decided that all services assemble at the Court House, and join the parade, and that the route should be as follows:—

Leave Court House at 2.30 p.m., and march down Yaroon Street to its intersection with Auckland Street, thence along Auckland Street, to its intersection with Tank Street, thence along Tank Street to its intersection with Gondoon Street, thence along Gondoon Street to the vacant allotment opposite the Ambulance Station. At this allotment demonstrations by the services will be given.

FULL MUSTER WANTED.

It was further requested that the officers in charge of various services endeavour to contact all members of his service, and use every endeavour to muster full membership for the parade, and that suitable notices be printed by the various sections, and that all were to march with kit or equipment supplied.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

It was further decided that light refreshments would be available from the mobile canteen for the members, and that arrangements for this be completed. It was stated that this would be done by the Red Shield, and that the services of the welfare section attached to the State School be asked to co-operate in this work.

PUBLIC INVITED.

It was further decided that every available means of publicity be given to the parade and demonstration, and that the public be invited to be present.

UBOBO

Ambulance Dance

A very successful dance was held at Ubobo on Saturday, August 7, in aid of the Ambulance Funds, conducted by the Boyne Valley sub-branch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

The music was supplied by Mrs. B. Ferris (piano), Miss Mercer (piano), Miss Cole (piano), and Mr. A. Marxsen (pianola), with extras by Mr. F. Draper.

The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Miss M. Gray, and Mr. R. Ferris, and the chocolate waltz by Sapper R. Muspratt.

The raffle of a bag of maize (donated by Mr. A. L. Mossman) was won by him, and the prize of same was redonated.

As a result of the function the Ambulance will benefit to the extent of £15/10/-.

The committee desire to thank all those who donated and assisted at the dance.

FEDERAL ELECTION

FINAL FIGURES - GLADSTONE AND SUBDIVISION

Mr. Forde's Majority 861

Figures for Gladstone and subdivision for the House of Representatives and the Senate are now complete, and Mr. Forde defeated Mr. Ward by 861 votes.

Final figures are:—

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

GLADSTONE—PARSON'S POINT.

Forde, F.M. (Labour)	1611
Ward, C. P. (C.N.O.)	641

Majority for Forde 970.
(Complete)

GLADSTONE SUBDIVISION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Forde, F. M. (Labour	387
Ward, C. P. (C.N.O.)	496

(Complete.)

GLADSTONE AND SUBDIVISION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Forde, F. M. (Labour	1998
Ward, C. P. (C.N.O.)	1137
Informal	20

Majority for Forde 861.
(Complete.)

THE SENATE.

GLADSTONE—PARSON'S POINT.

Group A—Labour.

Brown, G.	1592
Collings, J. S.	18
Courtice, B.	16

Group B—Q.C.P.

Annand, J. D.	30
McGeoch, R. S.	1
Ware, C.	1

Group C—C.N.O.

Brown, C. V. W.	451
Goldenstedt, P. L.	5
McDonald, J. J.	6

Ungrouped—Independents

Kidman, J. N.	7
Hughes, W. T.	14

(Complete.)

THE SENATE.

GLADSTONE SUBDIVISION.

Group A—Labour.

Brown, G.	424
Collings, J. S.	7
Courtice, B.	8

Group B—Q.C.P.

Annand, J. D.	11
McGeoch, R. S.	1
Ware, C.	1

Group C—C.N.O.

Brown, C. V. W.	361
Goldenstedt, P. L.	8
McDonald, J. J.	8

Ungrouped—Independents.

Kidman, J. N.	4
Hughes, W. T.	7

(Complete.)

GLADSTONE AND SUBDIVISION.

Group A—Labour

Brown, G.	2016
Collings, J. S.	25
Courtice, B.	24

Group B—Q.C.P.

Annand, J. D.	2016
McGeoch, R. S.	2
Weir, C.	2

Group C—C.N.O.

Brown, C. V. W.	812
Goldenstedt, P. L.	13
McDonald, J. J.	14

Ungrouped—Independents.

Kidman, J. N.	11
Hughes, W. T.	21
Informal	176

(Complete.)

GLADSTONE—PARSON'S POINT.
1940 ELECTION FIGURES.

Forde (Labour)	1551
Hiskens (C.N.O.)	613

Majority for Forde 938.

RURAL INDUSTRIES

Number Employees Decreased

The number of people employed in industries in Australia, excluding rural industries and domestics, rose from 1,727,000 in July 1939, to 1,885,000 last May.

This is revealed in figures issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. Carver).

In the two years from the outbreak of war to September, 1941, the number of males employed in industries, other than rural, increased from 1,306,000 to 1,396,000. This figure decreased by 112,000 in the next 20 months through enlistments. Female labour in the same period increased by 75,000 to 601,000.

The total male employees in rural industry had decreased from 200,000 pre-war to about 120,000, while farm owners, lessees, and unpaid male relatives on farms had decreased from 300,000 to 240,000. Women employees had increased from 20,000 to 60,000.

COMFORTS FUND

SERVICES TO FIGHTING FORCES

New Records Established

In the last 12 months new records were established in services by the Australian Comforts Fund to the fighting forces, says the annual report of the Queensland branch.

This report was presented to the annual meeting in Brisbane on Wednesday.

Rapid expansion of the Fund's work is shown by the huge expenditure incurred by all State divisions in supplying comforts and amenities for the services. Queensland's total to June 30 this year was £154,753, against £73,495 for last year.

REGULAR ISSUES.

During the year ended June 30 full issues of comforts were distributed at regular intervals to all servicemen and women at their battle stations.

HOSTELS AND CANTEENS.

Besides providing comforts and amenities, the A.C.F. has established many hostels, leave centres, and recreation rooms, says the report. Mobile cinemas and canteens also were provided. Embarkation kits were presented to all members of the services, including nurses, when leaving for overseas battle stations.

Each month large supplies of woollen garments were sent to the Mission to Seamen for distribution among men of the Merchant Marine. Thirty thousand Christmas hampers were distributed.

Next Christmas the Queensland Division will undertake the distribution of another 30,000.

STATE BRANCHES.

To June 30 State branches contributed £45,000 in donations to the general fund, and provided a big percentage of woollen garments and other made articles distributed to the forces, the value for the year being £51,000. The Opportunity Shop conducted on behalf of the Queensland Patriotic Fund, raised £1272.

For the year ended June 30 the Entertainments Committee collected £1057. Total revenue from the joint appeals committee increased from £105,000 the previous year to £190,000 for the year under review. Administrative costs of Queensland Division were practically negligible, being assessed at under 1 per cent of total expenditure.

PROVIDED BY COMFORTS FUND.

"Many of the boys in front-line areas do not know that the cups of tea they are given by the Salvation Army are provided by the Comforts Fund," said the A.C.F.'s Federal Administrator (Mr. C. R. McKerihan) at the annual meeting.

So often credit was not given to the Comforts Fund because the troops did not realise the relation between the A.C.F., the Salvation Army, and the Y.M.C.A., he said. Between the three there was the maximum co-operation, and the Comforts Fund had established main forward depots from which the other two were fed.

200,000 XMAS HAMPERS.

Mr. McKerihan said that the A.C.F. would supply a minimum of 200,000 Christmas hampers this year. The Queensland branch had had a great responsibility placed on it in the last 12 months, and the response had been amazing. "No doubt, we will have great calls on us in the future," he added. The troops going to forward areas will increase, and our comforts must go forward with them.

EXPENSES ONLY 1 PER CENT.

While most philanthropic concerns showed expenses usually well up to 20 per cent, Queensland's Comfort Fund showed only 1 per cent, and there was no State with expenses more than 2½ per cent., Mr. McKerihan said. "Criticisms levelled at us in the past are no longer heard of. Our success depends on our women, who are the backbone of the A.C.F."

GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.

Always the work of the A.C.F. had been inspired by people who put devotion to national honour before selfishness, said the Governor (Sir Leslie Wilson), who moved the adoption of the annual report.

"Our people are prepared to play their own individual part in this war and serve the national interest in every way," he said. "On the other hand, Nazism will fail because it has no roots, no honour, and no history."

"We want to see some of the ideals which great men and women have cherished throughout the world come true at last. Our trials of the last four years have laid the foundations for a better future."—Field-Marshal Smuts, South African Premier.

BUTTER FOR HOT CLIMATES

TROPICAL SPREAD

Fills Real Need

Described as one of the major food discoveries of the war, tropical spread (a butter that will not melt in tropical heat) is not only of value to the troops in Northern Australia and New Guinea, but it also promises to provide an amenity for those who take up civilian life in these areas in peacetime.

Where the ice-chest or refrigerator cannot be used tropical spread fills a real need. It is a first-class butter, rich in flavour, and spreads easily, but remains firm despite high summer temperatures.

Only those who have spooned on to bread the oily, salt-tanged mass known as ordinary tinned butter can fully appreciate what this means.

Tropical spread is free from chemical adulteration, and is far richer in butterfat than ordinary butter.

For more than a year Dr. Wiley and Mr. Loftus Hills, with a band of workers, experimented in the laboratories of the Commonwealth Council for scientific and industrial research. The Queensland Butter Board acted in close collaboration with them, trying out on a commercial scale their laboratory formulae.

USED IN THE NORTH.

In February, 1943, the first commercial batch of tropical spread was manufactured by the Butter Board, and samples from this trial batch sent to troops in New Guinea and Northern Australia. Glowing reports came back. Tropical spread, it was unanimously declared, was the answer to the tinned butter problem.

The production plant, the only one in operation in the world, was provided by the Queensland Butter Board, and most of the machinery is Australian made.

Already over 120 persons, half of them women, are engaged in the work, and this staff will be considerably increased.

The spread is obtained by dehydrating creamery butter and extracting from it the pure butter fat. The butter fat is boiled, and to it is added a small quantity of salt, skim milk powder, flavouring, and 19 per cent of hydrated butter fat to increase the melting point to 105-F.

MEAT RATIONING

PEOPLE TO PAY

Fadden's Comment

"After supper comes the bill! The Australian people are being called on to pay for the return of the Curtin Government before the counting of votes has been completed," said Mr. Fadden.

Last week he predicted the Government would ration meat. That prediction was emphatically denied. Now the Government has announced a cut of 15 per cent from Monday, and meat traders are of the opinion that the people will be fortunate if the cut is not nearer 50 per cent.

The Government's incompetency in its handling of dairying and meat industries had caused butter and meat rationing in a country which would normally produce far in excess of what the people could consume.

No neutral ship has ever been sunk by British submarines.

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Australian soldiers in the Pacific theatre of war have won 20 American decorations.

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The maintenance command of the R.A.F. handles 250,000 tons of equipment a month.

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As a result of fewer mail deliveries throughout Great Britain, 5000 full-time women workers and 2000 full-time men employees have been relieved for other war work.

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About 110,000 tons of scrap metal are collected every week in Britain. Nearly 500,000 tons of railings have been collected, enough to make 20,000 cruiser tanks.

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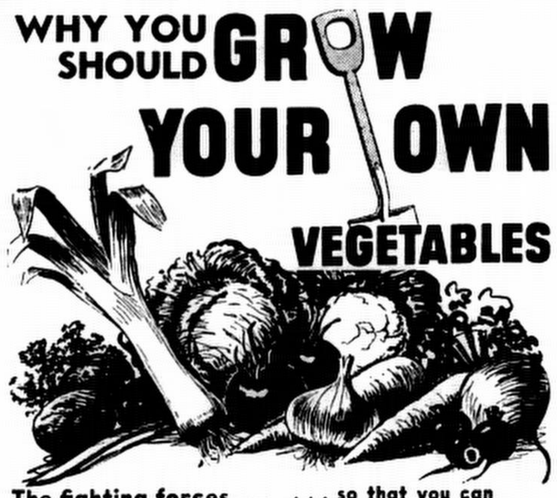
Launching of the North African expedition required the running of 440 special troop trains, 680 special freight trains, and 13,000 railway waggons by ordinary goods service, in Britain.

WHY YOU SHOULD GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES



The fighting forces . . . the fighting men, both our own and our Allies, are given the finest food this country can produce, including all the fresh vegetables they need to maintain their high standard of fighting fitness. Their needs **must** be met **first** and this means that often vegetable supplies remaining for civilians are short. You can overcome these shortages by turning part of your garden into a vegetable plot. Start growing your own now!

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No. 31 of 1941

CIVIL DEFENCE DAY.

PARADE AND DEMONSTRATION.

A PARADE of all Units of the Civil Defence Organisation will be held on Saturday, 4th September, 1943, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Members are asked to assemble outside the new Court House at 2 p.m., wearing Helmets, Badges, Arm Bands, and any Equipment issued.

ROUTE to be followed:—

Auckland Street to Tank Street, to Gondoon Street, to Ambulance Centre.

A Demonstration will take place on the vacant allotment opposite the Ambulance Centre on completion of the parade.

V. P. BRESLIN,
Acting Town Clerk.

In the Supreme Court of Queensland, Rockhampton.

In the Will of THOMAS TREVOR, late of Short Street, Bundaberg, in the State of Queensland, retired farmer, deceased.

—And—

In the Trusts of the Will of the said THOMAS TREVOR, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Account of JAMES HENRY TREVOR of Bracewell near Mount Larcom in the State of Queensland, farmer, and GEORGE HAINES TREVOR of the same place, farmer, the Executors and Trustees of the abovenamed estate from the twenty-fifty day of December, 1940, to the second day of November, 1942, has this day been filed in my office, duly verified by the said James Henry Trevor and George Haines Trevor, and that the said James Henry Trevor and George Haines Trevor intend to apply to the Court for an allowance of a commission on the income and proceeds of sales of trust property received by them. All parties claiming to be interested in the said estate are at liberty to inspect the said Account at my Office in the Supreme Court House Rockhampton on or before Friday the twenty-second day of October, 1943, and if they think fit, to object thereto. Notice is also given that whether any objection is taken to the said Account or not, I shall, after the aforesaid day, proceed to examine and inquire into the said Account. Notice is further given that any person who may desire to object to the said Account or any item or items therein or to the allowance of a commission to the said Executors and Trustees must before that day file in my Office a Memorandum stating that he claims to be heard on the examination and/or passing of the Account.

Dated this ninth day of August, 1943.
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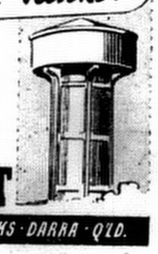

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The Commonwealth Housing Commission is keenly interested in this speed-up in building cheap and effective homes, the secret of which is mass production of every part in factories and quick assembly on the home site.

Such things as radiators, electric irons, light fittings, taps, locks and hinges are produced separately in Australia to-day, but in the American pre-fabricated house mass production turns out all of these, and the completed home, in the factory.

Pre-fabricated walls are made up of panels of wood, plastics or other material, windows or doors are already hung in them, with the glass puttied in and the locks fitted. In the same way roofing panels are constructed, and the floors of bathrooms and kitchens are cast in one piece in the factory. Plumbing, electric light and heating units are built into the walls. The whole house is then put on a lorry carted to the home site, and put together in a few hours.

The American experts are now exploring the possibilities of some form of plastic material with permanent colour to provide the ideal constructional medium.

The costliest items in house building are in the bathroom, laundry and kitchen. Mass production simplifies plumbing and drainage fitting, and sink, stove refrigerator and cupboards can all be combined in a single fitting along one kitchen wall. The other side of this wall can carry the bath, basin and toilet fixtures for the bathroom.

One type of bathroom in America has floor, walls and ceiling moulded in one piece, with the fitting in the walls, and with plastic materials the moulding eliminates all corners and cracks, and the rounded junctions are kept clean with ease.

Pre-fabrication does not mean that everyone will live in a house identical with that of his neighbour. Rational constructional methods provide for individuality, because the units of a house can be arranged in many ways.

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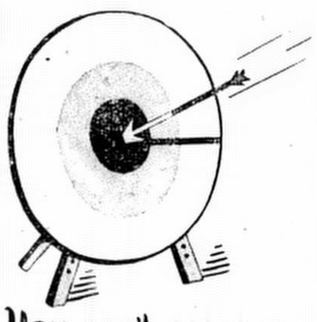

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AUGUST.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
28	8.00	8.22	2.10	1.44
29	8.41	8.59	2.50	2.28
30	9.20	9.34	3.27	3.08
31	9.56	10.07	4.02	3.46

THE MOON.

Last Quarter ..... August 23
New Moon ..... August 31

SEPTEMBER.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	10.30	10.37	4.36	4.24
2	11.02	11.06	5.06	4.59
3	11.34	11.36	5.36	5.36
4	——	12.07	6.06	6.17
5	12.08	12.48	6.36	7.05
6	12.47	1.32	7.15	8.09
7	1.35	2.33	8.10	9.25
8	2.37	3.51	9.22	10.41
9	4.05	5.15	10.36	11.53
10	5.36	6.26	11.45	——
11	6.48	7.25	12.57	12.48
12	7.46	8.17	1.54	1.46
13	8.39	9.05	2.45	2.40
14	9.26	9.49	3.32	3.32
15	10.10	10.32	4.16	4.22
16	10.55	11.13	4.59	5.11
17	11.40	11.45	5.40	6.02
18	——	12.24	6.20	6.53
19	12.35	1.09	7.01	7.47
20	1.19	1.59	7.45	8.45
21	2.10	2.56	8.34	9.49
22	3.16	4.05	9.31	10.54
23	4.36	5.16	10.34	11.55
24	5.52	6.18	11.34	——
25	6.51	7.08	12.49	12.30
26	7.39	7.51	1.35	1.20
28	8.56	9.05	2.50	2.46
29	9.34	9.37	3.25	3.25
30	10.04	10.08	3.56	4.04

THE MOON.

First Quarter .... September 7
Full Moon ..... September 14
Last Quarter .... September 21
New Moon ..... September 29

OCTOBER.

1	10.36	10.39	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.19
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	3.18	3.45
30	10.12	10.15	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	4.20	5.14

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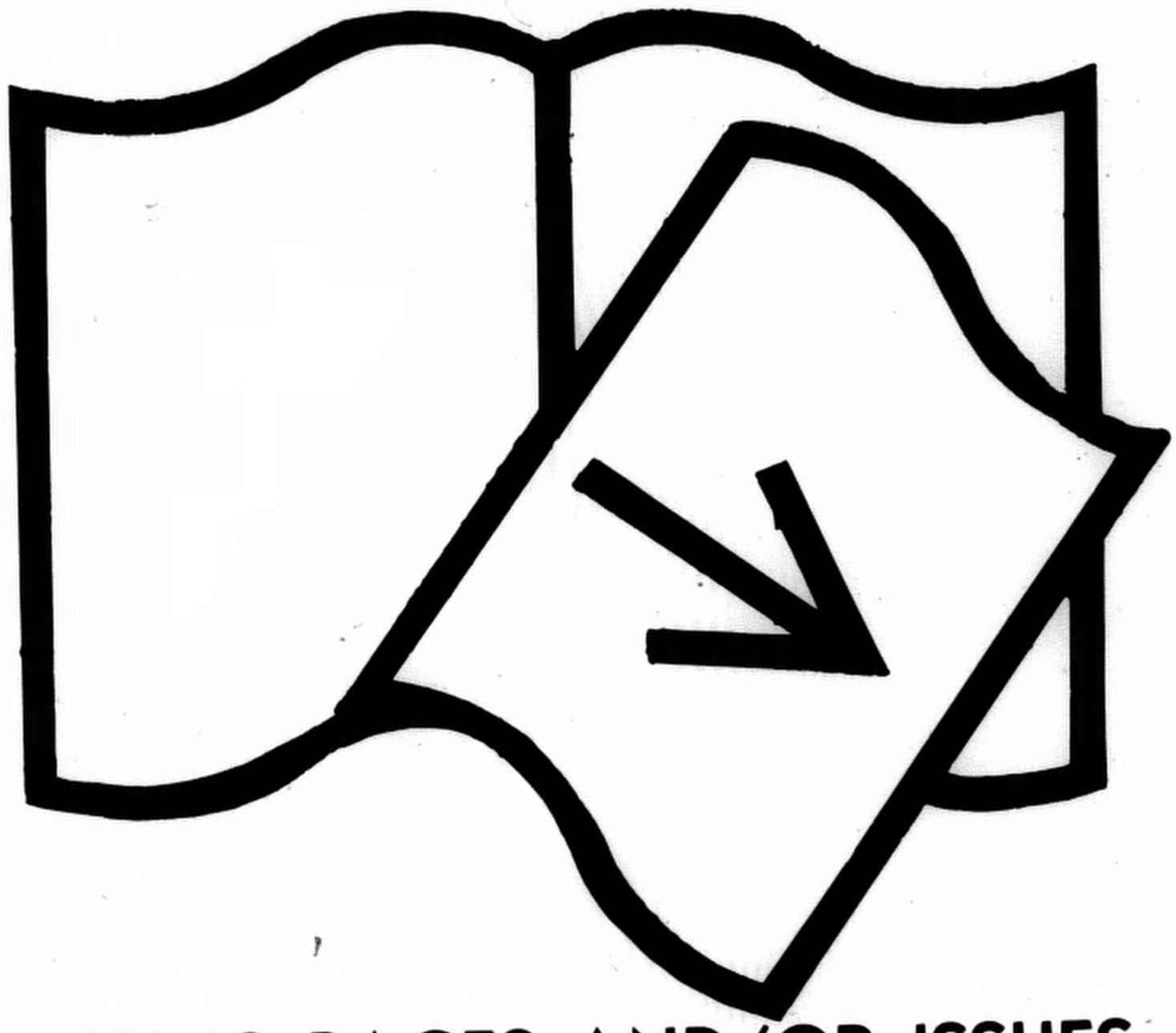

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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

WORK FOR THE YEAR INTERESTINGLY REVIEWED

"LINES OF YOUR CREED HAVE LOFTY CONCEPTION"

The 20th annual meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Country Women's Association was held in the rest room on August 25. The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by "My Creed," and this was followed by a two minutes' silence for the fighting forces and those bereaved.

The Mayor and visitors were welcomed by the President (Mrs. Phillips). There were present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, Rev. McNeil Saunders, the President (Mrs. H. Phillips), Mesdames Baynton, Gerber, Wallace, Bryan, Cross, Connellan, Beale, Hickson, W. C. Chapman, Norton, Leadbetter, Ricketts, Crawford, R. Smith, Miss G. Ward, and the Secretary-treasurer (Mrs. Burnham). A number of apologies were received.

Greetings by telegram were received from Mrs. Galloway (div. president) and Mrs. Hughes.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The President (Mrs. H. Phillips) presented the following annual report:

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At our last annual meeting the following officers were elected:— President, Mrs. E. W. Phillips; vice-presidents, Mesdames W. Chapman, Baynton, G. G. Dennis, D. Lewis, C. W. Macfarlan; country vice-presidents, Mesdames F. Butler and Colyer; supervisor Younger Set, Mrs. Chapman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Burnham; cottage committee, Mesdames Robinson, Leadbetter, and the President and Secretary; travellers' aid, Mrs. Hughes.

MEETINGS.

We have 37 members, and the ten meetings were well attended. January and February we were in recess. A group meeting was held on June 11, which was attended by representatives from many branches. The agenda was in the capable hands of Mrs. Chandler, D.V.P., and many Association problems were discussed. At our meeting on August 10 Mrs. Farmer (State president) attended in a non-official capacity, being on holidays. After the business of the meeting all enjoyed an interesting chat about the doings of the Association. An "airgraph" letter was viewed, which Mrs. Farmer had received from the Secretary, Country Women of the World (C.W.A.), London.

REST ROOM.

The rest room has been made available to the Methodist Church and Seventh Day Adventists for services and Sunday School. It has also been let for parties and weddings.

TRAVELLERS' AID.

Travellers' aid had been rendered when required. Mrs. Hughes attended to an invalid with special diet, and to children and mothers.

HOSPITAL VISITED.

Hospital visiting has been carried on regularly, when reading matter is given to patients. Distribution of bootees to babies had to be discontinued owing to wool rationing. The usual gifts and good wishes were personally presented to each patient at Xmas.

ANZAC DAY.

A wreath was placed on the Honour Board on Anzac Day, the wreath being made by a few of the members.

"HAVAREST."

"Havarest" has been occupied during the whole of the year, and has been well cared for.

EUCHRE.

Euchre continues to bring in regular income, and is attended to by Mrs. Irwin and her assistants.

DISTRESS CASES.

Distress cases were attended to, and 350 garments distributed. A pair of blankets were also purchased.

CAMOUFLAGE NET WORK.

Camouflage net work is progressing satisfactorily at the C.W.A. Hall, Comforts Fund room, and Comino's shop, 23 completed nets having been sent to headquarters.

WAR SAVINGS GROUP.

A war savings group was formed, and Mrs. Hammill made convenor, and she reported having 17 in her group. An interest free war loan certificate was taken for £100, and £43 was raised for various patriotic appeals, including Red Cross and Lady Gowrie Service Women's Appeal. This month we aim to raise £50 for the Service Women's Hostel, having arranged a National dance and flag display.

SOCIAL EVENINGS.

Social evenings were held in the rest room every Thursday, while troops were in town, and when we lost Mrs. Ogg early in the year members gathered at a farewell social to bid her good-bye.

YOUNGER SET.

The Younger Set have had a difficult year, due to so many of the members joining the military forces. They are stable financially owing to their hard work last year. We hope that the coming year may bring new members and fresh enthusiasm. The housekeeper scheme has been helped by members giving 1d each per week. The conference in Rockhampton was attended by Mesdames Burnham and Chapman.

THANKS.

I desire to thank all office-bearers, especially Mrs. Brnham, and members for their loyalty and co-operation during my term of office. I also thank the Press, our auditor (Mr. Cameron), camouflage net supervisors and workers, and all who in so many ways have assisted us in the work of the Association.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

In conclusion, I would like to state that though our membership is lower than it has been for a long time, our work of social service has not decreased, nor has its importance. To this has been added our various war efforts, the most vital being our camouflage net making, which is run throughout Queensland entirely under C.W.A. supervision.

SERVICE WOMEN.

Our service women too are our responsibility, and I am proud to say that never has an appeal been made to us that has not been responded to lavishly.

For their assistance and patronage I thank the public most sincerely.

The report was adopted.

CREDIT BALANCE.

The balance sheet disclosed a credit balance of £75/7/3.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:—

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VOTES OF THANKS.

Mrs. Duff moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and spoke very highly of the wonderful work achieved during the year.

Mrs. Burnham moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and visitors.

INVITATION GRACIOUSLY WORDED.

Acknowledging the vote, the Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson said that the invitation to be present at this annual function was so graciously worded that one really wished to be present, and not just as a matter of form. "First I should like to say how grateful I am to the C.W.A. for the courtesies extended to me and to the church which I represent. The war, having prevented the building of our new church on the land in Auckland Street, presented a great difficulty to my denomination, but the C.W.A. very kindly placed this hall at our disposal, where our services are now held every Sunday. For that reason alone this hall is very dear to me as our temporary spiritual home.

IMPRESSED WITH "THE CREED."

At the opening of the meeting this afternoon I was much impressed with the wording of your Creed. The lines have a lofty conception, and as the members endeavour to daily live up to the Creed they are making a worthwhile contribution to the uplift of the community. It has been my privilege in many parts of Queensland to see the extent of the C.W.A. activity.

TRIBUTE PAID.

The Nathan hut at Bowen is well known as a place of rest for all inland people, and I am looking forward to seeing your seaside home at Barney Point. The reading of the statement this afternoon gave all present an interesting resume of the manifold activities of your branch, and I gratefully pay my own tribute to the work which you have accomplished during the past 12 months.

REAL INSPIRATION.

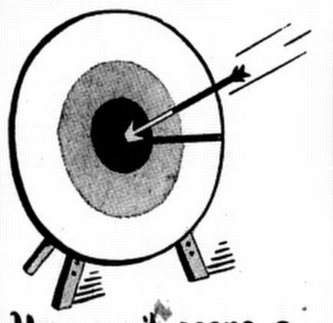
The war has brought extra duties to all of us, and the way which members of the Gladstone branch of the C.W.A. have shouldered their responsibilities is a real inspiration."

GENERAL.

Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders then gave an address on the C.W.A. work, and the Mayor congratulated the C.W.A. on attaining their 21st birthday.

A very dainty afternoon tea was then served, and there being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed.

The mystery parcel, won by Mrs. Ricketts, was donated by Mrs. Kearney (Ballarat). Mrs. Ricketts has kindly donated the parcel for next meeting.



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METHODIST CHURCH. Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 5th September: 11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Rays will parade at this service. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m., preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Girl Comrades and Order of Knights will parade. Communion at close.

Engagement

FORCE-DUNLOP.—The engagement is announced of Dorothy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Force, of Oaka Lane, Gladstone, to Delmar Clifford, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop, of Mc. Collinsville, Ohio U.S.A.

Roll of Honour

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of William John Thompson, whose second anniversary occurs on 4th September, 1943.

Ever Remembered.

(Inserted by his loving mother, brother, sisters, and brothers-in-law.)

Also my grandson, J. D. Thompson, who was killed in New Guinea on September 3rd, 1933. Loved by all who knew him.

R.I.P.

Thanks.

MR. and MRS. F. J. STARMER and Family, of Gladstone, wish to express their sincere thanks to all kind friends for their attention, messages of sympathy, and floral tributes in their recent bereavement by the death of their dear son and brother, L.A.C. Sydney Hogarth (Garth) Starmer; also all those who assisted in arranging passage to New South Wales to enable us to be present at the funeral, and to the officers and personnel of the R.A.A.F. for their kindness and consideration; and also Mrs. Della Millar, of Wagga, N.S.W., who helped us so much.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

COMFORTS FUND RAFFLES.

Raffles conducted by the Gladstone branch of the Comforts Fund resulted: Iced cake (donated by Mrs. J. Milne) was won by Mrs. Kitto, Off Lane, Gladstone; a shopping bag (donated by Mrs. Dwyer) by Mrs. E. Linnane; and a duck (donated by Mr. T. C. Watson) by Mrs. McCrudden, Rolla Street, Gladstone.

YATES' CUP.

Mr. J. W. Garrett, secretary of the Presbyterian Flower Show, advises that the Yates' Cup was won by Miss M. Neil, with 15 points, Mrs. T. Murphy second with 14, and Mr. A. Blake third with 8. The committee regret that it was announced that Mr. A. Blake had won the Yates' Cup, and states the points were added up wrongly. Mr. Blake secured the highest number of points in section 1, but the Yates' Cup is given to the entry receiving the highest number of points from flowers grown from seeds the points being three for first and two for second.

PADDY'S MARKET.

The monthly Paddy's market, conducted by Mrs. A. H. Friend and her committee of ladies, will be held at the Red Cross grounds next Friday, September 10. The usual collection of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes, home manufactures, sweets, etc., will be on sale that day, and town and country donors are asked to kindly send in their consignments to Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in time for the market. A large amount of marrow fat will be available to buyers, and purchasers are asked to please bring their own containers for this. The Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society relies principally on its Paddy's market revenue for general funds, and the committee is very keen to keep the function at its present high level.

SERGT. RAY HALLAM

Posted as Missing

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hallam of Auckland Street, Gladstone, have received advice that their son, Sergeant Ray Hallam is listed missing in air operations on Friday night, August 27. The news was received in town with great regret, and many friends in conveying their sympathy to the parents have expressed the hope that the young airman may yet be posted as among the prisoners of war in enemy territory.

Young Ray was on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales when he enlisted two years ago, being stationed at Roma, Wowan and Miriam Vale, and later on the relieving staff.

Instead of proceeding to Canada he went direct to England, where he made rapid progress. He had only cabled his parents last week announcing his engagement in England.

The young pilot was in a Lancaster bomber with an Australian squadron, and it is thought probable that his unit was engaged on the recent heavy raid on Nuremberg (Germany).

We join in the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Hallam will soon receive further news of the safety of their gallant son.

SMOKING ON WHARVES.

A National Security Regulation gazetted this week gives port authorities power to issue orders prohibiting smoking on wharves. Previously, in some States, the port authorities did not have this power.

MORTGAGE BANK.

It has been officially stated that the Mortgage Bank of the Commonwealth Bank would open on September 27. The Act provides that primary producers can obtain loans up to £5000 for a period of not less than five years and not more than 41 years. Thousands of applications have been received already.

TRAFFICKING IN TAX STAMPS.

Trafficking in tax stamps has become rife, and the Taxation Department is determined to end it, said the N.S.W. Deputy Commissioner of Taxation (Mr. Hughes) last week. Many unscrupulous and foolish persons, he said, had purchased stamps illegally at discount rates, and had attempted to use these to obtain a fraudulent refund from the department. Fortunately, in most of these attempts, the suspicions of the taxation counter officials had been aroused.

P.O.W. APPEAL.

This appeal is to residents of West Gladstone, where Mesdames Bennedick and Schneider are the official collectors for the Prisoner of War street collection scheme. Until recently Mrs. Bennedick was able to call on residents in View, Side, Ormonde and Scenery Streets for their weekly subscription to this worthy cause. However, increasing demands on her time with the business makes it impossible for further calls in the streets mentioned, and the hon. organiser (Mr. D. J. Connellan) points out that it would greatly assist if all persons brought their weekly or fortnightly amount to the Fiveways Store, where Mrs. Bennedick will note them in the official P.O.W. street book. Miss M. Liddicoat will continue her collections in Kent and other portions of West Gladstone, but there will, as stated, be no further calls in View, Side, Ormonde and Scenery Streets.

DISPLAY OF CHOICE FLOWERS.

Accompanied by Mr. M. Dwyer, S.M., who is a keen gardener, our representative recently took advantage of an invitation from the caretaker, Mr. A. Blake, to inspect the display of choice flowers at the Gladstone Bowling Green. The collection of roses, sweet peas, gerberas, etc., surrounding the green presents one of the prettiest sights imaginable, and is well worth a visit by any garden lover. Mr. Blake, who recently exhibited some of these blooms at the Methodist and Presbyterian flower shows, has put in a lot of time and care in establishing the beds. In all there are ten plots surrounding the playing area, planted with roses in full bloom, and set off on the outer circumference with sprays of sweet peas. The highlight of the whole display is a mass of 8ft. high sweet peas in a large bed covering the club's flagpole between the gate entrance and the club house. Here magnificent blues, reds, pinks, navy blues, whites, and other colours make a beautiful showing. Most of the sprays have four flowers and some even five to the stem, and the colours are outstanding. The visitors were also shown a vase of very nice roses, "Una Wallace," which were grown by Mr. Blake.

GROW VEGETABLES

POSITION IN GLADSTONE

Mr. Williams' Gesture

During his recent visit to Gladstone in connection with the opening of the Presbyterian Church Flower Show and Fete the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) said it was his desire to encourage as far as possible the growing of vegetables in every home garden plot throughout the State, and was prepared to render what personal financial assistance and departmental advice he could to all intending persons interested in his proposal.

As a gesture in that direction he has offered one guinea and half a guinea as first and second prizes for the best displays of vegetables grown by any one individual householder at future flower and vegetable shows to be held in Gladstone, commencing with those conducted by the various churches annually.

"I realise I am up against a "double-edged" difficulty in this connection, and so will intending competitors," he said, during an interview with a representative of this journal before he left Gladstone.

"Scarcity of water and lack of manpower in the home in many centres will be the main difficulty to be overcome, but judging by what I saw at Gladstone during my recent visit," he said, "this evidently has not presented the problem one would expect it to have been during an unusually prolonged dry period.

The quality of the vegetables left little to be desired," he added, "and with a continuance of that energy and love for gardening in the home plot there is little doubt but that my offer of cash prizes will help to considerably increase the number of vegetable home gardeners in Gladstone, despite its generally poor quality of soil and inadequate supplies of water from time to time."

GOODS BY RAIL

Congestion at Brisbane

Action had been taken to ensure that essential civilian goods for Brisbane and northern towns were transported by rail, said the Transport Minister (Mr. Lawson).

Mr. Lawson said that statements by the New South Wales Railways Commissioner (Mr. Hartigan) referring to restriction of passenger and freight traffic were made without Mr. Lawson's knowledge. No recommendation was under consideration to restrict either civilian passenger travel or freight traffic. Dispatch of traffic outside the railways' capacity should be assured by making shipping space available.

New South Wales had applied restrictions during a period of congestion recently at Brisbane terminals. Defence materials and perishables only were accepted. In future, however, any restriction would take into consideration essential civilian requirements.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

L.A.C. W. Sidey is at present spending his leave with his wife and family in Gladstone. He will return to rejoin his unit at the end of the month.

The Muspratt family, of Littlemore, have received official word from the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) that their son Arthur is a prisoner of war in Malaya.

COMFORTS FUND

Gifts of Farm Butter

The Rationing Commission has advised Australian Comforts Fund headquarters that branches may accept gifts of farm butter for the manufacture of goods for sale, for meals to the public, and refreshments for the troops.

If any branch proposed to sell butter to the public it must collect coupons and surrender them to the Rationing Commission, explaining why they are surrendered.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

BREEDING GROUND FOR FLIES.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Gladstone people have something to be proud of in their harbour, and a lot to be thankful for in the climate.

The pests are few, no goats, a few mossies, some sandflies; but I was surprised to see a really excellent breeding ground for flies, made to order, which will enable Gladstone to rival any of the western towns this summer.

Already the first hatching is on the wing, and as these, of course, will not practice Dr. Marie Stopes' doctrine, we shall, I fear, have our choice of approximately fifty diseases to be delivered personally by these dirty little horrors bred in the Gladstone Hospital grounds in "clean" water from septic systems.—Yours, etc., sorrowfully

"FLY SWAT."

FREE EXPRESSION OF VIEWS.

Sir,—The Trades and Labour Council views with indignation your vicious attacks on the Labour Party and the trade unions generally in recent editions of the "Gladstone Observer." While such attacks are understandable in the Tory controlled press of the south, we fail to see why a purely local newspaper gives vent to such outbursts.

Gladstone is essentially an industrial town, the greater part of its inhabitants are engaged in industry, and there is, at the moment, a strong feeling of resentment against your publication. Fortunately, the people of this town were not misled by such propaganda.

Since the country has shown its desire for the continuance of the Curtin Government, a degree of tolerance would be more acceptable to the industrial inhabitants of this district.—Yours, tc.,

J. GOSSCHALK,
Hon. Sec. Trades and Labour Council.

(The columns of the "Observer" are always open to both sides for the free expression of political views, and on the occasion under review was taken full advantage of.—Ed. "Obs.")

COMMUNISM.

Sir,—In reply to an article entitled "Communism," which appeared in the "Gladstone Observer" on August 21, I would like to point out that this attack, like every attack on Communism printed in the capitalist press, is made without the slightest evidence to substantiate it, and in accordance with Hitler's technique—that to have a lie believed you must make it big. It is indeed deplorable that, in this democratic country, the freedom of the press is used by the capitalists to print such cheap political trollop without the slightest evidence to support it.

The reference to communists as "illiterates" and the seeming objection to their hatred of Fascism shows a complete lack of knowledge of the Communist Party. The members receive the finest political education of any political organisation in Australia, and it is because they know what Fascism is, and can recognise the Fascist trend among certain politicans and organisations in Australia, that they so bitterly oppose it. And if they are just "illiterates," then why is it that communists challenges to debates are so deliberately avoided by those to whom they are issued.

The statement that Russia is supplying war materials to Japan was obviously made by a person with a vivid imagination, in an attempt to out-Goebell Goebells. Russia has an immense task to keep supplies of war materials up to her own gallant soldiers, without supplying war materials to a potential enemy. This statement is designed to sow the seeds of distrust between the Allies.

The poor old communist is in the wrong again—this time because he is not like the Russian Red, yet some time ago he was too much like the foreign Russian communists. The Australian communist has not changed. The same papers that made these statement, and there are few that did not, now refer to the communists as "sommersaulters."

Communists hold positions in trade unions by virtue of their ability only. There are approximately one million workers organised in trade unions, and there are only 20,000 communists in Australia, so the communists must be elected to the positions they hold solely because they have all the necessary qualifications to capably carry out the duties required by that position.

In all these attacks I find that it is the communist, and not the communist policy that is attacked. Can it be that you do not wish to bring the communist policy before the eyes of the people you feed on your distorted versions of communism? Yours etc.,

W. J. RABNOTT.

Oaka Lane, Gladstone.

(We believe in free discussion, and not many moons ago the case for communism was given lengthy and sustained publicity in the "Observer."—Ed. "Obs.")

ROLL OF HONOUR

L.A.C. S. H. Starmer

The funeral of L.A.C. Sydney Hogarth (Garth) Starmer, of the R.A.A.F., and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Starmer, of Gladstone, who was killed in Southern New South Wales, took place in Wagga on Sunday, August 22.

The cortege moved from St. Michael's Cathedral after prayers had been read by the very Rev. Father J. H. Larkins, administrator.

The casket, which was draped with the Union Jack, was carried by L.A.C.'s Nielson, Steele, Andrews, Holmes, Marchant and Bullock, while the flower tray, laden with tributes, was carried by L.A.C.'s Buckland, Day, Gould and Thomson.

A guard of honour was formed at the Cathedral by members of St. Michael's branch of the Holy Name Society, and through this the casket was taken.

Miss Kathleen Hunt presided at the organ, and as the casket left the church rendered "The Dead March In Saul."

As the gun carriage bearing the casket moved from the church it was followed by the attending party, who formed a procession from the Cathedral to the Town Hall, thence to disperse and form up again and follow the casket to the grave.

As the casket was lowered in the grave "The Last Post" was sounded.

Relatives present were: The mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Starmer (Gladstone), and officers from No. 5 S.F.T.S. were the commanding officer, Wing Commander Curnow, Flt. Lieut. Branigan, Flt. Lieut Dixon, and Flying Officer McInerney.

Among the tributes were wreaths from the staff of the Embassy Theatre (Gladstone), members and associates of the Gladstone Golf Club, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Connellan, June and Patty, Mavis and Bill Barker, the Patrick family, Betty Breslin, mother and dad, Geoff and Beryl, Jack and Phyllis, Lex, of Gladstone.

The officer in charge of the funeral arrangements for the R.A.A.F. was Squadron Leader Sturgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Starmer were assured by the Commanding Officer that Garth was indeed a very promising trainee, and would have graduated from the Flying School with high honours and appointed to commissioned rank.

Garth had attained a prominent place in his course, and in the matter of leadership, and was very popular with his instructors, and it can be said that the Royal Air Force has been deprived of a very valuable member who would have gone far in the service of his country.

Young Starmer was a prominent member of the Gladstone Life Saving Club, being the holder of the bronze and surf medallions in the Royal Life Saving Club. He was also an outstanding hockey player, being a member of the Sparks Club.

Gladstone residents remember with pride many of his brilliant swimming feats, having won many important championship races. In 1940 he won the 54 yards, 100 yards, and 200 yards (under 16 years) Central Queensland championships (junior), representing the Fitzroy Club, Rockhampton, while in 1939 he was a close second in the Queensland State championship 100 metres, the prize being a handsome silver medal.

Garth was also a member of the 3rd Gladstone Scouts, having passed through the cubs, thence into the scouts, and was a patrol leader, and his work in this direction merited high praise from those in authority.

Our young friend has now passed on, and he will ever be remembered as one who nobly performed his duty in the service of his King and Country.

NEW APPLICATION FORMS FOR TYRES. 4

Under a new rubber control order the old application forms for tyres are null and void. People who were complaining about a tyre shortage did not realise that they had to forward new application forms.

BOYNE VALLEY

PATRIOTIC FUND

Successful Dance

Th monthly dance of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund, held in the Ubobo Hall on Saturday, August 28, was well patronised. Music was supplied by Mrs. H. C. Dougall (piano), Mr. L. Pownall (cornet), and Master Brian (drums), and proved as popular as ever. Mr. R. Waite carried out the duties of M.C.

A sweets stall was held in conjunction with the dance. The committee buys the sugar and supplies willing workers, who make the sweets for the stall. The rapidity with which the sweets sell imparts great credit on the cooks. The committee thank these women for their effort, also all donors of raffles and raffle workers.

A bunch of flowers, made and donated by Mrs. Kajewski, and raffled by her, was won by Miss Vera Ibbotsen.

A pig (donated by Mr. J. W. Muspratt) was raffled, Mrs. Cole being the winner.

A goose (donated by Mrs. Stapleton) was raffled, the winner being Mr. Bert Waldron.

The chocolate waltz was won by Mrs. M. Wengert, and the Monte Carlo by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mossman, the prizes being donated by Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Christie.

Results of dance was as follows:—Door takings £11/6/-, chocolate waltz £2/4/-, Monte Carlo £1/17/-, raffle of pig £4/12/-, raffle of goose £4/6/-, raffle of flowers £2/10/-, sale of sweets £2/12/-. Donations: Mrs. J. N. Pownall £1/1/-, H. C. Dougall £1/1/-, H. J. Russell £1/5/-, Miss M. Gray 12/-, Miss J. Davies 2/-, grand total £33/18/.

MARRIED NURSES

May Be Called Up

Many qualified nurses who are married will probably be directed to seriously understaffed hospitals.

This was the impression given by the Director General of Manpower (Mr. Wurth) last week, when he said: "Manpower authority will be exercised to the full in directing nurses to hospitals. Nurses who are not practising, even if employed in occupations other than nursing, have had ample opportunity to return to nursing work."

"Surveys had shown," he continued, that there had been a shortage of 898 nurses on staffs of hospitals in Australia. Within three months more than 1000 additional nurses had been appointed to hospital staffs. Army and Air Force nurses had been temporarily released for emergency civilian needs, and were still being used to meet urgent hospital dmands.

FLAT OWNERS

A Protective Move

About 100 Brisbane flat owners have formed themselves into an association. Owners have banded together to further flat owners' benefits and to seek legal advice on National Security Regulations concerning flats, said Mr. C. L. Baker, who is secretary of the movement.

The main trouble landlords were experiencing was that of ejecting tenants. The Flat Owners' Association will deal with such cases and watch landlords' interests in all matters concerning their flats.

LETTERS TO PRISONERS

Limited to 25 Words

Letters to prisoners and internees in Japanese hands must be limited in future to 25 words, and must be typed or written in block letters.

The Postmaster General (Senator Ashley) said that a telegram had been received from the High Commissioner in London stating that the Japanese authorities had advised the protecting power and the International Red Cross that these stipulations must be complied with henceforth.

CIVIL DEFENCE DAY

PARADE AND DEMONSTRATION

Gladstone To-day (Saturday)

In Australia thousands of men and women have given freely of their leisure time in order to reach a standard of efficiency in civil defence work, which has had the effect of sustaining public morale in these recent months of tension and uncertainty.

So that the efforts of these patriotic individuals might receive recognition and appreciation of their fellow citizens it has been decided to set aside to-day (Saturday), Sept. 4, as Civil Defence Day throughout the Commonwealth, and on that day parades and demonstrations will be held at all centres to remind the public of the debt of gratitude it owes to its civil defence organisations, which was called into being for the sole purpose of saving civilian life and property endangered by any possible enemy action.

COMMENCE AT 2.10 P.M.

At a meeting of the local committee of the organisation, held last Wednesday, under the presidency of the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), it was decided that the Gladstone Civil Defence Organisations fall into line with these ideals, and that a parade and demonstration be held, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

MARSHALLING THE PARADE.

It was resolved that Captain C. D. Patrick be approached, and asked to undertaake the duty of marshalling the parade, and that the services be in the following order:—

(1) A.R.P. Wardens
(2) Essential and Emergency services.
(3) Hospital and Ambulance services.
(4) Fire Brigade services.
(5) Welfare and Mobile Canteen services.

ROUTE OF THE PARADE.

It was then decided that all services assemble at the Court House, and join the parade, and that the route should be as follows:—

Leave Court House at 2.30 p.m., and march down Yaroon Street to its intersection with Auckland Street, thence along Auckland Street to its intersection with Tank Street, thence along Tank Street to its intersection with Gondoon Street, thence along Gondoon Street to the vacant allotment opposite the Ambulance Station. At this allotment demonstrations by the services will be given.

FULL MUSTER WANTED.

It was further requested that the officers in charge of various services endeavour to contact all members of his service, and use every endeavour to muster full membership for the parade, and that suitable notices be printed by the various sections, and that all were to march with kit or equipment supplied.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

It was further decided that light refreshments would be available from the mobile canteen for the members, and that arrangements for this be completed. It was stated that this would be done by the Red Shield, and that the services of the welfare section attached to the State School be asked to co-operate in this work.

PUBLIC INVITED.

It was further decided that every available means of publicity be given to the parade and demonstration, and that the public be invited to be present.

HARRIS HORDER KILLED.

Harris Horder, 43, the Australian-born professional cyclist, was killed in action in the South-West Pacific. He was an air corps gunner, and held the American sprint championship in 1927.

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IMPOSTERS IN UNIFORM

Rob Servicemen

Service uniforms are being worn by impostors to enable them to assault and rob Allied servicemen, says the Sydney "Sun." One night last week two more Allied men, one convalescent from a military hospital, were assaulted and robbed.

A police officer said that men arrested for this type of offence, although wearing uniform, were not always members of the forces. Frequently they were deserters for whom authorities have been searching for some time.

Deserters from the Army usually adopted the role of a naval rating, as there is less chance of them being questioned by the Provost Corps.

Civilians of the criminal type were also frequent offenders.

Charles Waybright, an Allied soldier, who is still convalescent, had been with two men dressed in Australian naval uniform, and when walking along William Street, Sydney, about 7 p.m. they suddenly attacked him and threw him to the footpath. They ran off with his wristlet watch. He had to get three stitches in a wound in the head.

QUEENSLAND CATTLE

For N.S. Wales

Twice as many cattle have crossed the border from Queensland to New South Wales in the first six months of this year compared with the same period of 1942.

This was disclosed in Parliament by the Agriculture Minister (Mr. Williams), when replying to questions by Mr. Luckins.

Mr. Williams said that in the first six months of this year 206,512 cattle had crossed the border, compared with 100,821 in the first six months of 1942.

TOBACCO CONTROL.

Grower representation on the Australian Tobacco Board predominated, said the Chairman of the Board (Mr. J. A. Tonkin). He emphasised that statements that the British Australasian Tobacco Co. Pty. Ltd. had powerful representation on the Board were not in accordance with facts.

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CIVIL DEFENCE DAY.

PARADE AND DEMONSTRATION.

A PARADE of all Units of the Civil Defence Organisation will be held on Saturday, 4th September, 1943, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Members are asked to assemble outside the new Court House at 2 p.m., wearing Helmets, Badges, Arm Bands, and any Equipment issued.

ROUTE to be followed:—

Auckland Street to Tank Street, to Gondoon Street, to Ambulance Centre.

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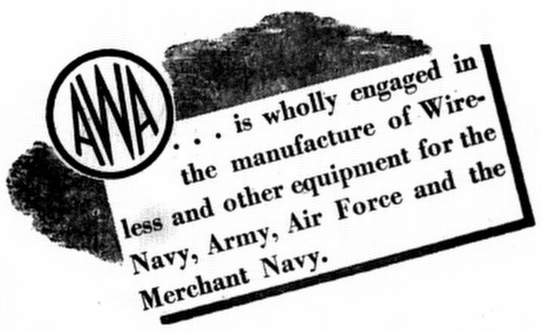

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DAIRY ASSOCIATION

MEETING OF DIRECTORS

Various Matters Dealt With

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd. was held at the registered office, Gladstone, on Thursday, August 26, there being present: Mr. G. B. Mouatt (chairman of directors), Messrs. C. W. Thiele, R. F. Graham, A. Johanson, N. R. Mullally, W. C. Paroz, C. R. Anderson, W. Lehfeldt, F. Morris, A. H. Bulow, and E. Liddell. Apologies were received from Messrs. G. Ellis and H. E. Hewitt, and leave of absence was granted. The assistant general manager (Mr. R. R Meldrum) and the secretary (Mr. C. E. Butterworth) were also in attendance.

Major J. R. King, general manager of the Producers' Co-operative Distributing Society Ltd., attended the meeting by invitation, and addressed the directors on the business conducted by his organisation, and explained the association with Australian Producers Wholesale Co-operation Co. Ltd., Empire Dairies Ltd., and Overseas Farmers' Co-operative Co. Ltd.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. W. Byatt tendered his resignation as a member of the Elections Committee, and Mr. J. H. Cummings, Mt. Larcom, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

THEODORE FACTORY.

Consideration was given to the milk supply to Theodore Cheese Factory, and it was decided that the Chairman of Directors visit Theodore and discuss this matter with suppliers.

PROTEST SUPPORTED.

The South Burnett Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd. wrote forwarding copy of letter forwarded to the Prime Minister, protesting against the re-introduction of daylight saving time, and the Board decided to strongly support this protest.

SHARES AND TRANSFERS.

Thirty-three new shares were alotted, and a number of transfers registered.

BALANCE SHEET ADOPTED.

The annual balance sheet for the year ended June 30, 1943, was adopted, and the surplus for the period was transferred to an account for deferred payments to suppliers. The amount will be distributed on a date to be decided, and will provide an additional payment of one half penny per gallon to suppliers of milk for pasteurisation purposes, one half penny per pound butter fat in connection with milk supplied to cheese factories, and slightly less than one farthing per pound commercial butter to cream suppliers.

RECORD ICE SALES.

Ice sales for the year constitute a record for the Association, and other trading results were considered very satisfactory. It was pleasing to note that a profit had been shown on the operations of both of the Association's piggeries.

BUTTER MANUFACTURED.

Butter manufactured during the year amounted to 7284 tons, an increase of 557 tons on the previous year, and cheese produced at Bracewell and Theodore Cheese Factories totalled 442 tons, being an increase of 405 on the previous year's output, when Bracewell Factory only operated for a very short period.

Representatives were appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Queensland Co-operative Dairy Association, and the next meeting of the Board was fixed for Thursday, October 21.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

LONG RANGE BOMBING

Dramatic Events

In recent weeks added interest has been given the Allied communiques by the news of spectacular long range bombing raids.

These raids have not been confined to Europe, although the bombing of targets in Rumania and Austria have perhaps been the most dramatic of these events.

In our own area the 2400-mile journey to attack Sourabaya has been followed up by a raid against an enemy base in Borneo involving a flight of 2532 miles.

Perhaps the most significant deduction to be made from the news of these long range air attacks in the Pacific is that we now have more aircraft and accessories to use against targets far advanced from the active battle areas; but this demonstration of intensified offensive strategy leads to closer thought about territories now brought within the orbit of our vision; territories that have not entered very largely into our consideration during the past year.

An Australian correspondent in Sicily has pointed out that "there is tremendous encouragement for the Australians and their Allies in the Pacific in the smoothness and the results of the amphibious (Sicilian) undertaking in the Mediterranean."

We are reminded that beyond New Guinea and Timor lie Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Malaya, and the Philippines—all of which are our concern, not only during the war, but afterwards. Australia has a part to play in the freeing of these countries, and our interest in them cannot automatically cease as soon as the Japanese are driven out.

It is well understood in Britain and America that the United Nations will have the responsibility of rehabilitating liberated territories. Already in Sicily an Allied administration is working to restore normal conditions and to re-establish the local people on a secure social and economic footing.

Something along the same lines is being done in New Guinea, although there the situation is not so acute as it might be in places where the Japanese have been longer established, and the internal economy more drastically changed.

In preparation for the re-occupation of the Netherlands East Indies a school of civil servants has been established in Australia by Netherlands Indies authorities in this country.

Australians, together with our Allies, have a great responsibility. We shall have to help repair the damage, both physical and economic.

We will be morally bound to help them take their places in the new comity of nations envisaged by the Atlantic Charter.

For a time we shall have to give them more than we can ask them to buy; in short, we shall have to raise them up to a comparable national level unless we decide to retire to our isolated white outpost and allow them to work out a destiny which will lead to conflict rather than co-operation.

These long distance raids are a timely reminder that this war holds responsibilities beyond its winning; responsibilities that will exercise our patience and determination just as much as the gaining of victory itself.

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SEPTEMBER.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
4	——	12.07	.....	6.06	6.17
5	12.08	12.48	.....	6.36	7.05
6	12.47	1.32	.....	7.15	8.09
7	1.35	2.33	.....	8.10	9.25
8	2.37	3.51	.....	9.22	10.41
9	4.05	5.15	.....	10.36	11.53
10	5.36	6.26	.....	11.45	——
11	6.48	7.25	.....	12.57	12.48
12	7.46	8.17	.....	1.54	1.46
13	8.39	9.05	.....	2.45	2.40
14	9.26	9.49	.....	3.32	3.32
15	10.10	10.32	.....	4.16	4.22
16	10.55	11.13	.....	4.59	5.11
17	11.40	11.45	.....	5.40	6.02
18	——	12.24	.....	6.20	6.53
19	12.35	1.09	.....	7.01	7.47
20	1.19	1.59	.....	7.45	8.45
21	2.10	2.56	.....	8.34	9.49
22	3.16	4.05	.....	9.31	10.54
23	4.36	5.16	.....	10.34	11.55
24	5.52	6.18	.....	11.34	——
25	6.51	7.08	.....	12.49	12.30
26	7.39	7.51	.....	1.35	1.20
28	8.56	9.05	.....	2.50	2.46
29	9.31	9.37	.....	3.25	3.25
30	10.04	10.08	.....	3.56	4.04

THE MOON.

First Quarter	September 7
Full Moon	September 14
Last Quarter	September 21
New Moon	September 29

OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	.....	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	.....	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	.....	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	.....	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	.....	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	.....	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	.....	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	.....	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	.....	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	.....	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	.....	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	.....	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	.....	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	.....	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	.....	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	.....	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	.....	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	.....	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	.....	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	.....	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	.....	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	.....	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	.....	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	.....	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	.....	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	.....	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	.....	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	.....	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	.....	3.18	3.45
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PARACHUTE BOMBS

Dropped on Berlin

It was reported from Germany recently that a series of 200 feet anti-aircraft towers have been built around Berlin in an attempt to defend the city from the growing weight of Allied air attacks.

These towers were designed to give anti-aircraft gunners a better angle at which to fire at low flying planes.

With raids being carried out "in very great strength," the enemy is trying out every device his ingenuity can invent, and he has been hoping the towers would deter the planes which swoop down to within 75 feet of the ground to drop parachute fragmentation bombs.

Fragmentation bombs are dropped attached to specially designed rayon parachutees. The bomber skims along at such a low altitude that if parachutes were not used for the bombs the plane itself would run the risk of being damaged in the explosion.

The parachutes delay the descent of the bomb long enough to allow the plane to fly out of range. The bombs themselves weigh only about 30 lbs., but their destructive power is terrific.

Allied planes, which dropped the bombs over the Axis in Tunisia, Pantellaria and Sicily, wrought great havoc on landing grounds, docks, and other vital targets.

Axis planes parked on airfields were riddled with the metal fragments which the explosion scatters at high velocity over a wide area.

NEWCASTLE STEEL

Lowest in the World

"The price of steel in Australia remains the lowest in the world," said Mr. H. G. Darling, chairman of the Broken Hill (Pty.) Ltd., speaking at the company's annual meeting last week.

"The first increase in the price of steel since the war took place last October. Rising costs, due to many causes, made this increase necessary, but we are still supplying the lowest cost steel in the world. This is of vital importance from an economic point of view, not only to industry in Australia, but to all the Allies.

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"Our deep thanks must go to the many metallurgists and technicians who, often without proper equipment, have achieved wonders. I would also like to thank" Mr. Darling continued, "the many firms in Great Britain and America who have unreservedly placed their knowledge at our disposal.

FOUR YEARS OF WAR

A Vital Corner Stone

In September, 1939, Australia went to war. At the time many felt vaguely doubtful about it. In spite of inspiring and worthy battle cries, they had not fully assessed its moral foundation, its implications, and its goal. There followed the period of relative inaction—the "phoney war."

Gradually the feeling grew that something bigger was at stake than the mere integrity of national boundaries and the disciplining of unruly elements among the nations.

As the war progressed the issues became clearer. The common people inevitably came to understand that it was their affair, that its issues affected them personally, that the goal was not only a victory on the battlefield but a winning back of human rights that had become suppressed and atrophied.

At the beginning the emphasis was upon preservation of democratic institutions and maintenance of the status quo; but as the war progressed we came to realise that we did not want to preserve democracy as we had known it so much as to improve and extend it.

This has provided a more positive inspiration of our mounting war effort. It goes hand in hand with our determination to beat the enemy. We are not merely fighting against, but for, something.

We have no doubts about our military strength. We have confidence in our fighting leaders, our forces, and our arms, and the defeat of the enemy rests only on time and the application of our power.

But that is not the end. The greater victory that lies beyond the present conflict calls for an even greater application of the principles that motivate our present efforts. We shall have to attain such a state of understanding, such a pitch of realisation, that we shall never again permit our destiny to rest on the chances of accident or force, but on the well built foundations of reflection and choice.

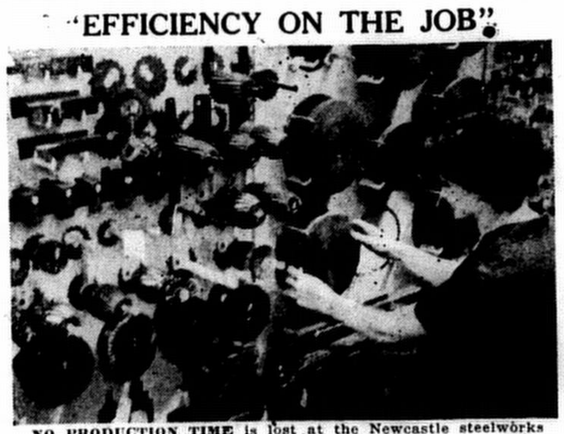
This means the end of personal and national isolation. It means the regeneration of those humane instincts that make every man his neighbour's friend and every nation a member of a family.

It means tolerance and a due regard for the rights of others. It means removing the beam from our own eye before challenging the mote in another's.

Four years of war have shown us that our fundamental rights are human rights, belonging to our neighbours equally with ourselves. When we resolve to build our world on this foundation we shall have won the war and guaranteed peace with justice.

The United States will make this year the greatest tonnage of steel the world has ever seen. Production to date is 1,000,000 tons in excess of the estimate of 90,000,000 tons.

"EFFICIENCY ON THE JOB"



NO PRODUCTION TIME is lost at the Newcastle steelworks through misplaced tools or spare parts. "Shadow Boards", with a place for everything, and everything in its place, are provided for tools, equipment and spare parts. The scheme has been copied in plants throughout the world.

"THE CITY OF STEEL"

Russia Interested in Newcastle

"In the Soviet Union, Newcastle is known as 'the city of steel'," said the Soviet Minister to Australia, M. Andre Vlasov, who added, "I was greatly interested to inspect for myself the production methods and organisation of the Broken Hill Proprietary works." M. Vlasov, who spent a day at the works last week, was formerly Dean of the Faculty of Steel in the University of Moscow.

The recognition of the output and high quality of the Newcastle Steelworks by Russia is indeed interesting, and Australia's vital contribution to war supplies through her steel industry is given emphasis by three news items of the week.

First was the announcement that a new anti-tank gun is now in production in Australia.

Second was the launching of a new naval vessel from a New South Wales shipyard.

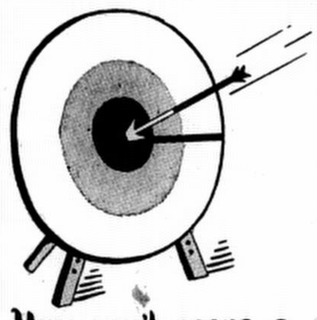
Third was the arrival in Sydney of the American War Mission.

All three of these news items concern Australian steel and Australian enterprise.

"The anti-tank gun," said the Minister for Munitions, Mr. Makin, "is only one instance in which production in this country of a new type of weapon has proceeded almost simultaneously in this country and the United Kingdom."

Judge R. P. Patterson, head of the American War Mission, is down here to inspect troops and their equipment. He is vitally interested in the "forward action" promised by the Quebec conference, and in Australian arms which will help put this action under way. They will, no doubt, include the new anti-tank gun and the famous Owen gun, described by Mr. Ray Parer as a "builder of morale among the New Guinea troops."

The American War Mission lost no time in finding out for themselves something of Australian factory production. They spent their first day inspecting factories, naval and military establishments.



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FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

No decision will be made by the Federal Government on the reintroduction of daylight saving until the Cabinet is reconstituted, probably in a fortnight. Normally the change over to daylight saving would take place late this month.

PADDY'S MARKET.

The monthly Paddy's market, conducted by Mrs. A. H. Friend and her committee of ladies, will be held at the Red Cross grounds next Friday, September 10. The usual collection of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cakes, home manufactures, sweets, etc., will be on sale that day, and town and country donors are asked to kindly send in their consignments to Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in time for the market. A large amount of marrow fat will be available to buyers, and purchasers are asked to please bring their own containers for this. The Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society relies principally on its Paddy's market revenue for general funds, and the committee is very keen to keep the function at its present high level.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

L.A.C. J. O'Sullivan, R.A.A.F., is at present spending a short leave with his wife and family, West Gladstone.

Miss P. Bambling, of Brisbane, is at present spending her holidays in Gladstone as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. Willey.

A.B. Norm Welsh, R.A.N., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Welsh, of Gladstone, is at present spending extended leave with his parents.

A.C.1 Harold Lone, R.A.A.F., who has been spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lone, leaves to-day to rejoin his unit in the south.

Private Beryl Lynch, A.W.A.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lynch, of Gladstone, who is home spending her first leave since joining the Forces, will leave by Friday's mail train to rejoin her unit in the south.

ROLL OF HONOUR

"DIGGER" CROW.

A Builyan resident writes:—

Quite an air of gloom pervaded the district when the news of the death of "Digger" (Keith) Crow in battle in New Guinea circulated on Saturday last.

Reared in the heart of the settlement, a connection of the old established Bailey family, and recalled as a bright faced, conscientious, open-hearted, well mannered boy, now on the threshold of manhood, his end however honourable, brought the sorrows and horrors of war closer to many a surrounding household.

To his father, the well-known Goddy, to the surviving members of the family, to all connections, the district proffers most genuine condolence.

STRIKERS WARNED

Government Determined

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) said that the Government is determined to take whatever action is necessary to wipe out strikes and stoppages. Mr. Curtin said these problems would be one of the first to be discussed by the new Cabinet.

"I won't have war operations prejudiced by hold-ups," said Mr. Curtin.

In Australia about 50,000 vehicles are operating on producer gas.

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Australian naval men have fought in practically every naval engagement of the war.

DEBENTURE LOAN OF £90,000

C.C. CORPS CONDITIONS

Revised Estimate of Cost

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.) advises that he has received the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Treasury, relative to the Boyne River water scheme:—

"With further reference to your personal representations relative to the authority given to the Council of the Town of Gladstone to enter into negotiations for a debenture loan of £90,000 for the construction of the Boyne River water supply scheme for Gladstone, in connection with which a subsidy of one-third of the annual instalment of interest and redemption for the first fifteen years will be made available to the Council, and to my letter of the 23rd instant, I have to inform you that, in drawing attention to the urgency for this A2 priority project, the Co-ordinator General of Public Works points out (inter alia) that, as the Commonwealth Government has agreed to contribute £10,000, it will be possible to utilise Civil Constructional Corps labour on this work, and the Co-ordinator General advises that he has requested that the Council's engineers submit a revised estimate of cost based on present Civil Constructional Corps conditions.

In view of the possibility of Civil Constructional Corps labour being employed on the work, it would appear desirable to allow the amount to be borrowed at £90,000. The Council should therefore comply with the provisions of "The Local Government Acts, 1936 to 1943," with respect to a loan of £90,000 (as originally intended).

Application will be made by the Honourable the Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the latter's consent with respect to the full amount of £90,000.

GRAZIERS' ASSOCIATION

GLADSTONE DISTRICT BRANCH

Stock Route and Toll Gates

At the commencement of a meeting of the Gladstone District branch of the Central Coastal Graziers' Association, held on the fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, all members stood in silence for one minute.

There were presents Messrs P. A. Frind (chairman), R. L. Webb, J. M. Campbell, W. C. Chapman, C. F. K. Cave, C. Chapman, H. H. Waddell, W. P. McGuire, H. Chapman, J. D. Stirrat, E. L. Farmer, F. M. Hickson, and A. E. Easterby (district secretary).

MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership from Messrs. R. S. G. Macdonald, G. Milner, H. C. Dougall, A. B. Ferris, and Mrs. M. E. Hickson were recommended to the Central Coastal Graziers' Association for acceptance.

STOCK ROUTE.

The meeting was informed that the work of clearing the stock route on the ten chain road, near Catfish Scrub, rendered necessary owing to a change in the route of the road, was nearing completion.

TOLL GATES ERECTED.

The Chairman reported that the toll gates had been erected at the holding yards at Burua, and the Calliope Shire Council's new by-law relating to this toll had become effective as from September 1.

The management of the Gladstone Meat Works had agreed to deduct the toll from the proceeds of cattle upon receiving authority from suppliers, and the secretary stated that 96 suppliers had been forwarded forms for this purpose.

The proceeds of the toll are to be expended on improvements to the yards and stock route, the work to be carried out by the Shire Council at the request of the branch.

STATE SURPLUS.

The Treasury returns for the two months ended in August showed a surplus of £405,592, compared with a surplus of £343,557 shown for the corresponding two months last year. State receipts from all sources in the two months reached £4,086,380, and the expenditure £3,680,788.

Australia is producing shale petrol at the rate of 2,000,000 gallons a year.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

VISIT TO BRISBANE BENEFIT GLADSTONE CITIZENS

EXPECTED SCHEME BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS

A special meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin).

BUSINESS OF MEETING.

The business of the meeting was to consider:—

(1) To pass a resolution to borrow the sum of £90,000 from the State Government Insurance Office for the Boyne River water supply scheme.

(2) To further deal with the applications of Mr. J. McCarthy and Mr. N. S. Burns for the position of acting Town Clerk during the period the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson) was serving with the R.A.A.F.

(3) Matters appertaining to the Boyne River water supply scheme.

BORROW £90,000.

Ald. Golding moved that application be made to the Treasury Department for permission to borrow the sum of £90,000 from the State Government Insurance Office for the Boyne River water supply scheme. Seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

FORMALITIES OF LOAN.

Ald. Golding moved that application be made to the Treasury Department for permission to dispense with the formalities in connection with the loan. Seconded by the Mayor and carried.

ALD. GOLDING'S REPORT.

Acting under a request and authority from the Council, I proceeded to Brisbane on Wednesday, September 1, accompanied by the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), for the purpose of interviewing the Deputy Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp) and others with a view to securing some assistance in the construction and expediting the completion of the new water supply scheme from the Boyne River to Gladstone.

MR. WILLIAMS HAD PRIOR ENGAGEMENT.

I had instructed the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. Breslin) to contact our representative, Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., Minister for Agriculture and Stock, to secure an appointment with the Deputy Co-ordinator General for 10 a.m. on Thursday. On arrival in Brisbane it was found that Mr. Williams could not attend the conference owing to a prior engagement.

SUPPLY OF LABOUR.

We met the Deputy Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp), Mr. Rogers, Secretary Allied Works Council, and Mr. Sharp, of the Water and Irrigation Commission, at the Main Roads Office, and put our case before them for the supply of labour for the completion of our water scheme. From the outset Mr. Kemp showed a keen desire to help us over our troubles and expedite its completion.

FORMALITIES.

One of the first difficulties to be overcome was the formalities in connection with the loan, and it is recommended that application be made to the Treasury for permission to dispense with the formalities which it is anticipated will be granted.

TENDERS FOR PIPES.

The question of calling tenders for pipes was next discussed, and it was pointed out by Mr. Kemp that as the price of pipes was fixed and that there was only one company making these pipes, that considerable delay would be overcome if the provision of the Local Authority Act could be set aside so as to enable an order to be placed at once. However, as Mr. Chuter was away in the North, we were not able to finalise this matter, but it is recommended that immediate steps be taken towards this end.

QUESTION OF FREIGHT.

The question of freighting the pipes was discussed, and it was pointed out to us that urgency of the need for goods very often overruled the question of cost of transport, but in this case Mr. Kemp promised to take up with the authorities concerned and endeavour to arrange boat freight.

RECASTING THE SCHEME.

The need for a recasting of the estimated cost of the whole scheme was apparent, when we were asked what was the estimated cost of the first section, and in reply could only hazard a guess of £25,000. We were then asked to contact our engineers with a view to having the whole scheme recast at the earliest opportunity, and the assistance of officers from the Water and Irrigation Commission and Main Roads Office would be available for collaboration.

RESTORED TO £90,000.

Previous correspondence from the State Insurance Office advised that owing to a Federal grant of £10,000, the amount of loan money available to the Council had been reduced by a similar amount. Acting on a request from the Deputy Co-ordinator General, this amount had been restored to £90,000, and Mr. Williams had been advised of this decision.

SALES TAX.

Sales tax payment on account of goods supplied and to be supplied would run into many thousands of pounds, and discussion ensued in regard to this as to whether, on account of the Federal authorities being interested in the proposition, we could obtain a remission of the whole of the tax paid and payable. Mr. Kemp was very hopeful that this difficulty could be overcome, and promised to support any representation that we would make in regard to it.

RELEASE OF CEMENT.

The necessity of an early application for the release of cement for this work was urged, as many important undertakings were already help up through lack of this material.

MANPOWER AND MACHINERY.

The most important point to be decided was the manpower and machinery necessary for the completion of the whole scheme. A resume of progress to date and labour difficulties encountered were given to Mr. Kemp, and it was admitted by us that at the rate of progress being made by the few men that were available would mean that it would take years to complete.

A WAR MEASURE.

Mr. Kemp pointed out that the scheme was recognised as a war measure, the Army had given £10,000 towards the cost, and it was necessary to have the whole scheme completed at the earliest possible moment if it was to be of any value during the war, which meant that far greater numbers of men would have to be employed.

MR. THEODORE INTERESTED.

The job could not be recognised as an Allied Works Council project, but on account of the interest that the Army authorities had taken in the scheme it would be recognised as a job on which Civil Constructional Corps members could be employed, and Mr. Kemp knew that Mr. Theodore was personally interested in the project.

MR. KEMP HOPEFUL.

The release of men for this project would have to be carefully weighed in its relation to urgent defence works. There were about four thousand men short for their immediate needs, but Mr. Kemp was hopeful that the men would be forthcoming.

RELIEVE THE COUNCIL.

Mr. Kemp said there appeared but two ways of having the scheme completed—by day labour or by cost plus. The Allied Works Council had four men who were accustomed to doing this class of work, and two of them were looking for work of this nature. Mr. Kemp considered that work done under cost plus would relieve the Council of tremendous responsibility, as the onus of procuring everything and paying for it in the first instance was on the contractor, who would render his claim in detail to the Council, and he would be reimbursed on his nett payments.

SERVICES OF 100 MEN.

These men had already in their employ large numbers of men who upon application by the contractor for men for this job would in all probability be granted these men for carrying out the Council's scheme. To do the job economically and expeditiously would require the services of one hundred men for a year, and in all probability these contractors would have considerable plant of their own, for which they would be paid hire charges for certain implements, and it may even be possible to secure a trench digging machine from the Allied Works Council.

WORKS COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. Kemp promised to write the Council during the week forwarding the names of two men who would carry the Works Council's recommendation, and he would leave it to the Council to make first and second choice. Mr. Kemp would also forward the system of working such a scheme.

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTED.

Under the present cost plus system which was of international adoption, an estimated cost of the whole job was submitted to the contractor, and if he was satisfied with the estimate he would be paid a commission of something like 3 per cent on works estimated to cost over £100,000, and if the scheme was put through at a lesser cost then the Council would reap the benefit. But if the scheme cost more than the estimated sum the contractor would still only receive his commission on the estimated cost, and he would be allowed certain key men who would not be required to be members of the C.C.C.

UNDER C.C.C. CONDITIONS.

Under C.C.C. conditions it was necessary to provide accommodation and food for the men, inclusive of kitchen and eating houses. The Works Council had a staff of men who were skilled in erecting these huts, which could be hired out to the contractor. It was thought that on the second section it would be more economical to have a central camp, but this is a matter for the contractor.

RESIDENT ENGINEER.

Mr. Kemp strongly advocated the appointment of a resident engineer, who would act as a liaison officer to the Council between the consulting engineer and the contractor.

"We consider," concluded Alderman Golding, "that the visit to Brisbane has been of the utmost benefit to the citizens of Gladstone, and it now remains with the Council to put into effect the recommendations contained in the report."

ADOPTED.

After the report submitted by Ald. Golding had been carefully considered Ald. Tudman moved that it be adopted.

Ald. Busteed, in seconding the motion, congratulated Ald. Golding and the Mayor for the work they had carried out in Brisbane.

MOTION SUPPORTED.

Ald. Anderson, in speaking in support of the motion, said what had been achieved he had advocated for a long time—the sending of representatives to Brisbane to personally contact the Deputy Co-ordinator General (Mr. Kemp). He congratulated Ald. Golding and the Mayor on the results achieved, and considered if the same action was adopted in the future they would get somewhere.

GOOD WORK CARRIED OUT.

Ald. Deveney said he was satisfied with Ald. Golding's report, and offered his congratulations to him and the Mayor for the good work they had carried out.

Ald. Smith endorsed the remarks of the other speakers.

"BEST REPORT."

Ald. Tudman said the Boyne River water supply scheme had been a burning question for many years, and as a result of the representations made personally in Brisbane they had got somewhere, and he hoped the present Council would see the scheme carried to completion. If Gladstone was to advance they must have a good water supply, and added, "it was the best report we ever received."

The motion for the adoption of the report wasc then put and carried unanimously.

NO APPOINTMENT MADE.

The Council then went into committee to deal with the position of acting Town Clerk, and on resuming it was reported that no appointment had been made.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

SERVICE GIRLS' HOSTEL

£50/11/6 Raised

Th President and members of the C.W. Association, Gladstone branch, would like to express their appreciation to the public of Gladstone for their generous response to their appeal to help raise the £50 towards the purchasing of the Service Girls' Hostel, Holyrood, in Brisbane.

DONATIONS.

	£	s	d
Dances	29	4	0
H. C. Moore	5	0	0
Miss Ward	2	2	0
Mrs. C. Chapman	1	0	0
Flag display and sale of drinks	3	10	6
RAFFLES.			
Pair towels (donated by Mr. H. C. Moore)	7	0	0
Fruit cake (donated by Mrs. Burnham)	2	15	0
Total	£50	11	6

The towels were won by Mrs. E. Callagan, Auckland Street, with ticket No. 11550, and the cake by Miss G. Ward, Auckland Street, with ticket No. 11521.

The raffles were drawn under the supervision of Constables Anderson and Costello.

MOBILISING THE NATION

BACK THE FIGHTING SERVICES

Fourth Liberty Loan

Australia's man and woman power is now fully mobilised. The number of men and women in the forces and engaged on direct war production has been more than doubled between the period commencing with the outbreak of the Pacific war and the end of March, 1943.

The number of men in the Forces and in war industries has increased by 618,000, and women by 110,000—a total of 728,000, and the population equivalent of nearly 14,000,000 men and women in the United States and more than 4,000,000 in Britain.

Munitions production has reached such a high peak of efficiency and output, that in mid 1943 plans were drawn up for a far-reaching re-shuffle of man power, involving diversion of many munitions operatives to other and more immediately pressing skilled war work, such as food processing, production of agricultural and food processing machinery, ship building and repairing, aircraft construction, and aircraft repairing.

Between June 1940 and December 1942 production of aircraft bombs increased by more than 200 times, of artillery by more than 48 times, of rifles by 8 times, and of machine guns 7 times. The tightening up of costing procedure resulted in very substantial savings in cost of production, in some instances the cost of equipment being reduced by as much as 25 per cent.

The Navy has been strengthened to a surprising degree, not only in man power, but in ships and modern equipment, while the R.A.A.F. to-day is over 15 times larger than it was prior to the fall of Dunkirk.

All this provides a heartening indication of Australia's rapidly growing strength, and when it is realised that in addition a vast constructional programme has been undertaken in all States, which has converted the Commonwealth into a major offensive base against the Japanese, it will be understood that Australia has acquitted herself well in the task of providing a war effort equal to that required of her by the United Nations.

The time is now arriving when this great operational base will be used more intensively in a new Pacific offensive strategy, and Australians will be asked to make a grand and supreme effort to ensure that the task of driving the enemy from his conquered territory right back to the defensive limits of his own land will result in a victorious and successful sweep.

To ensure success more money must be found to maintain replacements, reinforcements and repeated assaults till the enemy is relentlessly crushed. It is our duty to see that the great mobilisation of men, munitions and equipment which has built the necessary strength to commence the "victory push" will be maintained in increasing and overwhelming proportions, so that our fighting services will lack nothing in the gigantic task that lies before them.

It is not merely sufficient for the fighting services to bear the brunt of the task of defeating the enemy. We are all in this fight. We must back the attack by putting our savings on service too. The 4th Liberty Loan opens on October 5, and closes on November 9. The Prime Minister has asked for a record number of individual subscribers to this Loan.

To every civilian the path of duty is clear. He or she must save and lend for victory, giving every penny that can be spared to back up the men who are making the supreme fight for the final destruction of Axis power and domination—the greatest menace civilisation has ever known.

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In addition to saving much money by using HEENZO Cough Remedy, you can also use it three different ways. You take HEENZO internally for internal ailments, viz., coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and influenza. You use HEENZO as a nasal antiseptic, just a few drops up each nostril night and morning quickly ridding catarrh and colds in head. By gargling with HEENZO you gain instant relief from sore and smokers' throats. Remember, a bottle of Concentrated HEENZO costing only 2/- makes one pint of Family Cough Remedy, equally good for adults and children.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

PUBLICLY THANKED.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I have been instructed by the South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association to publicly thank Mr. W. R. Golding, principal of the Gladstone Sawmills, for donating material for the erection of tree guards at Barney Point, and the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) for his donation of a cheque for the purchase of trees for that area.

This work, which has just been completed, was carried out by a busy bee from the Association, under the direction of Mr. L. Short.

We appeal to the public of Gladstone who frequent this beach to refrain from depositing rubbish in these guards, as same may damage these young trees.

The Association appreciates the generosity of the Gondoon Street business man (who prefers to remain anonymous) for his substantial cheque to the Association. This money will play its part in the progress of our suburb.

We feel confident that with the Government and the Town Council co-operation the citizens of this badly neglected suburb will enjoy the conveniences they rightly deserve.—Yours, etc.,

J. F. O'MALLEY.
Hon Secretary South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association.

FREE EXPRESSION.

Sir,—In your "Observer" of 4th inst. in reply to the Trades and Labour Council Secretary, you state the columns of your paper are open to the expression of political views of all at all times.

Again, in reply to Mr. Rabnott, you state a good deal of publicity was given to the case for Communism through your columns.

Yes, I was given a good deal of latitude in advocating Communism, and the privilege was appreciated, but your reply to the Trades and Labour Council Secretary is not nearly as correct.

Just prior to the Federal elections there appeared in your journal an article contributed by H. Hardman Knight, urging all farmers to support Q.C.P. candidates at the elections, claiming this Queensland Country Party was something apart from the C.N.O. or any other similar organisation.

The aim of the article was to gull the farmers and split the farmer-worker-soldier unity, which the Communist Party had built up.

I replied to that article, clearly exposing the hook-up between the Qld. Country Party and the C.N.O. I traced their history over a perior of years, always arriving at the only possible conclusion—the various anti-labour parties were really one, and used different titles to attempt to gull different sections of people.

If your journal is, as you claim, "open to both sides for free expression of political views," will you please tell the public why you deliberately withheld my letter from publication.—Yours, etc.,

LEO FUNK.

The editor did not "deliberately" withhold from publication the letter mentioned by our friend, Mr. Funk. The plain outstanding legal fact is that the letter has never come into his possession, and Mr. Funk knows that Mr. Macfarlan does not do the things he is now accused of. It is rather serious to make an accusation of this kind, and especially in cold print. All papers, in reporting matters of such an nature, with a view to protecting themselves against defamation, use the word "alleged," but here no "alleged" is used. The law of the land compels Mr. Funk to make enquiries as to why his letter was not published, but he failed to make any enquiries at the "Observer" office to ascertain whether he was on safe legal grounds in making a "deliberate" accusation, which is not true. For instance, the particular letter now published was pushed under the door, and was blowing about the floor when discovered. If this letter had failed to reach the editor no doubt he would have again been accused of "deliberately" withholding from publication.—Ed. "Obs."

There are 17,250,000 women in Britain between the ages of 14 and 65. More than 10,000,000 are married. There are more than 9,000,000 children to be looked after. More than 7,000,000 of the women are employed in the Services or in industry.

BOXING

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Patrick Wins Easily

Fighting with speed, strength and versatility, which he has not shown since his early contests with Tod Morgan, Vic. Patrick (9.11½) belted his way to victory over Hockey Bennell (10.6½) for the welterweight championship at Sydney Stadium on Saturday night before a packed house.

Patrick won on a technical knock-out in the seventh round.

On the night's showing, Bennell's armour was not nearly heavy enough to cope with the high powered fighting kit of Vic. Patrick.

It can be truly said that one of Patrick's pile-driving punches was worth a dozen of Bennell's light fancy punches. To give Bennell his due, he entirely dropped the toe-dancing methods which have earned him disapprobation in the past.

Equipped with very light artillery, he stood up manfully, and on occasions traded punches with the stronger, harder hitting and much more destructive opponent.

It was apparent from the very first blow, in the opinion of the keen judges, that Bennell would be beaten. In fact, from his general demeanour one might not be blamed for thinking that Bennell himself shared that belief.

The queer part about the contest was that Patrick had beaten Bennell in the one department in which Bennell was expected to excel, that is speed. The lightweight champion was quicker, off the mark, a faster puncher, and also more versatile than his opponent. This came as a shock to Bennell's admirers, and also surprised Patrick's fans.

Outstanding elements in Patrick's victory centred in his destructive punching, complete sangfroid, and also complete indifference towards his opponent's hitting power.

Patrick moved forward all the time, forced the fighting from bell to bell in every round, barring several hectic flurries when Bennell rushed in by sheer fury of glove fighting and forced Patrick to the ropes.

Bennell, in flashes, boxed with some of the skill usually attributed to him, but in the main Patrick's non-stop attack and versatile use of both hands knocked Hockey completely out of his stride.

From the third round on the impression was given that the fight would not go the distance, and Patric was expected to win by a knock-out inside 10 rounds.

The end came in the seventh round. Bennell was bleeding badly in this round. The round was the last desperate flurry of a beaten man. Bennell put everything into it to stem the tide, but without avail.

He returned to his corner holding his right hand. Spasms of pain showed on his face as his seconds beckoned the referee, and then spoke to referee Wallis, who walked across to the doctor in the opposite corner.

Dr. Ken Smith examined Bennell's right hand, and Joe Wallis then crowned Patrick the winner on a technical knock-out.

The gate totalled more than £4000.

IGNORANT OF BIRTH

Unbelievable Story

An almost unbelievable story was told in Wellington (New Zealand) by a 23-year-old girl who had no idea she was to become a mother until her child was to be born. The girl lived alone.

At the inquest into her son's death she revealed that her ignorance was so great that she even attended a dance a few days before her confinement.

For three days after the birth she lay unattended in bed, too weak to summon assistance.

At the hospital she told a nurse her dead child was in a suitcase she had brought with her. A pathologist said the child's death was caused by inadequate attention. He conceded the mother's story was quite feasible.

The coroner returned a finding according to medical evidence, and said he could not find the girl culpable.

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IN ENGLAND

Air Industry Record

"The aircraft industry in England is now the largest single industry in the country, employing more than 1,000,000 workers," said the general manager of Qantas Empire Airways (Mr. Hudson Fysh).

Mr. Fysh has returned to Australia after spending five months in England and America on a survey of air transport.

Mr. Fysh forecast that the Allied mass raids over Europe would be the largest single factor in the ultimate defeat of Germany.

He said that in addition to the very fine types of British aircraft now in service, she had several new types which would considerably better current performances.

"I believe that the aircraft manufacturers of Britain, who have shown themselves masters in the production of military aircraft, will equal the world's best when they are able to turn their attention to the construction of civil planes," he said.

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In some cases applicants will not receive a Martini Enfield rifle, as insufficient stocks of this type are available to complete demands, but will receive other types of .303 rifles which have been released to complete the applications in hand.

The Army regrets that some unavoidable delay in delivering rifles to applicants may eventuate as the reconditioning and transportation of these rifles must take second place to stores that are urgently required in operational areas. This factor has resulted in some considerable time lapse before delivery has been effected, but every possible action, subject to operational priorities, is being taken to expedite the delivery of these rifles to the pastoralists who require them urgently for pest extrmination.

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"That is the essence of our democratic faith. If that corner stone is laid in the foundation of the new world of United Nations, the blot of the concept of minorities upon the fabric of our civilisation will be erased."—Mr. Sumner Welles, May 31, 1943.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

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Appeal For Returns

With a target set at 496,000 acres, compared with 399,000 acres estimated to have been sown in the 1942-43 season, vegetable plantings this year will be an all-time record.

So that the Commonwealth Food Controller (Mr. J. F. Murphy) shall know what progress is being made towards attaining this goal, it is essential that growers who have not yet completed their vegetable growers' return should do so at once and send the completed form to the Government Statistician in the capital city of their State.

Of 60,000 forms sent out to growers in all States, 50,000 have so far been returned. The remaining 10,000 are required urgently because the survey will be of little value unless it is complete.

Various factors have contributed to the delay in returning forms, one of the chief of which has been unfavourable weather making forecasts of sowings indefinite and difficult.

Mr. Murphy announces that if he can be given a complete picture of the vegetable industry immediately, and if growers tell him what factors are limiting maximum production, the food supply organisation may be able to take action to remove these obstacles while there is still time.

In view of the importance of planning the expansion of vegetable production now, farmers are asked to complete their outstanding returns at once.

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
8	2.37	3.51	9.22	10.41
9	4.05	5.15	10.36	11.53
10	5.36	6.26	11.45	——
11	6.48	7.25	12.57	12.48
12	7.46	8.17	1.54	1.46
13	8.39	9.05	2.45	2.40
14	9.26	9.49	3.32	3.32
15	10.10	10.32	4.16	4.23
16	10.55	11.13	4.59	5.11
17	11.40	11.45	5.40	6.02
18	——	12.24	6.20	6.53
19	12.35	1.09	7.01	7.47
20	1.19	1.59	7.45	8.45
21	2.10	2.56	8.34	9.49
22	3.16	4.05	9.31	10.54
23	4.36	5.16	10.34	11.55
24	5.52	6.18	11.34	——
25	6.51	7.08	12.49	12.30
26	7.39	7.51	1.35	1.20
28	8.56	9.05	2.50	2.46
29	9.34	9.37	3.25	3.25
30	10.04	10.08	3.56	4.04

THE MOON.

First Quarter .... September 7
Full Moon ..... September 14
Last Quarter .... September 21
New Moon ..... September 29

OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
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PLANNING FOOD PROGRAMME

Britain Points the Way

Australia has always been a land of plenty to eat. With the increasing restrictions of war she can only remain so if she scientifically plans the use she will make of her resources. In such planning the example of Britain can teach us a lot.

The British Government was determined from the very beginning that everyone should be fed adequately and without favour to any class.

Early in the war a Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Food and a Scientific Food Committee were appointed. Later a personal adviser to the Minister of Food was appointed to help with the medical aspects of food problems.

The Ministry of Food has research kitchens working in close co-operation with the Scientific Adviser. Each kitchen conducts experiments in the preparation and use of such new and unfamiliar foodstuffs as dried meat and dried eggs, and other imported concentrated foods.

Another example of methods used to improve general nutrition is the vitamin programme.

The Ministry aims at providing vitamins in the form of natural foods rather than enriching food artificially or supplementing deficient diets with such things as tablets and capsules.

Food Advice Bureaus have been opened throughout the country. Visiting Food Advice Kitchens are set up temporarily from time to time in empty shops in the busy streets of towns.

Refresher courses for teachers and social workers, and cooking classes for the general public, have attracted hundreds of thousands of people eager to teach and be taught.

AUSTRALIA'S CAMPAIGN.

Australia's nutritional campaign is now well under way. As Britain has had, Australia will have its difficulties and problems. As Britain has done, Australia can solve them by the same scientific and sustained effort.

But we must remember, above everything, as Britain did, that it is on each and every one of us, in our kitchens and vegetable gardens, in our strict elimination of waste, and in a hundred other everyday ways, that the job really falls.

FATE OF ROME

More Precious Than Stone

The fate of Rome is part of the tragedy of Europe.

Years ago the Axis partners, Germany and Italy, declared war on the spirit of man.

To-day the United Nations have learnt that the spiritual heritage of Europe can be saved only at the expense of its material possessions.

It is this bitter lesson which made inevitable the bombing of Rome. The glories of that great city belong not to Italy, but to the whole world.

What, however, can it profit the world if monuments remain while the spirit which built them has been destroyed?

The world knows to-day that the spirit which rose out of the ruins of London, of Warsaw, of Rotterdam, is a far more priceless inheritance than all Europe's monuments of stone.

Between 1910 and 1941 the population of India increased by 77,000,000.

Northern Ireland is now sending to England an average of 1,000,000 eggs and 10,000 gallons of milk a day.

The 45,000-ton battleship Iowa is 108 feet wide, only a few inches less than the width of the Panama Canal.

LAND ARMY GIRLS

Deliver The Goods

Tons of farm produce, grown and packed by Land Army girls, are now sold daily at the Newcastle markets. Vegetables grown by Land Army girls on a farm at Woodville, near Gresford, are well on their way to the markets by 6 o'clock each morning.

Joyce Lawrence, 21, formerly a Sydney stenographer, is the first Land Army girl to deliver goods to Newcastle vegetable agents. Each day she drives a heavy lorry with produce off the farm 40 miles to Newcastle.

The lorry is never late. Each morning it rolls to a stop in the markets punctually at 7.30. Joyce climbs on top of the load and begins throwing down pumpkins, cabbages and cauliflowers she helped to grow. Seven other girls working on the farm help her to load, but Joyce does all the unloading alone at the markets.

The agents, doubtful at first about relying on a girl, receive their produce early even on the coldest morning, and praise the way she handles the work.

After the market sales are completed Joyce delivers eggs to the district hospitals. Then she returns to the farm and the job she likes best—learning to drive a tractor.

VIENNA

No Longer City of Song

Gay, care-free Vienna, city of song and laughter. Recall "Tales of the Vienna Woods," and compare light-hearted Vienna of yesterday with the picture given to-day.

In an article on July 31, the Swedish newspaper "New Daily Jorunal" says:

Vienna is grey and vulgar. There is certainly no destitution, but the city is joyless and silent.

During recent months large German armament enterprises have been evacuated to Austria, and the Hermann Goering works are in Vienna and Linz.

Several thousand foreign workers and prisoners of war are employed.

In the evenings these people can be seen in their thousands in an amusement park, and the Prater is overcrowded with shabby, sullen conscripted workers who are often unruly.

One old Viennese says: "I no longer feel comfortable in the Prater. I always feel that a knife may be stuck into my back. I tell you they are only waiting for the day when we are at the end of our tether. Then they will turn on us, these foreign workers, and terrify the population."

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LONDON

To Be Remodelled

Mr. Ernest Brown, British Minister for Health, recently released figures showing the remarkable manner in which the people of Britain have been housed, fed and clothed efficiently and have maintained their health in spite of air attacks, blackouts, and lack of normal holidays.

The infant mortality rate in 1942 was the lowest on record at 49 per 1000 live births, while the maternal mortality rate had also fallen to around the low record figure of 2.47.

Widespread interest is being shown in the future lay-out of London. Enemy bombing has effected such remarkable clearances in large areas of the city that opportunity for replanning is greater than it has ever been since the Great Fire of 1666.

The London County Council has published a comprehensive scheme for remodelling the area, but there are tremendous tasks to be done in solving housing and traffic problems. It is a subject around which much controversy will rage, but there is evidence of a strong resolve everywhere that London shall this time be worthily remodelled.

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, estab. 1865, Sunday, September 12th,1943: 9.45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Worship and Young Worshippers' League, 3 p.m. Beraraby, 6.30 p.m. P.F.A. Bible Study Group, 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship Minister, the Revd. H. MacNeil Saunders M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH,Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 12th September: 11 a.m. preacher Mr. R. W. Lodder. 3 p.m. Sunday School 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher Mr. A. Blake. All are cordially invited to these services.

Engagement

PETERSON-MOORE.—The engagement is announced of Margery Enid, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore, of Gladstone, to Capt. Charles E. Peterson junr., U.S. Army, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peterson, of Glasgow, Montana, U.S.A.

Roll of Honour

BENTLEY.—In loving remembrance of our son, Cameron Bentley, QX 25709, who was killed in action on 17th August, 1943, in New Guinea. Aged 21 years and 11 months.

He Answered His Country's Call.

FEDERAL ELECTION.

For any reference in this issue that may be construed as bearing upon the Federal election, C. W. Macfarlan, Gondoon Stret, Gladstone, is responsible. All contributions on the election must carry (for publication) name and address of writer.

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CURRENT TOPICS

PRESBYTERIAN STREET STALL.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Guild will conduct a street stall next Thursday, October 16, in the Valley, next to the Niagara Cafe. Donations of jams, cakes, produce, sweets, etc., will be appreciated, and all goods can be left at the Manse.

WATERIDE UNION.

Owing to a shortage of labour on the Sydney waterfront, a stopwork meeting of watersiders admitted 800 new members to the union. The Federal Government has been requested to release from the fighting forces a number of union members to assist in working the ships.

UNDEVELOPED LAND TAX.

The Premier (Mr. Cooper), in the Legislative Assembly, gave notice of a Bill to suspend undeveloped land tax for the period of the war and for a prescribed time after the war. The announcement was greeted with cries of "Election coming!"

SALE OF WORK.

One of the outstanding events of the year is the annual sale of work of the Women's Guild of St. Saviour's Church of England, which will be held on Friday, October 1, in the Town Hall. Bishop Ash will be in attendance, and the function will be officially opened at 3 p.m. A variety of goods will be on sale, and the stalls include: Table, jumble, cake, produce, refreshment. Luncheon will be provided, and all roads should lead to the Town Hall on Friday, October 1.

GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Board was held in the Board Room yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. C. W. Macfarlan), and Messrs. W. R. Golding, E. W. Crow, C. S. Schache, R. S. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper). Apologies were received from Messrs. A. W. Drewe and J. F. Donovan, who were granted leave of absence from the meeting. The Gladstone Hospital Board wrote expressing its appreciation for the erection of the chimney stack by the Board's foreman and gang.—Received. Payments amounting to £1662/18/8 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £53/2/2 were passed for payment.

AMBULANCE DANCE AND EUCHRE.

An old-time dance and euchre was held in the Oddfellows' Hall last Wednesday night by Mesdames J. Bennedick, J. M. Schneider, and L. Padget, in aid of the Ambulance Brigade, and the sum of £9/0/7 was handed in by the ladies. Mr. D. Suhle acted as M.C., and carried out his duties in a most capable manner. Miss G. Ward supplied the music, and extras were played by Mrs. C. Stitt and Sergeant Rooney. Mr. D. D. Jackson had charge of the euchre. The waltzing competition was won by Mrs. R. McGregor and partner (Mr. Tutton). The Ambulance Committee appreciates the action of the ladies.

POLICE COURT

STEALING CHARGES

Wolff Convicted and Fined

Eugene Roy Wolff (30), carpenter, of Gladstone, appeared before the S.M. (Mr. S. Dwyer) in the Police Court, charged with:—

(1) Stealing one fence gate and fittings, valued at £2/10/-, the property of Joseph Matthew Schneider.

(2) With having in his possession seven 4-gallon D.D. motor spirit drums, 7 lbs. Gargoyle grease, and 10 lbs. universal grease, suspected of being unlawfully obtained.

Wolff pleaded guilty to the charges, and was remanded for sentence.

When Wolff appeared in court he was further charged with stealing 60 feet of 2in. galvanised iron piping, valued at £4/10/-, the property of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd.

Wolff pleaded guilty to the charge.

On each charge Wolff was convicted and fined £5, in default of immediate payment, imprisonment for one month with hard labour in the Brisbane Gaol, sentences to be cumulative.

The circumstances in respect to the first charge were that between June 1 and 7 the gate and fittings were removed from a gateway of a vacant fenced allotment in Toolooa Street.

The matter was reported to the police, and investigations were made by Constable Gerber. Later the defendant was interviewed at his home on the morning of September 3, and following a close interrogation Wolff admitted having stolen the gate and fittings, which were found in a shed at his residence.

Wolff was also questioned in regard to the D D drums of motor spirit and grease found in his possession, and he informed the police they had been given to him by Allied soldiers as payment for the use of his outboard motor boat.

When Wolff was further questioned regarding other drums in his possession, he admitted having one at his home. A search of his shed and house, made by Constables Gerber and Fels, revealed one additional drum in the shed and two in a bedroom of the house.

When Wolff was questioned in regard to the piping in his possession (which was connected from the bathroom to carry waste water to the yard), he admitted having stolen it early in June from behind the Ginnery on the mud flat.

The piping had been loaned to the American Army last year by the management of the Butter Factory, and had been connected to carry waste water from the Ginnery on to the mud flat from a military camp.

Sergeant Gill prosecuted.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

A.C.I. Gordon Barker, R.A.A.F., who has been spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barker, Auckland Street, left by Tuesday's mail train to rejoin his unit in the south.

Miss Shirley Greening, of Brisbane, who has been holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, of Auckland Street, will return south by to-day's mail train.

The many friends of Tommy Spencer, R.A.A.F., will be pleased to learn that he has successfully passed with honours his training medical examination, which was held in Melbourne recently. He is now posted at a Queensland station.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Seventy-fifth Anniversary

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, will celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the erection of the charge by the Presbytery of Rockhampton on October 3 and 4 next. Regular worship was organised in 1863 by the Revd. A. C. Smith, who was sent to Gladstone by the Synod of Queensland, thus making 80 years since Presbyterian worship was commenced.

The Moderator-elect, the Rev. D. A. Brown, accompaniel by the General Secretary, Mr. R. S. Byrnes, B.A., will visit Gladstone for this historic occasion. Special services will be held on Sunday, October 3, and a public meeting will follow on Monday, October 4.

HAMMER AND SCREW DRIVER

SUSPECTED OF BEING STOLEN CHARGE

Salgado Discharged

Francisco Gonsalvis Salgado (24), meatworker, appeared before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer) in the Police Court on Thursday, charged with having in his possession one claw hammer and a screw driver, suspected of being stolen.

Sergt. Gill prosecuted, and Mr. C. N. Joseph appeared for the defendant.

Evidence was given by Constable Gerber of having detected the articles at the defendant's house on August 7, while making a search in connection with another matter, and in consequence of other complaints he made another search of Salgado's house by virtue of a search warrant on August 13, when he took possession of the claw hammer, the screw driver, and three gallons of solvent that was suspected of being stolen.

Evidence was also given by John Arthur Bliss, canery foreman, employed by Swift Australian Company (Pty.) Ltd., who identified the hammer by two case nails inserted in the butt, and also the name "nail machine" and the letters "F.A.C." cut into the handle, which had been detected on the removal of a black substance from the handle.

John Leonard Myine stated he was a foreman employed at the works of Swift Australian Company (Pty.) Ltd., and he had made a complaint to the police regarding the loss of a quantity of tools from his motor car during the month of March last when left standing in close proximity to the Meat Works. He identified the screwdriver by general appearance as his property.

Mr. Joseph raised the point that there was no evidence of suspicion from the time the articles were taken possession of, and no continuance of suspicion up to the time the defendant appeared before the court on the charge.

The S.M. upheld the point raised by Mr. Joseph, and discharged the defendant.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal for Donations

Christmas hampers are now being prepared for packing and despatch so that every soldier, sailor, airman, nurse and service woman in the jungles of New Guinea, overseas, or in isolated areas, will receive during the festive season a hamper from the A.C.F.

Gladstone and district residents have in the past freely given to this appeal, and many have been the letters of gratitude received from recipients.

Queensland's quota is 30,000, and the price is the same as last year—7/6 for a single hamper, or three hampers for £1.

Donations for hampers may be sent to Mrs. J. W. Garrett or Mr. F. Peardon.

Each donation will be acknowledged through the columns of the "Gladstone Observer."

	£	s	d
Gladstone Ladies' Bowling Club	5	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding	1	0	0

ROLL OF HONOUR

CAMERON BENTLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Curran, of Tank Street, Gladstone, have been officially advised that Cameron Bentley had been killed in action in New Guinea. Prior to enlisting this bright lad was employed at the Meat Works, and was a keen sport, playing football for the Wallabies, and cricket for the Junior Norths. The deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Curran in the loss of a gallant lad.

BEER QUOTA.

No increase in the beer consumption quota fixed early this year is likely to be authorised by the Government, despite the contention that the production of more beer should be allowed to meet the higher demand in the summer. All reports agreed that since production had been regulated abuses in the use of liquor had declined and an improved position was evident in every big city.

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL

Fortnightly Meeting.

Various Matters Dealt With

The fortnightly meeting of the Gladstone Trades and Labour Council was held on Tuesday night. Present: Vice-President Mr. N. Willey, Secretary Mr. J. Gosschalk, and Messrs. C. Boles, L. Dennis and M. Thompson (Meatworks delegates), G. McCabe and H. Watts (building trade group), F. Hunt and M. Hines (carpenters and joiners).

In business arising out of the correspondence it was decided to furnish a copy of a report on tyre and tube prices received from the Deputy Price Fixing Commissioner to the editor of the "Observer" for the benefit of people of this town.

Among general business it was decided to draw the Town Council's attention to the breeding places for malarial mosquitoes in close proximity to dwellings in and around the town.

A suggestion was forwarded to cope with this matter.

It was also decided to bring the Council's attention to the lack of firewood, and the distribution of ice.

Suggestions were made in both instances for the Town Council's consideration.

A lengthy debate took place on post-war reconstruction, and the Employment Board.

Two delegates were elected to attend the meeting of the Employment Board, Messrs. V. Willey and M. Thompson.

TYRE AND TUBE PRICES.

Maximum prices under order No. 948 National Security (Prices) Regulation:

Third grade cover, red or black, 70/5 each.

Third grade tube, red, 4/- each.

First grade cover, black, or black and white, 13/- each.

First grade tube, black, 5/4 each.

Leggett's Heavy Duty or Dunlop L/W 27 x 1¼ cover, 14/6 each.

L.W. 27 x 1¼ tube, 5/4 each.

Thornproof Legget's or Dunlop cover, 19/10 each.

Thornproof extra heavy cover, 28/6 each.

Thornproof extra heavy tube, 5/11 each.

All these prices are Brisbane, and traders in areas outside Brisbane can add the cost actually incurred and properly attributable to the transport of such goods to the place of sale. Provided such amount is properly recorded in the books of the trader.

OBITUARY

MR. H. Y. MACKAY

One of the best known of the younger generation of district graziers, Mr. Herbert Young Mackay, passed away after a brief illness in the Gladstone District Hospital last Thursday, and the news was received with genuine regret throughout the town and country, where he was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

Deceased, who was 40 years of age, was the son of Mrs. G. J. Mackay, of West Gladstone.

When the late Mr. G. Y. Mackay died in 1937, the two sons, Herb and Jim, took over the grazing property "Callemondah" at Tableland, and carried on the business.

Young Herb was born and reared at Tableland, joining his father on the land in 1918, when additional property was added to the already large holding, which extends from the Callide Valley overlooking the cotton belt back to the mining fields at Tableland.

Deceased was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a prominent sportsman, and noted for his generosity and hospitality. Visitors to "Callemondah" for years had been welcomed to the Tableland by the late Mr. Mackay senr., and the son kept up the tradition.

He also took a keen interest in country sporting functions, being a supporter of camp drafts, rodeos, and other patriotic efforts, while district race meetings were always attended by the Mackays.

Deceased married Miss Ada Marshall, who survives him, and in addition to the brother James there is a sister, Dorothy (Mrs. Frank Ward, of Brisbane).

The funeral took place on Friday, Rev. MacNeil Saunders officiating, and also reading the Masonic service.

There were numerous tributes and wreaths, and expressions of sympathy from friends all over the State.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

PRISONER OF WAR SCHEME

"May God Bless You"

The following letter, received by the Red Cross from a "digger" who has arrived back in Australia after having spent more than two years in an Italian prisoner of war camp, speaks for itself:—

"Digger" Ray A. Penhaligan, of Clayfield, writes:—

"I am a man with a duty to perform—an obligation to fulfil. I have been entrusted with this mission by many men, and I know that it is one which thousands of others by the dictate of their hearts would have me fulfil.

"This mission is that I should do the outmost in my power, let the people of Australia know just what the Red Cross organisation is doing for the prisoners of war in Italy."

"Various appeals for funds for prisoners of war have met with gratifying results, showing the generosity and sympathy of their subscribers, but there are those sceptics, and I have met several who doubt whether those for whom money was given ever received benefit from it.

"Let me, as one who has been a prisoner of war in Italy for over two years, say that most definitely benefit from these subscriptions does reach the men. More than that, the Red Cross is veritably saving the lives of those thousands of exiles—that is what the Red Cross is doing.

"I am not being melodramatic, nor am I seeking commiseration for myself; I am offering this affirmation of the fact that the weekly food parcels and regular supplies of clothing and medical and sporting goods have turned a decidedly grim existence into a moderately comfortable one for them. But this is no time for us to relax.

"We, I say we, must continue giving this help which I, as but few others can assure you, is giving such satisfactory results.

"I offer this to show in a little way the heartfelt thankfulness and appreciation that I and those many others who are still in prisoner of war camps do feel.

"Would that I could personally thank every donor of every penny to your funds. May God bless you and your helpers in your such noble work."

This letter merely endorses what Phillip Taylor, Len Cowan, and others have written to relatives here from prison camps in Italy, etc.

CALLIOPE STATION STUD

AT BRISBANE SHOW

A Creditable Display

Messrs. Wilson & McDouall, of Calliope Station, showing polled herefords of their own breeding for the first time, were successful with their only two exhibits in carrying off both male and female reserve championships at the recent Brisbane Show. These two champions, Calliope Woodrow and Calliope Texas Cora, are both from the successful breeding cow Texas Cora 4th (imp. U.S.A.), imported by this stud in 1938, and both were reserved from sale for use in the stud.

This firm also showed three hereford bulls and one heifer, gaining fourth place with Calliope Marlute 2nd in a strongly contested class of 28 bulls under 18 months, and third prize with Calliope Fancy 20th, heifer under two years.

Details of the sales of these four head were as follows:—

Calliope Young Royal 683rd to J. E. Searle, Toowoomba, at 110 guineas.

Calliope Cavalier to L. R. Schwennson, Roma, at 180 guineas.

Calliope Marlute 2nd to McCord & Co., Eidsvold, at 190 guineas.

Calliope Fancy 20th to J. E. Zillman, Eidsvold, at 200 guineas.

These four head averaged 170 guineas.

INDUSTRIES AND COUNTRY TOWNS.

Investigations which are being made by the State Government have in view the building up of industries around country towns and inland from the coastal belt after the war.

The Minister for Mines (Mr. Gair) gave a hint of the possibility of the rationing of gas and electricity and the curtailment of rail traffic. He appealed to the public to reduce the pressure on coal supplies by avoiding waste in light, power and heating.

MT. LARCOM

7th ANNUAL RODEO

Gross Takings £320

The seventh annual rodeo, held in aid of the Mount Larcom Ambulance Brigade, was conducted under adverse weather conditions last Saturday.

Rain fell throughout the day, which marred the attendance considerably, but the programme was carried out successfully. Had the weather not taken a hand all previous records would have been smashed, both for the day and the grand ball at night.

The gross takings, notwithstanding the unfavourable conditions, realised approximately £320. Mr. F. G. Knight, of Bundaberg, acted as judge.

One feature on the ground, which was of valuable assistance to the Secretary, was the installation of loud speakers conducted by Mr. R. Snell, of Biloela.

The committee is very fortunate in having Mr. C. H. Buss, of "Euroa," who takes a keen interest in Ambulance affairs, most generously providing the cattle and the use of his yards for the holding of this annual function.

Too much praise cannot be extended to Mr. E. McGuire (secretary) for the manner in which he carried out his duties, his committee, the ladies, and many others who assisted to make the day a success.

Following are the results:—

Maiden camp draft: O. C. Christensen's Coral (Evers) 1, A. Beasley's Skeeter 2, M. Bill's Dolly 3.

Novice camp draft: H. A. Burgess' Mazurka 1, O. C. Christensen's Coral 2, J. Martin's Quicksilver and Jim Rideout's Laurel (tie) 3.

Open camp draft: H. A. Burgess' Flashlight and Rainbow tied for first, W. Divine's Lightning and O. Christensen's Laura tied for third.

Open flag race: S. T. Offord's Trinket 1, J. Bruce's Bonny Boy 2.

Maiden flag race: J. Bruce's Bonny Boy 1, J. Bruce's Poppinjay 2.

Open bending race: J. Bruce's Bonny Boy 1, W. Divine's Bobbing 2'

Maiden bending race: C. McKean's Boy 1, W. Divine's Bobbing 2.

Open bullock riding: Kevin Evers 1, G. Grey 2.

Maiden bullock riding: G. Gray 1, J. Wright 2.

Catching rooster: K. Ahchay.

Ladies' nail driving: Miss M. Nothling.

Stepping distance: F. Tappenden.

Throwing at wicket: E. Hodgon.

Guessing height of pole: A. Hancox, R. Foley, F. Gilbert, and R. McCamley, all tied.

Guessing seeds in bottle: K. Leahy.

The grand ball, held in the evening, was very largely attended. Mr. E. McGuire carried out the duties of M.C. in a most efficient manner.

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MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, September 17.

The convenor, Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenor, or at Gladstone Cash and Carry, or Mrs. Macfarlan.

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QUEENSLAND RAILWAYS. Examination for Trade Apprentices, Central Division. Applications, which must be on the proper printed form, will be received by the Secretary, Railway Offices, Adelaide Street, Brisbane, until 19th September, 1943, for the position of Trade Apprentice in the Central Division. Applicants must have attained their fifteenth birthday and not have exceeded their sixteenth birthday on the date of closing of applications. Successful candidates will be required to produce definite proof of age and pass the prescribed medical examination prior to appointment. The subjects of the educational examination consist of Arithmetic and Dictation equal to the seventh grade standard in State Schools. The securing of a pass does not necessarily entitle candidates to employment, as the number to be appointed is governed by the vacancies in which they can be placed.—J. L. E. Lingard, secretary.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1943

11 A.M. VETERANS' SERVICE. Preacher, the Revd. D. A. BROWN, the Moderator-Elect.

3 P.M. PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Fascinating Address, entitled "With the A.I.F. in the Middle East." Speaker, Mr. R. S. BYRNES, B.A., General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. Offering for Church Funds.

7.30 P.M. COMMEMORATION SERVICE, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. THE MINISTER, assisted by the REVD. D. A. BROWN.

MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER, 1943

PUBLIC MEETING in the Watt Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. Admission, Adults 2/-, Children 6d. Bright and interesting programme. Greetings from Past Ministers, Reminiscences of St. Andrew's History, Addresses by Visiting Ministers, Lantern Views of the Aboriginal Mission and the Holy Land. Supper.

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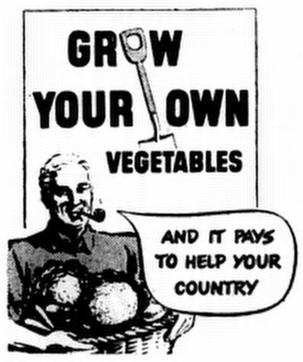

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Nothing is more vital to the success of any garden enterprise than preparing the soil properly.

If your soil is heavy

It will need deep digging, cultivating, draining and lightening, after which it will be excellent for most crops. The addition of sand, decayed strawy horse manure, leaf mould and compost will help to make heavy soil lighter. Liming and the addition of wood ashes is also advised.

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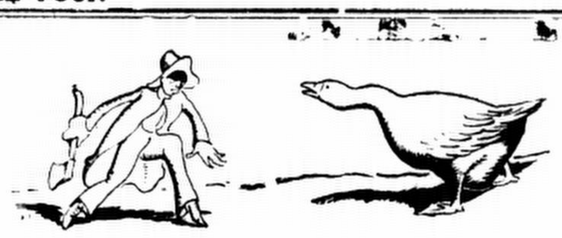

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What Censorship Means

In spite of the fact that Australia has been at war for nearly four years, there is still a large percentage of the people who do not understand what censorship means, and why it exists.

The primary reason for censorship is to prevent vital information falling into enemy hands. Vital information is a phrase which covers a multitude of subjects, a few of which are:

Information about our munitions, our weapons, our aircraft, the location of aerodromes, factories and defences, the movements of shipping and troops, our morals, and our weather.

You may ask the question: "If I write this in a letter, how is it going to reach the enemy?"

There are several ways, the most likely being the interception of a mail steamer or plane by an enemy ship. This has been done on many occasions, and you may be sure that the mails are removed for a careful perusal. A case was quoted recently of a letter posted by a woman in Coburg which arrived at its destination in Ireland after having been passed by the German censor.

Many bitter remarks about the censor are made in letters by a small section of the community who seem to regard the censor as their enemy. This attitude is hard to understand when you consider that the very people who revile the censor have friends and relations whose lives can be endangered by the pieces of information which th censor considers it his duty to delete from their letters.

Consider the case of a person who wrote: "The Military are back at—— I don't know what they are doing, but they are building a big concrete affair and have listening apparatus. It looks as though they are going to mount an anti-aircraft gun or something."

That information didn't reach the enemy, but if it had, he could have made good use of such a piece of news.

The censor is doing a job of national importance, and should be regarded as a friend rather than an enemy. His duty is to protect,not to annoy people.

Yet another point on which you may not be clear is the question: "Why should I bother to take care in what I write when the censor is there to look after it?"

There are two answers to that question. The first is that the censor is a human being, and not an infallible machine, and he can very easily miss a piece of information.

When a person has read hundreds of letters during the day—and there are few things more boring than other people's letters—there is every chance of a small apparently irrelevant item of news slipping through. The other answer to the question is that it must be rather unsatisfactory for your correspondent to try reading a letter with large pieces deleted.

So much for what censorship means. Now for what it does:—

When the censor finds an offending passage in a letter he may simply delete it and release the letter. But if the case is particularly serious he makes a copy of the offensive matter and forwards it to the proper authorities—in this case the Commonwealth Security Service. It is then up to this Service to decide whether the writer of the letter should be warned or prosecuted. National Scurity Regulations provide for a penalty of £100 fine or six months' imprisonment, or both, for breaches of the censorship regulations.

Recent prosecutions in Victoria for careless letter writing and talking have resulted in the following penalties:—

(1) A toolmaker fined £10 for writing about his work in a munition factory.
(2) A chemist fined £20 for a similar offence.
(3) A marine surveyor fined £20 for writing about shipping movements.

This is briefly what censorship means, so it's up to letter writers to play safe, not only for their own sakes, and thereby avoid a penalty, but for the sake of our fighting services, whose very lives may be endangered by careless chatter. Think twice before you write once.

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10	5.36	6.26	11.45	——
11	6.48	7.25	12.57	12.48
12	7.46	8.17	1.54	1.46
13	8.39	9.05	2.45	2.40
14	9.26	9.49	3.32	3.32
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16	10.55	11.13	4.59	5.11
17	11.40	11.45	5.40	6.02
18	——	12.24	6.20	6.53
19	12.35	1.09	7.01	7.47
20	1.19	1.59	7.45	8.45
21	2.10	2.56	8.34	9.49
22	3.16	4.05	9.31	10.54
23	4.36	5.16	10.34	11.55
24	5.52	6.18	11.34	——
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THE MOON.

First Quarter .... September 7
Full Moon ..... September 14
Last Quarter .... September 21
New Moon ..... September 29

OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	3.18	3.45
30	10.12	10.15	3.49	4.29
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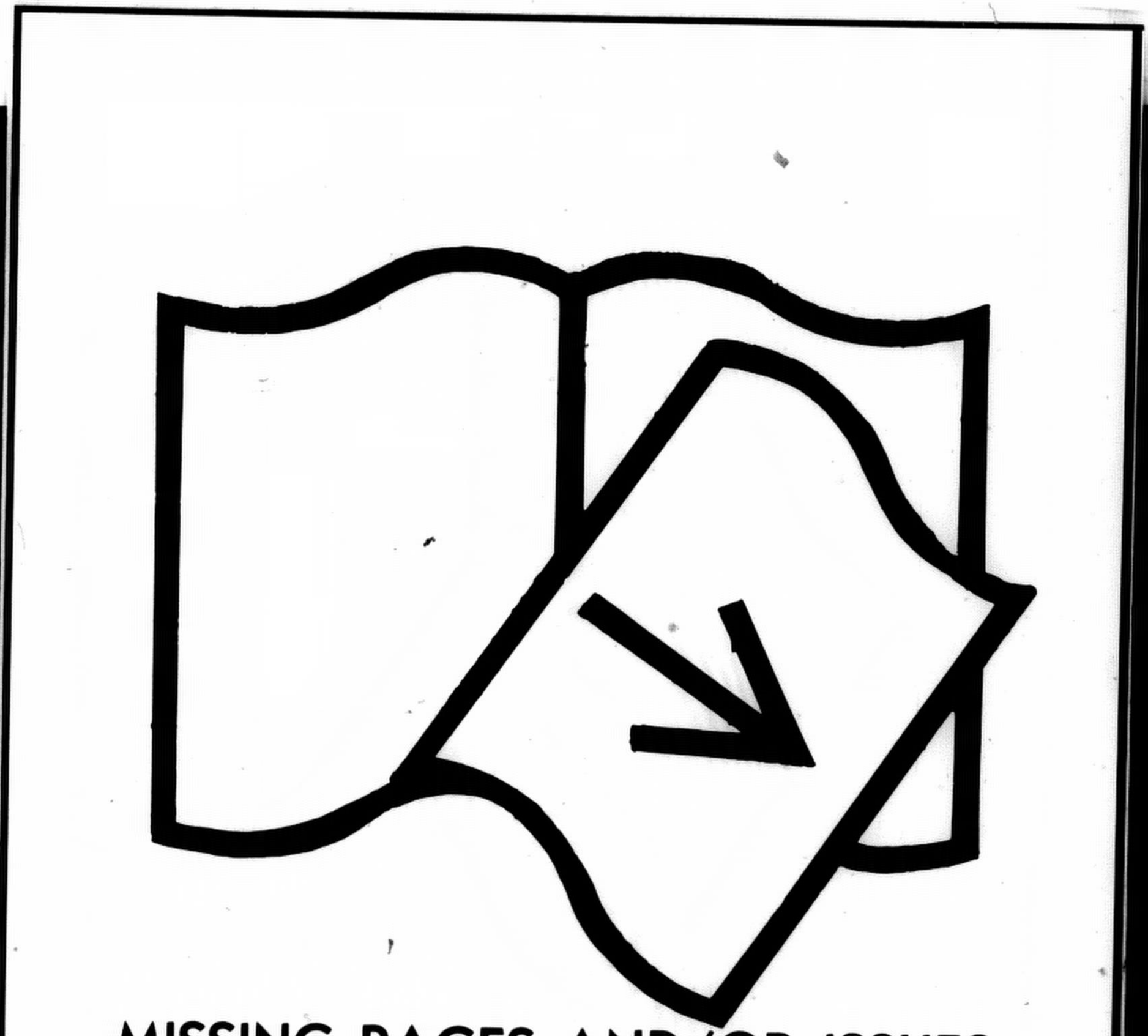

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Food Production

Few nations have a more expert knowledge of food production than China.

The difficulties which confront other nations in times of emergency is ever present in China. Her ancient agricultural economy, her enormous population, and constant preoccupation of how to feed them, have made her learn all there is to know about the production of food.

China is the oldest and largest agricultural country in the world. Her total area of farm land is 232 million acres, supporting a population of 450 millions.

The worst enemies of the Chinese farmer are floods, droughts, insect pests, and the exhaustion of lands which have been cultivated for thousands of years.

All these enemies can be defeated by modern methods. China has a huge agricultural programme, which is under way already, and the Chinese Government is advancing farmers' education, supplying cheap credit, and has started hundreds of rural co-operatives. As a result, Szechwan and the North-west have produced record crops of wheat and rice, China's staple foods, in the past few years.

Distribution of food is as important as production. As early as the 6th century the Chinese built the 1000-miles long canal known as the Shipping Food Canal. To-day China plans to build new railways and roads, and so transport food more quickly to the consuming areas.

To combat the danger of recurrent famine, the Chinese are going to bring up to date their ancient equalisation granary system.

The Governments of old China used to purchase grain from the people in the fat years and sell it to them at cost prices in lean years. The present day idea of buffer stocks is a modern version of what the Chinese were doing centuries ago.

After six years of war the food position in China has never been more acute. But the plan of the oldest farming country is in many ways a model for the world.

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VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

"Grow Your Own" Campaign

The civilian population of Australia is day by day assuming a more important place in the fight to maintain the freedom of the world. A short time ago concern was expressed because of the piling up of foodstuffs due to shipping shortage. Now concern is expressed because in many directions we need more foodstuffs. The explanation, of course, lies in the simple fact that more and more people are becoming directly dependent upon Australia for food supplies.

The latest responsibility which civilians are to undertake is that of growing vegetables for their own needs in the home gardens. A campaign to stimulate home growing of vegetables was launched a few weeks ago by Mr. W. J. Scully, Commonwealth Minister for Commerce and Agriculture, under the title of "Grow Your Own."

Commonwealth and State Departments of Agriculture have combined efforts to stimulate production of home-grown vegetables in the campaign which will be conducted through the medium of the press, radio and schools. Special pamphlets giving instructions in preparation of seed, beds and the sowing and care of plants are also being distributed, and they are available to home gardeners on application to State Departments of Agriculture.

Australia's "Grow Your Own" campaign is in line with similar campaigns in Great Britain and America. Britain's "Dig For Victory" campaign was the solution to her food problems when imports shrunk to their present meagre proportions.

It was this phase of her war effort which undoubtedly enabled her to survive the blockade.

America too has turned attention to "Home Growing of Vegetables." Although America's programme for commercial production of vegetables is probably more efficient than that of any other nation, it is not considered adequate to meet her requirements, and she has launched a home-growing campaign on a large scale.

Commonwealth and State Governments which are co-operating in the Australian project indicate that householders are being regarded as part of the national planning machinery to meet requirements and that by producing vegetables at home they are relieving the commercial market for demand of that food.

The vegetables and commodities which they do not buy because they eat what they produce themselves will, of course, go to the fighting forces.

It is pointed out also that if in addition to growing more vegetables householders increase the quantity of vegetables which they now eat, their demands for meat, butter and other commodities which are so much needed foodstuffs can then be increased.

COMMERCIAL POTATO GROWERS

Must Register

Unless all commercial potato growers, irrespective of the area grown by them, are registered by September 30, they will not receive payment of any potato subsidy for old potatoes.

The Commonwealth potato controller (Mr. A. Foster) stated the Commonwealth Government's plan to sell potatoes at 5 lbs. for 6d was to offset the increase in the cost of living and it was necessary to extend registration to all commercial growers.

Growers already under contract with the Australian Potato Committee or registered with a State organisation under State legislation would automatically be registered, and need not make fresh application.

ORANGE PEEL

Rich In Vitamins

Australian scientists have proved in the last few months that the skins of Australian oranges and lemons and grapefruit—the peels everyone used to throw away—contain more of the anti-scurvy vitamin C than the fruit inside them.

They have also discovered that marmalade made in a special way from orange skins is richer in vitamin C than pure orange juice.

Because enormous quantities of citrus fruits are being processed to extract their juices for troops far away from fresh food supplies, oranges and lemons and grapefruit are not so plentiful in Australia as they used to be.

A quarter of the Australian orange crop this year is going to the troops, half the lemon crop, and all the market grapefruit. That can only mean that both troops and civilians need to make the most of all the fruit—skins and all.

Australians used to throw away thousands of tons of orange and lemon peels every year.

The new discovery that the orange skin contains twice as much vitamin C as the fruit inside it, and that the grapefruit contains four times as much vitamin as the grapefruit itself, looks like revolutionising our jam making.

The skins should be made into marmalade. As soon as possible after you have peeled your oranges, or squeezed them for their juice, drop them whole into boiling water in a jam boiler, and let them boil a few minutes. Then take them out, and without any more delay than you can help, shred them finely. Be sure you boil before shredding, because that kills the enzymes, which otherwise would destroy the vitamin when you let the air into the broken skin cells by shredding.

Then you can make your marmalade in the ordinary way. It can be made entirely of orange or lemon or grapefruit peel, provided you add plenty of lemon juice to provide an acid that will make the marmalade jelly. If you don't get acid into it that way, you will find the marmalade merely sticky or watery instead of having a firm jelly base, for the peels alone contain no acid, and you can't get jelly without acid.

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Engagement

RIDEOUT-BROWN.—The engagement is announced of Vera Myrtle, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Browe, "Riverview," Talaba, to Richard Thomas, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rideout, of Calliope.

METHODIST CHURCH.Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 19th September: 11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Thanks.

MRS. HERB. MACKAY, Tableland, MRS. D. MACKAY, Gladstone, and Family, wish to thank all kind relatives, friends, and neighbours for their floral tributes, telegrams, letters, cards, and expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness in their recent sad bereavement.

Will all please accept this as our personal thanks.

MR. and MRS. T. CURRAN, of Tank Street, Gladstone, wishes to thank their friends and relatives and enquirers for their messages of sympathy in their recent tragic bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

GREEN.—In memory of our baby daughter, Barbara Ann Green.

God has taken home our darling:
Placed our bud among His flowers.
Taken back the child he lent us
To a better world than ours.

(Inserted by her loving mother, father, and brother.)

GENFORD.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother (Jim), who passed away on the 20th September, 1941.

Deep in our hearts a memory is kept
Of one we loved and shall never forget.
A smiling face, a heart of gold,
One of the best this world could hold.
A beautiful life came to an end:
He died as he lived, everyone's friend.

(Inserted by his loving father, mother and sister.)

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CURRENT TOPICS

INCREASE IN POLICE FORCE.

An increase in the personnel of the Queensland Police Force from 1680 to 1791 is provided for in the departmental estimates of expenditure tabled in Parliament this week. This increase will bring the salary list of the force up to £591,247 for this year, compared with £531,556 last year. War conditions in this State, with the increased population and civil defence work, have necessitated the strengthening of the force.

FOOD AND RAW MATERIALS.

Dealing with the changed war position in Australia, the Premier, Mr. Cooper, said now that the threat of invasion had been removed we should take stock of our position. There was a definite call to us to make greater efforts in the direction of supplying the Allied Forces and the Mother Country with food and raw materials, but this change did not envisage nor entail any slackening of our war effort.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAX.

Mr. Curtin, commenting on London reports that pay-as-you-earn taxation had been recommended and was likely to be adopted, said that any workable proposal which may be developed by the British Government would be examined by the Federal Government. Pay-as-you earn taxation was rejected by the Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) in the last Parliament. There are indications that some of the new members of the Labour Caucus are well disposed to the scheme, and it may be revived as part of the post-war policy of the Government.

THANKS FOR OTTLES.

Mrs. W. R. Golding, treasurer of the Red Cross Society, recently required a large number of empty bottles for jam and pickles for the Paddy's market, and the appeal was brought under the notice of the head teacher (Mr. F. C. Thompson), who asked the school children to assist. The response was very gratifying, about 150 bottles being delivered to Mrs. Golding. The best thanks of the branch are due to the scholars for their assistance. Any further bottles may be left at Mrs. Golding's residence, Auckland Street.

PRISONERS OF WAR

IN JAPANESE HANDS

Darcy Walters and Pat Flanagan

Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters, of Auckland Hill, Gladstone, have received information that their son, Gunned Darcy Walters, is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands.

The advice came in a post card dated July, 1942, and sent through the International Red Cross at Geneva.

In a brief communication the Gladstone man said that he was safe and in good spirits, and looking forward to his return home after the war.

This is the first news received concerning Darcy since he was last seen wounded just prior to the fall of Singapore.

A fellow digger who got away at the time said that the Gladstone boy had his head heavily bandaged, and asked that his parents be advised that he was otherwise alright.

Then followed a very long and anxious period for relatives and friends, and despite close contact with names given on the radio, etc., no information could be secured.

Many feared that Darcy had succumbed to his injuries, but several staunch friends were confident that he would survive the crisis.

Gunner Walters was on the clerical staff of Swifts Aust. (Pty.) Company Ltd. at the time of his enlistment, and he was one of the early batch which went to Malaya.

Extremely popular, particularly with the younger section of town and district residents, the news of his safety was received with feelings of relief and gratitude, and the parents were the recipients of many congratulatory messages from a host of friends all over the district.

Lieut. Clive Moore, Lieut. W. ("Billy") McGeever, and the Muspratt brothers are others who have at various times been reported as prisoners of war in that area.

GUNNER PAT FLANAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. M. Flanagan, of Bramston Street, Gladstone, have received word contained in a post card, dated 20th June, 1943, that their son, Gunner Patrick James Flanagan, was a prisoner of war in Japanese hands.

The many friends of the genial Pat will be delighted to learn that he was not wounded, and was in the best of health.

It will be remembered that Gunner Flanagan went through the Malayan campaign, and was at Singapore when it fell.

On May 19 last Mrs. Flanagan was officially notified that her son had been interned in a Malayan camp.

It is to be hoped that the next mail will bring news from many other local boys who went through the Malayan campaign.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY MEETING

Comforts For "Gladstone"

At the usual monthly meeting of the A.C.F. there were present: The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan) Hon. Treasurer (Mrs. A. D. Hopper), Hon. Secretary (Mrs. J. W. Garrett), and Mesdames W. Chapman, C. Chapman, Richards, Turner, Wood Keller, J. Worthington, Jones, and Stewart. Apologies were received from Mesdames H. C. Smith, Beutell, and Burnham.

Accounts amounting to £50/14/9 were passed for payment.

SEWING AND KNITTING CIRCLE.

The convenors of the Sewing and Knitting Circle (Mesdames R. Jones and J. Worthington) submitted the following report for the month ended 10/9/43:—111 mess bags, 171 washers, 12 suits pyjamas, 35 handkerchiefs, 51 pairs socks.

Books and magazines were received from Mrs. Waite (Ubobo), Mr. H. Ballantine (Galloway Plains), and Mesdames Coppin, T. Dwyer, Hando, Menzies (Stowe), Patrick, Horne (Calliope), Leo Roebuck, Jas. Worthington, Blain, Dwyer, Ferguson, A. Horne (Calliope), gramophone records.

COMFORTS FOR "GLADSTONE"

The quarterly issue of comforts has been forwarded to H.M.A.S. Gladstone from this branch.

AUGUST STALL £45.

The result of the August street stall was £45.

COMFORTS TO HEADQUARTERS.

A case of comforts was packed and dispatched to headquarters, containing 68 mess bags, 4 prs. pyjamas, 263 handkerchiefs, and 48 pairs socks.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

NEW JOINT SECRETARY

Mr. Roe O'Neill Appointed

At the monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society, Mr. Roe O'Neill was appointed joint hon. secretary (with Mr. V. A. Summers) in place of Mrs. P. F. Browne, who had to resign the position last month on account of ill-health.

In introducing the new joint secretary to members, Mr. V. A. Summers said that he felt sure the increasing work of the branch would be greatly relieved. However, the Society was urgently needing the loan of a typewriter (portable for preference) so that Mr. O'Neill could deal with some of the correspondence at his home.

The new joint secretary was welcomed by the Acting President (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and other officers, who extended their best wishes.

The resignation of Mrs. Browne was accepted with regret, reference to her excellent work in assisting Mr. Summers during recent months being placed on record.

TYPEWRITER WANTED

Any supporter able to loan or hire a typewriter to the branch is kindly asked to get in touch with Mr. Summers, 'phone 163, or the publicity officer (Mr. Connellan), at the Gladstone Agencies.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Various Matters Dealt With

The usual monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Q.C. Association was presided over by Mrs. W. Chapman (vice-president) in the absence of Mrs. Phillips (president), who is ill in hospital.

There was a fair number of members present, and a few apologies were received.

The meeting opened with the singing of "My Creed," followed by two minutes' silent prayer for the fighting forces and those bereaved.

Among the correspondence were several letters conveying congratulations to the branch on its achievement of raising £50 towards the purchase of the Service Girls' Hostel, "Hollyrood," in Brisbane.

Mrs. Chandler, D.V.P., suggested that the Association should purchase a picture of Gladstone, to be hung in the Gladstone room.

Mrs. R. Woods donated a very nice cushion, to be sent to the hostel. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Woods.

In the absence of Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Beale reported that the euchre evenings were very sociable.

The Secretary reported that no distress work or travellers' aid had been required this month.

"Havarest" was still occupied and in good order.

The Rest Room is engaged for two parties, and a donation was received from the V.A.D.'s per the quartermaster for same.

Hospital visiting had been carried on during the month by Mesdames Phillips and W. Chapman. Mesdames Norton and Baynton have offered to visit this month, and would be glad of reading matter.

The convenor reported that good work had been done by the camouflage netmakers. Several are almost completed, and plenty of twine is on hand.

It was proposed by Mrs. Burnham, seconded by Mrs. Gerber, that Mrs. Chapman (supervisor) be sent as a delegate by the Younger Set to the annual divisional meeting.

It was proposed by Mrs. Beale, seconded by Mrs. Norton, that the President (Mrs. Phillips) and Mrs. Baynton (V.P.) be the delegates for the branch, and Mrs. Burnham, as Council members.

Members expressed sympathy to the President and all wished her a speedy recovery from her illness. The Secretary is to convey this to her.

The mystery parcel (donated by Mrs. Burnham) was won by Mrs. Beale. Mesdames Connellan and Ricketts have in Australia.
kindly donated a parcel each.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Chapman for conducting the meeting.

A dainty afternoon tea was then served.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

SERIOUS CHARGES

STEALING RAILWAY PROPERTY

Defendants Convicted and Fined

Kevin William McLaughlin (24), loco. fireman, and Ray Bernard Lawes (22), acting loco. fireman, appeared in the Police Court on Tuesday before the S.M. (Mr. M. Dwyer) on a charge of conjointly attempting to steal one oil air filter, valued at approximately £2, the property of the Commissioner of Railways.

PLEADED GUILTY.

McLaughlin and Lawes elected to be dealt with summarily, and pleaded guilty to the charge. They were convicted and each fined £5, to be paid forthwith, in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour in Brisbane Gaol.

In the afternoon of the same day both men again appeared in the Police Court before Messrs. J. Donovan and C. Bycroft, J's.P., on a charge of conjointly stealing two pieces of sponge rubber and a piece of canvas, valued at £3, the property of the Commissioner of Railways.

In answer to the charge both men pleaded guilty, and were convicted and each fined £1, in default 14 days' imprisonment, the sentences to be concurrent.

A WISE HEAD.

The circumstances surrounding the first case was that about 8 p.m. on September 13, Constable Gerber was at his house, which is in the vicinity of the railway yards, when he heard an unusual noise, as if a tarpaulin was being torn.

MAN FOLLOWED.

Constable Gerber kept that portion of the railway yard under observation for a brief period, and he saw a man appear from behind the railway waggons wearing a white shirt, and proceed in the direction of the Auckland Point Jetty. The man was immediately followed by Constable Gerber, when he disappeared under a house near the railway property.

SMALL TORCH USED.

Constable Gerber concealed himself under a railway waggon for a short period, and subsequently noticed a similarly dressed man returning to that portion of the railway yard. He then investigated, and discovered a man lying alongside the railway waggon. This man jumped to his feet, and Constable Gerber crossed two lines of railway waggons, and then saw the defendants standing in a railway waggon looking under the bonnet of a military vehicle with the use of a small torch.

SPANNERS FOUND.

Constable Gerber questioned both men as to what they were doing, and they stated they were just having a look at the engine of the vehicle. They were conveyed to the Police Station, where a large shifting spanner and a small one were found in the possession of McLaughlin.

A SEARCH MADE.

Constable Gerber and Fels carried out a search of the railway waggon, the vehicle, and surroundings, and they found the oil air filter, the subject of the first charge, in long grass near the railway waggon. It was discovered that the oil air filter had been removed from the engine of the vehicle, and that an effort had been made to remove the studs that supported the carburetor. On being further interrogated, McLaughlin stated that he had only been there to get a couple of bolts.

OFFENCE ADMITTED.

Both defendants finally admitted committing the offence, and they were then arrested and charged.

SECOND CHARGE.

In respect to the second charge, the articles the subject of the charge, were found in a house by Constable Gerber at about mid-day on September 14. This was the house where Lawes was seen to disappear the previous night.

CLOSELY QUESTIONED.

McLaughlin and Lawes were closely questioned regarding this offence, and admitted having stolen the sponge rubber and canvas from the motor vehicle on the railway waggon.

CANVAS RIPPED OFF.

It was discovered that the canvas had been quite recently ripped off the seat of the military vehicle on the railway waggon.

First-class Sergeant Gill prosecuted in both cases.

A.T.C. FAREWELL

Corporal K. Flack

A very pleasant social evening was held in the Parish Hall on Monday night, when the A.T.C. entertained a large gathering of friends.

During the evening games, competitions, and community singing was enjoyed by all.

Opportunity was also taken to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of Corporal R. Flack, who is now eligible for call-up in the R.A.A.F.

A dainty supper was prepared and partaken of at 10.30 p.m. A nicely decorated cake was a feature of the setting.

Mrs. C. Ryalls, in a happy speech, proposed the toast of "Kev.," and made reference to the comradeship and kindness displayed by the cadets. She wished Kev. many happy returns, and good flying in the R.A.A.F.

Mr. Len. George supported the toast.

Kev., in real cadet style, thanked all those present for the enjoyable evening given on his behalf. Since coming to Gladstone, some four years ago, he had made many friends, and would have many regrets at leaving Gladstone when called up in the R.A.A.F. His sporting pals in hockey and other games in which he had played had proved themselves a great lot of chaps, entering into the sport for the love of the game, and taking defeat equally as well as winning. He particularly thanked the Rigby family for the many enjoyable evenings he had spent at their home.

Jim Cullen, a former air cadet, and his cobber, Bill Bushe, of Sydney, but now in the service, who were home on leave, were present, and gave an interesting talk on their experiences.

The cadets provided and carried out all arrangements in connection with the supper in real cadet fashion.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a very pleasant evening.

OBITUARY

MR. P. J. C. McDOUALL.

A well-known and highly respected former resident of the district, Mr. Patrick James Crichton McDouall, passed away in Sydney on September 9 at the age of 95 years.

Born at "New Freugh," Singleton, in 1848, the late Mr. McDouall spent his early life in the Hunter River district of New South Wales.

At the age of 14 years he left school to conduct his father's property, "New Freugh," and in 1882 married Miss Laura May Swanston, who pre-deceased him about three years ago.

In 1905 Mr. McDouall went into partnership with Mr. J. L. Wilson, and they purchased Calliope Station.

He managed Calliope Station, while Mr. J. L. Wilson and his son (Mr. C. McDouall) were on active service during the first World War, and in 1919 retired to live at Killara, near Sydney.

Mr. McDouall continued to take a keen interest in the pastoral industry, and up till three years ago used to visit Calliope Station and Calliungal each winter. He was gifted with a very kind and jovial disposition, and will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Deceased is survived by one son, Crichton McDouall, of Calliungal, Wowan, and six daughters, Mrs. J. L. Wilson (Toowoomba), Mrs. Elliott, and Misses M., G., E., and N. McDouall, of Sydney, also six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

MEAT CUT IN S.A.

A 15 per cent overall cut in civilian consumption of meat in South Australia will come into force on Monday. Beef supplies will be cut by 40 per cent, but there will be 12½ per cent more mutton and lamb available.

TAXATION INCREASE UNLIKELY.

Taxpayers will be pleased at an intimation by a Government spokesman that there seems little likelihood of direct taxation being increased in the coming Federal Budget. This is the first official intimation regarding any aspect of the forthcoming Budget, and the spokesman drew attention to a statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, during the election tour, that income taxation had reached its limit

INTEREST ON LOANS.

The Premier-Treasurer, Mr. Cooper, announced the decision of the Government to reduce the maximum rate of interest on loans to settlers to 4 per cent per annum; to apply a similar concession to loans by the State Advances Corporation for home building, and to reduce the interest on loans to local authorities to a maximum of 4½ per cent.

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They will have an impressive list to choose from, ranging from Dunkirk, through El Alamein, Stalingrad and Guadacanal to the capture of Tunisia. But, perhaps in the final analysis, there will be no more outstanding moment in the history of this struggle than the Fifteenth of September, 1940; the day when Goering threw the maximum might of the Luftwaffe against England in an attempt to snuff out that tiny flame of inspiration that was the hope of the world.

For five weeks the German air force had been battering at England, attacking ports and aerodromes, and launching blow after blow at the heart of London itself.

By the night of the 14th, it had lost 1651 aircraft, but the Germans knew that they had to go on, that so long as English fighters still controlled the daylight air above the channel Hitler's invasion fleet dare not venture to cross the water.

The 15th was a Sunday. Early in the morning a few reconnaissance planes came over. Then at half past eleven two hundred and fifty German aircraft crossed the coast heading towards London.

As the British fighters climbed to meet them the pilots could hear the Germans calling to each other over their wireless 'phones, "Achtung, Schpitfeuer!" . . . "Look out, Spitfires."

During the next hour that cry eachoed all over the sky, rising from a steady note of routine warning to one of gripping fear.

In that hour 88 German aircraft crashed in flames while others limped away or scampered on in desperate haste. But Goering was not finished. Early in the afternoon another 250 Heinkels, Dorniers and Messerschmits came over in two waves.

This time the Spitfires and Hurricanes accounted for 97 certainties, bringing the total to 185 enemy aircraft destroyed for sure. The German attack was split up and disorganised, the invincible Luftwaffe that had battered its way across Europe had met its match!

Altogether the Battle of Britain covered 84 days of desperate air fighting, but Sunday the Fifteenth stands out as the climax of the whole attack.

On that day the Luftwaffe was decisively defeated, and from then on showed less readiness to engage in combat or to press home the attack—the tide had been turned.

It is three years now since Winston Churchill paid his tribute to the "Spitfire boys:" "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few!" Three years, during which time the balance has swung slowly but surely against those who set out to obliterate Britain.

The fear and horror that clutched at British hearts has laid its icy grip on Germany. Five hundred aircraft aimed themselves at London on that mid-September day in 1940. 1000 have darkened the sky over Cologne. At the height of the London blitz 450 tons of bombs were dropped on the capital in one day.

Berlin received nearly four times that amount in one night last month.

It is well to remember in these days of Victory and growing confidence that Britain showed the way while the rest of the world stood wondering. We have a great tradition to guide us along the hard road that still lies ahead; we also have a bounden duty to maintain that tradition as a foundation upon which to build the future.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Flying Officer Stan Ashdown, who was in charge of the railway refreshment rooms prior to joining the catering section of the R.A.A.F., has retired from the services on account of ill-health, and has again resumed his position as manager of the Gladstone refreshment rooms.

The well-known solicitor, Mr. Vince Byrne, who enlisted in the R.A.A.F. last year, is now a flying officer stationed at a northern base. He spent a few days in town, returning north yesterday.

The many friends of Mrs. Ken Moore, of Gladstone, will regret to learn that she has been seriously ill in the Gladstone District. However, we are pleased to state that her health is improving. Her husband is in the A.I.F. at a southern base, and in response to an urgent message from his father, Mr. H. C. Moore, he arrived in town on Thursday.

CRICKET

PASTTIMES-VALLEY MATCH.

Keen interest is being taken in the cricket match, Pastimes v. Valleys, which will be played on the Showgrounds wicket to-morrow (Sunday), commencing at 11 a.m. The teams are as follows:—

Pastimes: N. Campbell, M. Condon, Vern Lyons, J. Donovan, B. Joyce, J. Bliss, C. Tanner, T. Costello, T. Duncan, Vince Lyons, P. Johnstone, T. Morgan (12th man).

Valleys: B. Ryalls, C. Griffith, F. Clohesey, J. Jefferies, C. Schmidt, C. Soppa, J. Hoy, T. Curran, C. Stitt, P. Ryalls, R. A. MacKenzie.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal for Donations

Christmas hampers are now being prepared for packing and despatch so that every soldier, sailor, airman, nurse and service woman in the jungles of New Guinea, overseas, or in isolated areas, will receive during the festive season a hamper from the A.C.F.

Gladstone and district residents have in the past freely given to this appeal, and many have been the letters of gratitude received from recipients.

Queensland's quota is 30,000, and the price is the same as last year—7/6 for a single hamper, or three hampers for £1.

Donations for hampers may be sent to Mrs. J. W. Garrett or Mr. F. Peardon.

Each donation will be acknowledged through the columns of the "Gladstone Observer."

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Gladstone Ladies' Bowling Club	5	5	0
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Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stanfield	15	0	
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Mr. and Mrs. C. Butterworth	1	0	0
Mrs. W. Keller	7	6	
Mrs. J. Stewart	7	6	
Mrs. W. Chapman	7	6	
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STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Re OTTO CHRISTIAN GRUNOW, of Ambrose, North Coast Line, in the State of Queensland, Dairy Farmer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed Otto Christian Grunow, late of Ambrose, North Coast Line, in the State of Queensland, deceased, who died on or about the eighth day of August, 1943, at Tatura, in the State of Victoria, are hereby required to send their claims to the Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton, on or before the thirteenth day of November, 1943. And that after the expiration of the last mentioned date the said Local Deputy Public Curator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled hereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated this fourteenth day of September, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON.
Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD.

TENDERS are hereby called for the Supply and Delivery of one (1) 3 cubic feet capacity mechanically operated Concrete Mixer.

Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned, with whom Tenders close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th October, 1943.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Gladstone Harbour Board," and marked "Tender for Concrete Mixer."

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

ALEX HOPPER, Secretary.

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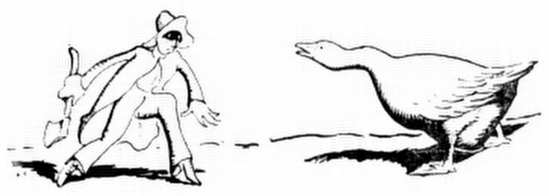

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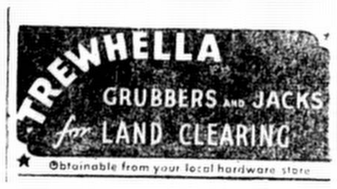

MRS. ROOSEVELT

"Likes To Know Neighbours"

Like a blue shadow, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the U.S President has been whisking through our cities seeing as many American service men as she can, and meeting as many Australian women, war workers, voluntary workers, munition workers, and housewives as possible.

Many people have only caught a glimpse of a tall figue in azure blue uniform, or perhaps have been favoured with a fleeting smile as she sped past, but it is safe to say that she has met more people during her visit than any other visitor has done in the same time.

Mrs. Roosevelt regards Australia as a neighbouring country, and apparently she likes to know her neighbours. Her Australian neighbours too are "pleased to meet" her, and she shows real understanding of every problem she discusses.

To Service men wherever she goes them she takes the President's personal good wishes and his pride in their achievements. "Our people at home don't always realise the horror they have been spared by you men defending your country in every part of the world," she told a group of naval ratings. "I hope that before long there will come a time in the war when everyone can really see the end in sight."

To the sick and wounded, "there is no American woman who doe, not long to have her boy home when she hears he is in hospital thousands of miles away. I hope that you will all get well soon, and may you all get home."

FOR A LASTING PEACE.

Mrs. Roosevelt believes that women and men should work side by side to build a lasting foundation for peace, and wherever she goes she tells Australian women that they must exercise their rights of citizenship wisely, so that future generations will be spared the horrors that have befallen this one. She warns them that "Your Government is just as good as your individual citizen. If the average citizen doesn't care, the Government reflects that attitude."

Mrs. Roosevelt said that the President himself had suggested that she come to Australia. They were going up in the lift at the White House when he suddenly remarked, "I think it would be well if you visited Australia and the Islands next."

Australians will agree that it was indeed well for Mrs. Roosevelt to make the trip. Like a true neighbour, she "took up as she found us" in in battle dress, or doing a job of work in a boiler suit, when she called to see American boys, and to thank Australians for their hospitality to them.

BIG RAID IN BRISBANE.

Sixty three men were arrested when police from the Traffic Office raided a hut in an Allied Works Camp near Brisbane on Wednesday night. The raid was the largest in Brisbane for many years. It is alleged that games of "ins and outs" and "heads and tails" were being played in the hut.

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Even those folks who usually enjoy good health do not always feel right up to the mark. Maybe it's Biliousness, Sluggish Liver, Constipation.

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BANKRUPT FASCISM

Out For Good

"We have not fought Fascism and overthrown it, in order that it can come in again by the back door under some other name," the British Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security (Mr. Herbert Morrison) declared recently at Woolwich.

"Bankrupt Fascism in its fall has left Italy with no alternative Government ready peacefully to take over power on a democratic basis," he said, commenting on the Italian position.

"That is one of the evils of Fascism, but we look forward, as the Prime Minister has made clear, to the time when Italy will again draw the breath of political freedom.

"We want to see freedom strike its roots deep into her stricken soil, and flower in representative political bodies, and in such democratic institutions as a free Trades Union Movement and a genuinely free press—two of the greatest safeguards of liberty and progress in any country."

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
18	——	12.24	6.20	6.53
19	12.35	1.09	7.01	7.47
20	1.19	1.59	7.45	8.45
21	2.10	2.56	8.34	9.49
22	3.16	4.05	9.31	10.54
23	4.36	5.16	10.34	11.55
24	5.52	6.18	11.34	——
25	6.51	7.08	12.49	12.30
26	7.39	7.51	1.35	1.20
28	8.56	9.05	2.50	2.46
29	9.31	9.37	3.25	3.25
30	10.04	10.08	3.56	4.04

THE MOON.

First Quarter .... September 7
Full Moon ..... September 14
Last Quarter .... September 21
New Moon ..... September 29

OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
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A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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"SILENT SERVICE"

Typical Log Book Entry

A British naval officer told in a recent B.B.C. Newsreel of a strange thing that had happened during his ship's last voyage across the Atlantic. They sighted a derelict lifeboat far out in the ocean. They found it was empty but for a full bottle of champagne. They heard afterwards that those who had been in the boat had been picked up. So they decided to keep the champagne for celebrating their first success against a U-boat.

It must have been an omen, the sailor said, because early next morning a Sunderland aircraft of Coastal Command reported that she was engaging a U-boat. As their ship raced for the spot, an usnusual order was given by the captain: "Stand by for action stations in ten minutes' time." So instead of the customary scramble they had time to dress properly and were able to have a cup of cocoa.

It turned out to be what the broadcaster described as a model attack. The Canadian corvette H.M.C.S. Drum Keller had had a crack at the U-boat before the British escort ship got there. They made contact exactly when and where the captain had anticipated.

In five and a half minutes it was all over: they made only one attack and scored two direct hits. Almost immediately they saw patches of oil and wreckage coming to the surface. When they left the oil patch had extended to 600 feet in diameter. The following day an aircraft reported an oil streak in that area 1700 yards long.

Typical of the "silent service" was the entry in the ship's log: "0629 — made contact with U-boat; 0634½— sank same." Exactly five and a half minutes of their time accounted for.

They waited till they reached port before drinking the champagne that Neptune had awarded them in advance.

MEN AND SHIPS

Shipbuilding Industry

With the increased mechanisation of the fighting forces 130 ships are now required to transport each million men, as against 480 in the last war, according to a recent American report.

That is one reason why shipbuilding has to be stepped up, for apart from maintaining present lines of communication, there can be no large scale invasion of Europe without an enormous pool of shipping.

The United States shipbuilding industry constructed only two ocean-going freighters in the 15 years between 1922 and 1937. In 1942 the industry built 664.

Both England and the United States had the facilities and the population to undertake mass production of ships, but Australia has played her part, too, in keeping ships moving across the oceans of the world.

Australia had one great advantage. She had on her own doorstep the raw materials of shipbuilding—unlimited coal, high-grade steel at the lowest cost in the world, and enterprising men.

Naval vessels now serving with the R.A.N., sloops, corvettes, cargo steamers, and other craft, have all been successfully built in Australian shipyards since the outbreak of war.

A rather interesting point is that only six years ago, when the B.H.P. company needed four new ships, they were built for the company in Scotland. Now the company is building similar ships (including the engines) in their own shipyards.

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ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM

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A Fighting Master

Admiral Andrew Cunningham has a unique record in the Mediterranean war. He is the one man in supreme Allied command who has endured throughout it, whose reputation has never been questioned. He is by training, both technically and geographically, a Mediterranean man, and an officer trained in the Mediterranean and in destroyers, which are the Middle Sea's prime weapon in the kind of war which has been fought there (says the "Sydney Bulletin").

Since he roved "Mare Nostrum" in the last war in the old Scorpion he had been captain of H.M.S. Rodney, one of Britain's two 16-inch ships, Commodore of the Royal Naval Barracks at Chatham, and Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff. But when war had loomed in Abyssinia he had found himself at Alexandria, rear-admiral commanding destroyer flotillas, and when Hitler struck he had already been two months at Malta as Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.

So little was happening in the Mediterranean that most of his ships were taken for other seas. In November, 1929, the Commander-in-Chief took his flag ashore at Malta for want of a fleet to fly it on.

It was not till midnight on June 10, 1940, that Italy declared war. Immediate events showed that the admiral had not grown rusty. At dawn on June 11 he was at sea with the battleships Warspite and Malaya, the cruisers Sydney, Orion, Neptune, Liverpool and Gloucester, the carrier Eagle—a sturdy old bird—and a destroyer screen.

It is indicative of the fierceness of the naval war which has been fought that none of the cruisers remain save the Liverpool and Orion, and the old Eagle is on the bottom. Most of the destrayers, also, are no more.

IF CUNNINGHAM HAD LOST.

More than any man he brought about the conquest of the Mediterranean, the surrender of Italy, the change of the whole complexion of the war.

Once the Mediterranean had been closed the enemy could have taken over Africa and its resources of labour and materials; could have conquered Iran and Iraq and their oilfields; could have filled the Indian Ocean with submarines operating from African and Asiatic bases; could have struck at India and Singapore long before India and Singapore were ready; could have brought the war to the shores of this country long before Japan struck and found its defences only in a primary stage. In all these wide fields Britain could have done nothing. Loss of the Mediterranean would have intensified her own struggle.

CUNNINGHAM SAVED RUSSIA.

Russia, too, would probably have been beaten but for Cunningham's oprations of 1940-41. Had he failed, Britain and America would have had all their work cut out in the Atlantic, and would have been unable to give aid through Murmansk.

TRIUMPH AT MALTA.

All these things may be forgotten. But no doubt they were remembered with satisfaction by the little man in white uniform who stood with General Eisenhower at Malta to see the Italian Fleet come in flying black armistice pennants, led by the Warspite and Valiant (whose pet canary had hatched the songsters Pola and Zara during Matapan), with a single British officer aboard wielding the authority of the conqueror.

The General said it was "a sight. That's the way you see them in reviews in the movies."

No man who had brought it about could have viewed it without emotion. But the public reaction of Admiral Cunningham, Nelson's direct successor—for there has been no fighting master of "Mare Nostrum" since Nelson's day—was in the R.N. tradition.

The Italian admiral and his flag officers were piped down the line as their barge passed. They were received with full naval honours at the quayside.

Admiral Cunningham met the defeated foe at his door as he would have met a guest. His greeting was characteristic:—

"Good afternoon, Admiral. How do you do? Sit down."

Cunningham allowed himself only one touch of emotion as the fleet had come in sight:—

"We have met some of these twice before. I am pleased to see the Warspite leading them in."

In the Warspite he had opened his sweeps at dawn on June 11, 1940; in the Warspite he had led the saving of the garrisons of Crete and Greece; in the Warspite he had chased the Italians almost finally off the Middle Sea on March 28, 1941.

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NEWCASTLE INTERESTS RUSSIA

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AUSTERITY MESSAGES

From the wives . . .

. . . of AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS

"Saving can be exciting. I have found that out for myself and pass it on to you. In peace time we Australians were free spenders, and it was fun to buy nice things, and plan little treats, but now we're at war, and a thrifty living is necessary to the success of the War Effort. Feel that every economy and self-denial helps our boys. Be proud of the mounting total of your Bonds and War Savings Certificates, and, believe me, you'll get a thrill out of saving."

—Says Mrs. Jones wife of Air Vice-Marshal Jones

Muriel Jones.

J. McIlhatton & Coy

(R. R. TUDMAN, PROPRIETOR)

'PHONE 12 P.O. BOX 12

Funeral Notice

THE FUNERAL of the late Mr. Henry Charles Parsloe, who passed away in the Brisbane General Hospital on Monday, September 20th 1943, will move from the Church of England, Auckland Street, at 11 a.m. to-day (Wednesday) for interment in the Gladstone Cemetery. Service will commence at 10.45 a.m.

In Memoriam

LIDSER.—In fond and loving memory of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Lakeman Lidster, who departed this life on the 17th September, 1937, at Balcomba Private Hospital, Gladstone.

Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent the voice we longed to hear;
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
We who loved her will never forget.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
A silent thought brings many a tear
Of one we lost and loved so dear.

(Inserted by her loving son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, Glen, Gladys, Bim, Topsy and Pom, of Babinda, North Queensland).

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

STREET STALL POSTPONED.

The Methodist Ladies' Guild advise by advertisement in this issue that owing to their street stall being previously advertised to have been held the day before Red Cross Paddy's market, it has been postponed to Thursday, October 28.

COMFORTS FUND DANCE.

The troops require a variety of services, and this work the Comforts Fund is efficiently carrying out. A dance to augment the funds will be held in the Trocadero next Friday night. Roll up and help a worthy cause.

FOR PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

Mr. Ken Neil Ballantine, of Galloway Plains, recently sent a number of fat cattle to the Rockhampton stock sale, and they brought an excellent price, as is usual with Galloway bred beasts. With his usual generosity Mr. Ballantine allotted one animal for patriotic funds, and half of the nett proceeds (£11) has been handed to Mr. Connellan for the Gladstone Prisoners of War street scheme. The balance (£5/10/-) is being donated by Mr. Ballantine to the Comforts Fund.

FREE COMPETITIONS.

The Church of England annual fete will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, October 1, and should prove an outstanding success. Several competitions will be held in connection with the flower stall, and these include: Best bowl of assorted gerberas, trophy 2/6; best bowl of white flowers, any variety, trophy 2/; best bowl of red flowers, any variety, trophy 2/; best bowl of yellow flowers, any variety, trophy 2/; best bowl of blue flowers, any variety, trophy 2/. Town and district residents are asked to note that entries for these competitions are free.

HUGE DEVELOPMENTAL WORK.

Huge developmental work which the war had brought to North Queensland would be highly beneficial in the post-war period, said the British High Commissioner in Australia (Sir Ronald Cross), who returned by air to Brisbane from his first visit to Central and North Queensland. He added that the amount of road building and other work done in those regions was extraordinary. He had wished to see for himself all that he could of Australia. One could read statistics in London as well as in Canberra, but could not get the necessary background without personal contact.

100,000 MEN NEEDED FOR INDUSTRY.

Manpower estimates submitted to Cabinet seek another 100,000 men for essential industry within the next six months. A conference will take place shortly with chiefs of staff to ascertain how and where this total can be found. The public service is to undergo close examination, as it is thought this source can still contribute some tens of thousands to the manpower reservoir. Men unfit for combat battalions are almost certain to be withdrawn to take their place at essential civilian works. This strength will be supplemented from the ranks of 18 and 19 year old youths who have been called up for service and received basic military training.

RAILWAY STATION

PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS

To Be Carried Out

Some time ago Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., was advised by the Minister for Transport that a big programme of improvements, including the re-arrangement of the station yard, was to be proceeded with and a start made with minor parts of the scheme. However, it was later stated that owing to war conditions the plan would have to be held in abeyance, and work ceased on the project. Local bodies, including the Chamber of Commerce and A.L.P., pointed out that congestion was rapidly becoming worse, and that serious delays resulted from the increased traffic.

Mr. Williams again took the matter up and pressed for a reconsideration of the decision. He has now been advised by the Minister for Railways (Mr. J. Larcombe) as follows:—

"With reference to your repeated representations in favour of continuing the rearrangement of the station yard at Gladstone, I have to inform you that the Chairman of the Commonwealth Land Transport Board (Sir H. W. Clapp) expressed the opinion that the work had relation to the war effort.

"Accordingly the matter was considered further by the Commissioner and myself, and it has been decided to recommence the work in the near future."

This news will be welcomed by public bodies, and more particularly the business houses of the town. The President of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. A. H. Friend), when advised of the news, said it was excellent, and his members would be very pleased, as the improvements were long overdue.

MR. R. H. GRAYSON

AT A SOUTHERN BASE

Leave of Absence Granted

Every Gladstone citizen knows that the Town Clerk (Mr. R. H. Grayson) has joined the R.A.A.F., and has commenced his duties at the equipment section of a southern base.

Mr. Grayson has not resigned his position of Town Clerk, but was unanimously granted leave of absence by the Council, and the hope is expressed that in the near future peace will be ushered in with Mr. Grayson once more in charge of affairs at the Gladstone Town Council Office.

Mr. Grayson has filled the position of Town Clerk for the last 12½ years, and prior to leaving Gladstone on temporary leave his services were eulogised by the Mayor and aldermen.

As an executive officer Mr. Grayson has rendered valuable service, his ability in local government affairs being fully recognised.

Mr. Grayson is a keen follower of healthy sport, and represented Gladstone, both on the football and cricket fields, playing four seasons' football and cricket with the Natives. He is also well known by followers of the "king of sports," having filled the position of secretary to the Gladstone Turf Club with credit to himself and the Club.

His large circle of friends wish Roy the best of luck, and a speedy return to Gladstone.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Andrewartha, of Gladstone, has received word that their son, Sergeant Mervyn Andrewartha, has been wounded somewhere in New Guinea.

HOUSING SHORTAGE.

Mr. Curtin has written to the Premier of Queensland (Mr. Cooper), asking him to sponsor a home sub-division scheme in Brisbane in order to overcome the big housing shortage. The Commonwealth is willing to advance a grant to the Queensland Government to enable owners to effect minor adjustments to their home. It is understood a regulation is being considered to protect owners against undesirable tenants by merely withdrawing the owner's present obligation of finding alternative accommodation for evicted persons.

GLADSTONE RED CROSS SOCIETY

PADDY'S MARKET RECORD RETURN OF £60

APPEAL TO AUGMENT P.O.W. REMITTANCES

In the absence of the President (Mrs. H. V. Phillips), who is ill in hospital, Mrs. A. H. Friend presided at the monthly meeting. There were present: Mesdames L. Rigby, L. M. Janson, N. Burnham, E. W. Johnston, J. Jones, E. Hall, L. Golding, Rev. Phillipson, Messrs. A. H. Friend D. Connellan, J. W. Rigby, V. Summers, and R. O'Neill.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

Correspondence included a telegram (outward) to the Officer in Charge, R.A.A.F., New South Wales base, asking that officer to hand a message of sympathy from the branch to Mr. and Mrs. J. Starmer on the loss of their son "Garth" in a recent plane accident in that centre.

Another message of sympathy was forwarded to Mr. A. W. F. G. Crow, expressing the sorrow of members on the loss in action of his son Keith ("Digger").

INFORMATION ASKED FOR.

The Secretary wrote headquarters asking for information concerning the parents of a hospital patient who resided in England.

EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

In reply to a telegram from headquarters, seeking information concerning the condition of a cadet, a patient in the local military ward, Mr. Summers wired that excellent progress had been made after an operation, and that every care would be taken of the patient.

SERGEANT HALLAM.

Seeking information concerning Sergeant Hallam, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hallam, who was a sergeant observer attached to a Lancaster squadron in England, the Secretary asked the Red Cross Bureau to put the necessary machinery in motion to investigate whether the missing airman was a prisoner of war. Sergt. Hallam was posted as missing on the night of August 27-28 last, when his squadron made a flight over Germany.

REMITTANCES TO BRISBANE.

Remittances to Brisbane included £139/9/- P.O.W. street scheme, and £7/11/11 adoptions. Writing to Brisbane, the Secretary said that it was hoped to augment P.O.W. cheques this month by dances and other functions.

EMERGENCY SERVICE.

The General Secretary (Miss Richardson) advised that the Divisional Commandant (Mrs. C. Brennan) would be visiting Gladstone on October 3 to 5, and would deal with Emergency service matters whilst in town. The local Emergency Superintendent (Mrs. P. M. Jones) will meet Mrs. Brennan and make the necessary arrangements for her stay here.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

The Under Secretary, Chief Secretary's department, wrote advising that permission to run a patriotic race meeting had already been granted the Gladstone Turf Club for Saturday, October 16..

The names of Messrs. A. W. F. G. Crow (president) and D. J. Connellan (acting secretary in place of Mr. R. Grayson) were authorised as officers.

BABY COMPETITION.

In response to a letter from Miss J. Mulry, Red Cross junior president, Rockhampton, and several communications from the Secretay Rockhampton Red Cross (Mr. J. W. Henderson), urging Gladstone to take part in the baby competition for Prisoner of War funds, the whole position was thoroughly discussed

In view f the illness of the President (Mrs. H. V. Phillips), who was keenly interested in the competition, the limited time now available to launch the scheme, and the very limited number of members who were available to organise, it was reluctantly decided to advise the writers that Gladstone was unable to take part in the competition.

ART UNION.

The Secretary (Mr. Summers) mentioned that he and the Publicity Officer (Mr. Connellan) had already outlined a scheme for a monster art Art Union, and that some preliminary orgarisation had already taken place.

In view of the urgent necessity for the Gladstone branch to augment its Prisoner of War collections, he felt that the Art Union would be much more within the scope of the local organisation, and would give an excellent return if properly attended to.

CHILDREN'S BALL.

Mrs. M. Ricketts was granted permission to organise a children's ball in aid of the P.O.W. scheme. It was mentioned that since the application Mrs. Ricketts had obtained sick leave, and the date of the function would be postponed.

BENARABY SUB-BRANCH.

Benaraby sub-branch forwarded £11/18/9 remittance to the Gladstone branch. Mrs. L. Muspratt, hon sec., Builyan-Many Peaks sub-branch donated £17/4/6, proceeds of recent stall, donations and raffle.

GLADSTONE BRANCH.

The annual Red Cross report, Queensland Division, showed the high place the Gladstone branch had gained in its revenue in proportion to membership. Gladstone had contributed £2586, or approximately £30 per member. This was only exceeded by three centres in the State, Mt. Isa (£40), Charters Towers (£33), and Mt. Morgan (£32). Other cities and towns to do very well included Rockhampton (£13,995, or £27 per head), Goondiwindi (£26), Toowoomba (£21), and Bundaberg, Cairns, Dalby and Maryborough, £15 each.

SEWING CIRCLE.

Mrs. J. W. Rigby (sewing circle) advised that two cases of finished work had been sent to headquarters, containing over 300 articles, plus 30 books and magazines. Several new members had been welcomed. The circle was very busy at present, as headquarters had asked all branches to increase their output by 100 per cent. The four machines had been overhauled and were running well again. Old linen was sent in by Miss Horne and Mrs. J. S. Henderson, and books by Mrs. Friend.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. J. Connellan reported that the Knitting Circle had distributed 44 ozs. wool and 4 ozs. knitting cotton. Following articles had been returned by the ladies mentioned:—Sleeveless pullover, Mrs. Dodge; 2 servicewomen's bed jackets, Mesdames F. Thompson and E. Phillips; 5 prs. socks, Miss R. Stirratt (Gayfield); 1 pr. each, Mesdames Steed, Grenfell, McDonald (Cluden), 1 pr. cotton socks each, Mesdames Quodling, Watson and Miss Liddicoat.

Thanks were due to these ladies, also Mrs. Pat Shaw, "Rawbelle," for quantity odd balls knitting wool.

Case of knitted articles sent to headquarters included 50 articles.

The Many Peaks-Builyan sub-branch sent 13 nicely knitted articles. Wool could be had from the convenor, and any lady could assist by knitting.

PADDY'S MARKET.

Mrs. A. H. Friend reported a record return of £60 from the Paddy's market.

In complimenting the organiser and committee on the splendid result, Mrs. Hall said that the amount received, £60, was a new record for Paddy's markets.

V.A.D.'s.

Miss Alma Joyner advised that the V.A.D.'s had ceased first-aid classes temporarily. Meetings and church parades had been held as usual. £6/14/- was collected at the Meatworks on September 1. Members were ready to attend the next air raid test. A special church parade was held on the day of prayer, September 5. The V.A.D.'s were always ready to assist in any way.

RECEIPTS FROM FUNCTIONS.

Benaraby sub-branch reported receipts of £11/2/3, result of functions. Mesdames W. Fallon and L. Wongung were appointed to the committee. Mr. Mann had donated 7/6. 99 articles had been sent by the Sewing Circle to Gladstone for headquarters. The departure of two valuable members in Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike was regretted. Mrs. Pike originally formed the sub-branch, and a letter of appreciation is to be sent to her. The committee acceded to a request from the Gladstone Red Shield to hold a dance for that body on October 2 next.

HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. H. F. Gollnick advised that the Visiting Committee had called on 44 servicemen since August 16. Ten twin pockets had been received for use in the A.I.F. ward. Mrs. Johnston had replaced Mrs. Quodling on the regular committee. The Gladstone Sawmills, a naval patient, and an allied officer were thanked for donations. An acknowledgment was received from the parents of a recent patient, thanking the committee for its sympathy.

The work of the circle seems to be extending, as two requests were recently attended to by the branch Secretary concerning information required.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

OPENS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Liberty Loan Badges

It will be easy to distinguish subscribers from non-subscribers during the £125,000,000 Fourth Liberty Loan which opens officially on October 5, and closes on November 9.

All subscribers, including those who make advance subscriptions, will be issued with a lapel badge. The badge is neatly designed, and has an Airforce blue background against which is shown the loan symbol, comprising a red figure 4 and the leter "L." The badge bears the inscription "Subscriber Liberty Loan."

The establishment of a readily recognised symbol for a loan campaign has played an important part in Canada's outstandingly successful loan raising activities, and the use of badges in Australia has been repeatedly advocated by a large section of the public.

Badges will be distributed wherever loan subscriptions are received—at all banks, savings banks, money order post offices. When loan subscriptions are received in industrial organisations, shops or offices, the badges will be issued to subscribers by the War Loans Organisations representatives.

"We want at least 750,000 subscribers for the Fourth Liberty Loan," said the Commonwealth Loans Director, Mr. C. Banfield, "and we have enough badges to supply the lot."

SERVICE HELP.

Members of the fighting forces are to co-operate in all States with the War Loan organisation in the most comprehensive industrial canvass for loan subscriptions ever undertaken.

It will be part of a determined drive to obtain at least 750,000 subscribers, an all-time Australian record, for the £125,000,000 Fourth Libtry Loan.

The drive, embracing factories, shops and offices throughout the metropolitan area, will commence on Monday, October 4, 1943, the scope of the canvass having made it essential to begin it immediately before the loan is opened on October 5.

Members of the R.A.N., the A.I.F., the R.A.A.F., and nurses of the Royal Australian Nursing Service, will accompany loan representatives to all places canvassed and relate their wartime experiences to workers.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Reporting on behalf of the Prisoners of War organisers, Rev. Phillipson, Messrs. Summers and Connellan, the latter advised that whilst the street scheme was functioning satisfactorily and weekly revenue maintained, other P.O.W. receipts had fallen off appreciably.

Gladstone would have to follow the example of other centres and augment street collections by other functions if the necessary amount for P.O.W. was to be raised.

Some idea of the increased finance required to send parcels to Australian prisoners of war is given in the annual Red Cross report.

With the expansion of the service to P.O.W. in Japan, the estimated cost in Queensland is now set down at £3500 per week. To date the scheme had only raised £1500 per week in Queensland, and an urgent appeal was being made to all branches to augment their P.O.W. remittances so that every prisoner could be assured of one parcel per week.

Gladstone's street scheme collection for the four weeks ending September 9 was £110. Several new collectors were required, and three additional volunteers had come forward in the past week.

RADIO FOR HOSPITAL.

It was decided to write headquarters asking that the radio for the servicemen's ward at the District Hospital should be forwarded as soon as possible.

TYPEWRITER WANTED.

Any supporter able to loan a typewriter (portable for preference) is asked to get in touch with the Secretary (Mr. Summer). Its use is urgently needed by the new joint secretary (Mr. Roe O'Neill).

FOOD FRONT

CUT OUT THE PETITION

Sign It and Send to Mr. Forde

A committee of Rockhampton citizens has decided to launch a food front campaign, and has issued the following report:—

"We believe that the food position in Australia will become extremely serious unless quick action is taken on a big scale. The food producing industries have been so stripped of manpower that it is impossible for them to reach anything near normal production in the coming twelve months.

"Our population has been greatly increased by the arrival of Allied service men. There will be a further very large increase in the near future. These facts mean food shortage of a most serious nature.

"Hunger in a country under war conditions means revolution and bloodshed. The thousands of experienced farm and factory workers who can prevent this disaster are idle in Australian army camps.

THE REMEDY.

"A nation-wide petition to the Hon. John Curtin, Prime Minister of Australia: We, citizens of Australia, request that you, in order to safeguard the nation's future food supplies—

(1) "Because of the complete absence of civilian labour, transfer a sufficient number of military personnel and equipment from the nearest camp to ensure that all foodstuffs now ready shall be harvested, transported and processed, to avoid needless loss, the difference between military and industrial pay to be credited to the soldier. (Remember the 3000 cases of pineapples at a Brisbane cannery lost because of a shortage of 110 workers.)

(2) "Ask all farmers and graziers to at once state their needs in manpower; agricultural committees to check such requests; if justified, that you transfer such labour from the services. Where practicable, men to return to their own farms or farms where they were employed.

(3) "Transfer service men and women in well organised units, under the guidance of experienced agricultural leaders, with adequate machinery, to plough and prepare land, plant and cultivate various food and fodder crops, in areas of sufficient extent to ensure adequate supplies.

"Our committee proposes to use the press, radio and pamphlets to place the facts of the food position before the people, and to organise a nation-wide petition to the Prime Minister as outlined in 1, 2 and 3, these petitions to be sent through the local Federal member in each electorate.

"We suggest the formation of small committees of citizens in any suburb or rural district in any part of Australia, where one or more persons will take the initiative and form such a body. The purpose of these committees would be to use the local press and radio, together with pamphlets and other suitable means, to place the facts re food shortage before the people of the district, and to organise the signing and despatch of the local petition. They could also collect facts re the effect of manpower shortage in their district and forward this information to us or in letters to the press.

ACTION AT ONCE.

"To be effective this campaign must be quick and nation-wide. The petition must be pouring into Canberra within a few weeks. If the people make a spontaneous request, the Government will undoubtedly take action and transfer the required manpower to food production. Such widespread quick action is quite possible. The need is clear. The request is simple and justified. No centralised organisation is required. Every person, or any number of persons, can act at once and independently.

"You can cut out the section of this report sub-headed 'The Remedy 1, 2 and 3, paste it on the top of a sheet of paper, sign your name and address beneath it, and post it to your local Federal member at Canberra. You can write it out again in different words if you wish. You can post it with only your own signature, or get your family and friends to sign it also. Better still, you may prefer to form a citizens' committee and canvas your city, town, or district for signatures. You could also take this report and have it printed in pamphlet form for distribution. The important thing is that you do sign it quickly and post it to your M.H.R.

ROCKHAMPTON AND DISTRICT.

"We ask for the co-operation of individuals and organisations. We invite you to join the committee. If you know of a case where production has stopped or is slowed down by manpower shortage, or any other cause, it will help us if you will write giving us the facts. Letters to the press will assist.

"We need funds to conduct a publicity campaign in the press and on the radio. Donations for this purpose can be sent to the hon. treasurer, Mr. T. H. Floude, Macgregor Street, Rockhampton.

"Right now cut out the petition, sign it, get as many more signatures on it as you can, and post it to your member at Canberra. Food production is vital for victory."

DAYLIGHT SAVING

MEN ON LAND OPPOSE

Reasons Set Out

Pressure from dairying and other primary industry centres grows against the restoration of daylight saving this year.

Mr. F. Nicklin, leader of the State Parliamentary Opposition, stated that last week members of his party had received sheafs of requests that representations be made to the Commonwealth Government in the matter.

All the primary producers who made these requests were against the proposal, he said.

The Country-National Organisation, at a party meeting, carried a resolution opposing the reintroduction of the scheme, for the following reasons:—

(a) That any saving of fuel for lighting purposes in the afternoon is offset by increased use of light in the early hours of the morning in various employments, and on account of persons preparing, in hours of darkness, to proceed to employment.

(b) That the return home after employment and the evening meal are mostly deferred on account of the heat in order to avoid discomfort. In this way the effect of staggered hours for transport reasons is nullified.

(c) That the advancing of the clock is detrimental to health, as there is a general tendency to retire later at night, while having to rise one hour earlier in the morning, resulting in loss of sleep.

(d) That the dairying organisation has passed a resolution of protest against daylight saving because of its detrimental effect upon production. The same reason exists in other animal industries.

(e) Generally, the majority of the people of this State are of opinion that any assistance to the war effort by daylight saving is more than offset by losses in other directions, and that, therefore, there should not be any departure from standard time.

The resolution has been forwarded to Mr. Curtin.

NEW LABOUR PARTY.

Formation of a new Labour Party in the North, in full co-operation with the Communists has been forecasted by Alderman T. Aikens, Deputy Mayor of Townsville. He said that the party would probably contest all seats north of Mackay at the next State general elections.

V.D.C. COMPLAINTS.

The Army Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde) has promised to investigate complaints by V.D.C. men that they are being conscripted into the Militia after they have been rejected by the A.I.F. and have volunteerd for full-time duty in coastal defence. "The Army only enlists those people made available by manpower officials," said Mr. Forde.

BOWLING

Week-End Games

After a spell of three weeks Gladstone bowlers resumed their games on Saturday.

J. Comino, A. Pring, L. R. Weiske v. A. Young, W. Garrett, G. Matthews 19-18.

Buettel, Barker, Chapman, Golding v. Schmidt, Ladner, Jenkinson, G. Wilson 18-16.

R. Hunt, Dr. Skinner, A. Greasley v. W. Ferris, P. Browne, S. C. Wilson 22-16.

Pugh, A. Friend, M. Busteed v. Hando, Joyner, P. Friend 27-19.

G. Hixon, F. Witty, Joyner, Loveday v. W. Ferris, Corones, R. Mackay, D. Jackson 28-28.

Hogan, Barker, Greasley v. Comino, Browne, Busteed 26-17.

P. Duff, Dr. Skinner, L. Johnson v. R. Hunt, E. Jeninson, W. R. Golding 26-16.

Friend, Pestorious v. Schmidt, Garrett and Weiske 20-19.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY C. PARSLOE

Mr. Henry Charles Parsloe, of Gladstone, passed away in the Brisbane General Hospital on Monday.

Mr. Parsloe, who served in the last war, had been employed at the Gladstone Butter Factory for many years.

Deceased is survived by his widow and two children, and a brother (Mr. E. Parsloe) resides in Bundaberg.

The funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock from the Church of England, Auckland Street.

BOXING

REILLY OUTCLASSED.

Queensland welterweight champion, Tommy Burns (10.8) celebrated his first away from home fight at West Melbourne Stadium on Saturday night by technically knocking out Victorian Terry Reilly (10.3½) in the seventh round.

An ex-Australian welterweight champion, and regarded as the game's "Iron Man," Reilly was outclassed.

Burns gave a dazzling display of fierce two-handed hitting, and had the Victorian on the floor three times before a halt was called. He was accorded a fine ovation by a big crowd.

Reilly was down for nine in the fourth, and three more times on the canvas in the seventh. After the third knock-down referee Jack Carroll did not bother to even count, and immediately crowned Burns.

The fight should not have gone as far as it did. Burns hit Reilly with everything. Hit him back on his heels with straight lefts, and jabbed and hooked him and placed terrific rights to the body.

No boy who has fought Reilly for the first time has ever come out of the contest without a cut eye, and Burns did not prove an exception. He copped it in the fifth, but he sustained only a minor cut over the right eye.

HUDEK OUTPOINTED.

The toughness of Rush Milling, the Filipino welterweight, enabled him to outpoint the American sailor, Johnny Hudek, at the Brisbane Stadium on Friday night.

It was a great fight for the first three rounds, during which each man seemed likely to be stopped. Over the last nine sessions, however, it developed into a scrambling affair, with Milling on the attack.

McLAUGHLIN v. HUNTER

Ron McLaughlin, former Australian welterweight champion, will meet Tommy Hunter, the tough Newcastle fighter, at the Brisbane Stadium next Friday night. McLaughlin has agreed not to exceed 10.12.

Bobby Clarke was beaten in Sydney recently by McLaughlin, who is in the A.I.F.

Hunter has never turned in a bad performance in Brisbane, and should keep McLaughlin at his top.

A recent survey showed that only 60 per cent of Brisbane's homes were adequately occupied. If owners of the other 40 per cent decided to let their available rooms the housing shortage in the metropolis would be solved.

TYRE SALES RESTRICTED.

Under a new control of rubber order no person is permitted to dispose of any motor tyre or tube, including second-hand ones, except to a manufacturer or distributor.

REGISTER OF DENTISTS.

Dentists, dentists' assistants, and dental mechanics, except those serving full time with the armed and other defence services, are required to register by October 16 with the manpower authorities.

FURNITURE PRICES FIXED.

Maximum retail prices for furniture, based on fixed profit margin over wholesale prices determined in August, were ordered by the Prices Commissioner (Prof. Copland). The Maximum gross profit margin has been fixed at 55 per cent on manufacturers' invoiced price, including sales tax, or "gross profit" margin, as defined in the prices regulation.

SHORTAGE OF BROOMS.

Suggesting that farmers in the Bundaberg district might be encouraged to grow broom millet, Mr. E. K. Campbell, at the Bundaberg Chamber of Commerce meeting said there was a dearth of brooms in the city. He knew of one firm which had accumulated orders for 600. Broom millet, he understood, had been grown around Bundaberg, and was worth between £80 and £90 per ton.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1943

11 A.M. VETERANS' SERVICE. Preacher, the Revd. D. A. BROWN, the Moderator-Elect.

3 P.M. PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Fascinating Address, entitled "With the A.I.F. in the Middle East." Speaker, Mr. R. S. BYRNES, B.A., General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. Offering for Church Funds.

7.30 P.M. COMMEMORATION SERVICE, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. THE MINISTER, assisted by the REVD. D. A. BROWN.

MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER, 1943

PUBLIC MEETING in the Watt Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. Admission. Adults 2/-, Children 6d. Bright and interesting programme. Greetings from Past Ministers, Reminiscences of St. Andrew's History, Addresses by Visiting Ministers, Lantern Views of the Aboriginal Mission and the Holy Land. Supper.

Minister - The Revd. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal for Donations

Christmas hampers are now being prepared for packing and despatch so that every soldier, sailor, airman, nurse and service woman in the jungles of New Guinea, overseas, or in isolated areas, will receive during the festive season a hamper from the A.C.F.

Gladstone and district residents have in the past freely given to this appeal, and many have been the letters of gratitude received from recipients.

Queensland's quota is 30,000, and the price is the same as last year—7/6 for a single hamper, or three hampers for £1.

Donations for hampers may be sent to Mrs. J. W. Garrett or Mr. F. Peardon.

Each donation will be acknowledged through the columns of the "Gladstone Observer."

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Register of Titles' Office,
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R. J. THOMSON, Registrar of Titles.

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FOR SALE by Public Auction, at Land Office, Gladstone, on 21st October, 1943, at 2.30 p.m: Special Lease of Portion R204, Uxbridge, being Camping Reserve fronting the Pacific Ocean about 5 miles south-east of Round Hill Head, area 240 acres. Upset rent £1; term of lease 10 years. And

At 2.30 p.m. on 13th October, a Perpetual Suburban Lease of Allotment 1, Section 84, town of Gladstone, about 2 miles south-west of the Railway Station; area 6¾ acres. Upset price £15.

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METHODIST Ladies Guild wish to advise that owing to their Street Stall being the day before Red Cross Paddy's Market, it has been postponed to Thursday, 28th October, 1943.

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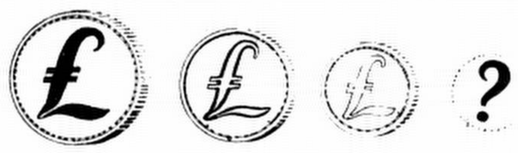

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(2) Civil Servants, clerks, teachers, and all on fixed salaries and wages.

(3) The aged who are living on the proceeds of investments or on pensions.

(4) Owners of houses who rely on the income from them for their livelihood.

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IN ITALY

Australian Prisoners of War

"From information just received by the Commonwealth Government it appears that the party of British prisoners of war recently reported as having been transferred from Italy to Germany contained very few Australians," stated the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde).

"There is no evidence that any such transfers have occurred since the fall of Mussolini," added the Minister, "but recent advices indicate that most Australian prisoners of war were held in Northern Italy, where there are stated to be large German forces.

"We must, therefore, rely upon the Allied Commander-in-Chief, General Eisenhower, to take all possible action to release Australian and other Allied prisoners of war; but the extent to which he will be able to do this depends upon the development of the military situation in Italy.

"The Commonwealth Government is keeping in close touch with overseas authorities on this matter, and as reliable news comes to hand will make further announcements for the guidance and information of next of kin."

Mr. Forde said that no official confirmation had been received of a press report which stated that Australians were amongst 300 Allied prisoners of war who had crossed the frontier into Switzerland from Italy.

WAR POTENTIALS

R.A.F. Attack

"When the Germans bombed London and other British cities, as well as Warsaw, Belgrade and Rotterdam, they were using air power chiefly as a weapon to destroy the courage of civilians.

Bomber Command, on the other hand, is working to a definite plan of war, because in the Ruhr basin lies the great storehouse of German military power. Without it a third of their power to make war would be gone, and we have given fair warning to the men and women who tend the machines that we are out to destroy that power utterly.

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Another from an R.A.A.F. Corporal, who said since he had been on the island he had received very regular issues of Comforts Fund gifts. Yet another from an Adjutant on behalf of his unit for the gift of a much-needed electric iron. "And many other favours."

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"The Australian Comforts Fund is about the best organisation in any country," writes an enthusiastic young Flight Sergeant from an R.A.A.F. Base in London. He continues, "They really do look after us. The other chaps from different Dominions always envy us, but we share what we get, so everyone benefits from the generosity of those at home. Thank everyone connected with the Fund for me, and tell them that although the expense must be terrific, the comforts are truly appreciated when you are away from home."

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
22	3.16	4.35	9.31	10.54
23	4.36	5.16	10.34	11.55
24	5.52	6.18	11.34	——
25	6.51	7.08	12.49	12.30
26	7.39	7.51	1.35	1.20
28	8.56	9.05	2.50	2.46
29	9.31	9.37	3.25	3.25
30	10.04	10.08	3.56	4.04

THE MOON.

Last Quarter .... September 21
New Moon ..... September 29

OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	3.18	3.45
30	19.12	10.15	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	4.20	5.14

THE MOON.

First Quarter .... October 7
Full Moon ..... October 13
Last Quarter ..... October 21
New Moon ..... October 29

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LAND TAX ACTS

AMENDMENT BILL

Mr. Barnes Critical

In the Legislative Assembly last week, speaking on the Land Tax Acts Amendment Bill, Mr. J. F. Barnes, Bundaberg, made the following speech:

I liken this Bill to a headline in today's "Telegraph," reading "Charged with Theft of Handcuffs." One guy in Sydney was cheeky enough to steal a pair of handcuffs. Here are a Government who are cheeky enough to bring in a Bill to try to deceive the workers, but they will not get away with it. Not at all.

There is only one way of excluding the worker from paying all these taxes, and that is by not imposing them at all. The hon. member for Cairns said that the consumers pay these taxes. Who are the consumers? Seventy-five per cent of the consumers are workers. Even though an individual has land valued at under the minimum, £300, and is not paying this land tax, he is in reality indirectly paying the land tax of the other guy who has a bigger valuation, because of the increased costs he pays on all commodities required for his family. Therefore, it is the consumer who pays the land tax.

I say there is only one fair way to collect revenue, and that is by having one tax and one tax only, for then we know what we are doing. As a result of these roundabout methods of arriving at income people do not understand what they are paying. Suppose some company owns a mass of buildings. The land tax on it is considerable, so the landlord adds it to the price of the offices he has to let, and these offices are sometimes tenanted by workers; so even though the worker may not pay land tax on his own account, he is paying it to a certain extent in the increased rent he is charged by the landlord.

It was well explained this morning by the Leader of the Opposition why this Bill was unnecessary. He said that under the principal Act the Government could have given this concession without this legislation. How we heard the Treasurer fight, and he fought hard. First of all, I thought he was fighting on behalf of the Bill, but when I followed the interjections I found that he was fighting the charge of the ex-Leader of the Opposition that he was representing vested interests. That was the real reason.

We have to face facts, and the one fact emphasised by the Treasurer is that so many people had land of an unimproved value up to a certain amount that the Opposition want them to release that land. If that were true and the Treasurer had no other object but to help the small person, why did he not give a full concession on unimproved land?

Twenty-five per cent of the £12,000 will be given to big financiers, because 25 per cent of the land is owned by the big financiers. Why did not the Treasurer be consistent and introduce a Bill eliminating taxation on unimproved land up to a certain valuation, thereby forcing the big man to pay income tax?

The Treasurer is making a gift of £4000 to vested interests, to the people who own big lands, but he says the opposite is the case. He is only gulling himself, not me, or his "yes" men behind him. That gives the true position.

The farmer's income that has been spoken about may be nil from the taxable point of view, but under this Bill he has to pay land tax. Under the laws of this State, that is, he has to pay land tax, although he has no taxable income. Why should a man be taxed on his land—on his property—when he has no taxable income. If all taxation were on income, then the big man would pay, but the small man has to pay, whether he has income or not.

The last point is this: It is written in the Protocols that they shall so embarrass landowners by way of taxation and other embarrassments that they may get possession of the land. It is also written in the Protocols that they shall sabotage production because production sabotaged causes hunger, which in turn causes revolution. That is the real nigger in the woodpile. That is the real reason why the ex-Leader of the Opposition challenged the Treasurer about his connection with vested interests. Have those very vested interests got the Treasurer to introduce this Bill with the object of sabotaging primary production in order to bring about the revolution that apparently is coming? Was that the reason it was brought in?

If the land is unimproved, and remains so, you cannot get production out of it. We should be doing something to encourage the people to improve their land. That was the real reason the Bill was introduced. No one can tell me it came from the rank and file. It came from the Treasurer's vested interests friends in the South, whom the Deputy Leader of the Opposition chided him about associating with, and the ex-Premier boasted of his association with those people.

I am opposing the motion. I object to all the various types of taxation. There should be one form of taxation. By that means the Government could tax the big man earning colossal sums. I am also opposing it because the motive behind it is to sabotage production.

AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES

Turning Bushcraft Skywards

Australian Aborigines are rendering valuable service co-operating with the Volunteer Air Observers' Corps.

Years of training in bushcraft has sharpened their naturally acute vision to the stage when they can detect an aircraft in the sky some time begore it becomes apparent to the average white man.

Members of the R.A.A.F. who have served on northern stations will verify the fact that the natives know when a plane is approaching the aerodrome before it is seen or heard by anyone else, and are able to warn R.A.A.F. officers.

Voluntary observers who watch our skies in the network of V.A.O.C. posts and pass on reports to the Air Force have also enlisted the Aborigines, using them as a warning system.

The native observer either sees or hears the aircraft and lets the white man know it is coming in ample time for him to get his binoculars, pad and pencil, and obtain a good look while it is in sight. Hence his report is much more likely to be accurate.

Most natives cannot be asked to stand a watch on their own, as they find difficulty in counting to more than four! The responsibility of accurately reporting numbers and types of planes is left to others.

In cases where a post is manned by one man, or members of his family, who must do their daily jobs as well, the watchers can go about other tasks knowing that keener eyes and ears than theirs are on the watch, and that they will have ample warning.

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THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

"Easier to be Critical Than Correct"

Sir Robert Garran, one of Australia's foremost authorities on th Constitution, has given a timely reminder of the results of unthinking criticism. He remarked that the word "bureaucracy" is not only "overworked just now, but also misapplied when used to describe our system of Government."

He explains that the system provides an Executive consisting of Ministers responsible to Parliament, which in turn is responsible to the electors. Ministers administer departments staffed by public servants, who are controlled by Ministers, as Ministers are by Parliament, and as Parliament is controlled by the people.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) acknowledges that the critic, however aggressive, has his place in the ordered society of a democracy; that, indeed, the critic is an indispensable part of the democratic fabric. He makes the just and elementary point, however, that in order to fulfil his function, the critic should have the facts fairly presented from a national rather than a sectional or factional standpoint.

When ignorance goes hand in hand with gullibility, a hotbed is ready for the seeds of suspicion and prejudice. The individual becomes easily converted to ready-made argument against authority and social discipline, and by the skilful use of propaganda he can be merged into a force such as that created by the cold-blooded perversions of Dr. Goebbels.

Inspiration comes from those who criticise with reason and honest purpose. No leader of a democracy has a right to lead who has not the the ability to accept constructive criticism, and shape his course accordingly.

No true leader imagines that he has a monopoly of wisdom. A discerning community will support intelligent leadership; but an undiscerning community is the natural prey of egotistical dictatorship.

Each one of us, within the ambit of his knowledge and ability, is entitled to criticise. But as the astute Disraeli once remarked, "It is easier to be critical than to be correct," and there is need to emphasise this truth.

The people of the democracies are engaged in a bloody struggle to preserve their system of self-government. They labour and die for a way of life which includes the privilege of criticising the administration.

The least that can be expected of these democratic peoples is that they make the effort required to preserve this precious privilege, and that thy use it with understanding.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

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PUBLIC MEETING

THE GLADSTONE WAR LOANS COMMITTEE meet each Tuesday Evening at 8 p.m in the Town Hall

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ALL PUBLIC BODIES are requested to appoint Delegates willing to become Members of the Committee to represent them on th Committee.

(Sgd.) J. BURROWS, Hon. Sec.

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METHODIST CHURCH.Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, 26th September: 11 a.m. preacher Mr. R. W. Lodder. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher Mr. A. Blake. All are cordially invited to these services

Thanks.

MR. and MRS. R. C. FORTEY, of Gladstone, sincerely thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron, Sisters and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to their son while an inmate of the Hospital.

In Memoriam

WINTER.— In loving memory of my dear wife, Rose Winter, our mother and grandma, who passed away on September 24th, 1937.

"Sadly Missed."

(Inserted by her loving husband, son, daughter-in-law, and grandsons).

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

FOR THE AMBULANCE.

The Secretary of the Ambulance Brigade (Mr. W. V. Coase) wishes to acknowledge with thanks from the Targinnie Hall Committee the sum of £10/15/1, being proceeds of dance in aid of the Ambulance held at Targinnie on Saturday night, September 11.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. desire to return thanks to those friends who contributed donations, cakes, fruit or sweets to their street stall, held on September 21. The tray of groceries was won by J. Neil, Gladstone, and the fruit cake (made and iced by Mrs. P. Irwin) by Mrs. Stanfield, Glenlyon Street.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

The latest casualty lists include the name of Tom Clare, who enlisted from Rockhampton. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clare, the former being well known as Sergeant in charge of the Gladstone Police Station, young Tom was for many years an employee of Friends (Pty.) Ltd. drapery department.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. BOYLE.

An old and highly respected resident of the Yarwun district, in the person of Mr. Alfred James Boyle, was found dead in a comfortable position on the verandah of his residence, "Ashgrove," on Wdnesday evening last by his niece, Miss Hazel Boyle.

The matter was reported to the police, and Constable J. Costello proceeded to Yarwun, where he found the body as stated above.

The remains were brought to Gladstone, where a post mortem was held by the Government Medical Officer, Dr. G. J. Byrne, and this disclosed that death was due to senility and exhaustion.

There were no suspicious circumstances.

The deceased, who lived in the house by himself, was 76 years of age, and his wife predeceased him some 20 years ago.

The funeral took place yesterday morning to the Gladstone Cemetery, the Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson officiating at the graveside.

MR. S. J. KEEN.

General regret was expressed in town yesterday when it became known that a well-known employee of the Railway Department, Mr. S. J. Keen, who had been stationed at Gladstone for the past ter years, had passed away in Brisbane, following a lengthy illness.

He was stationed for many years at Emerald, and was well known as a loco driver throughout the Central district.

He leaves a widow and four children, two daughters and two sons. Both of the sons are in the Airforce and one (Tom) distinguished himself early last year when he successfully parachuted from his burning plane in New Guinea and was rescued after a long trek in the jungle.

The late Mr. Keen was a prominnt Hiebernian, and a member of the Holy Name Society. For many years he kept a large apiary at his residence in Auckland Street, and was an authority on bee keeping.

COMFORTS FUND

SUCCESSFUL STREET STALL

Takings £47

The September street stall of the Gladstone branch of the Australian Comforts Fund was another outstanding success, the takings amounting to £47, which reflects great credit on all concerned.

The convenor (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and W. J. Garrett) were ably assisted by a band of willing workers, and the Fund deeply appreciates the ever-increasing support received from town and country residents.

CASH DONATIONS.

Mesdames Gordon, Macfarlan, Wyatt senr., R. Barker, W. Beale, D. Smith, Stalley, Weeks, Starmer, H. C. Smith, S. C. Wilson, H. Bobson, G. Robson, Dawson, Bycroft, Hallam, W. J. Richards, A. Rowan, R. McLeod, S. Bensted, A. Haack, Gill (Barmundu) 15/- from sale of jam, Messrs. J. M. Stanfield, C. Chapman, and four anonymous donors.

CAKES.

Mesdames D. Grant, Stanfield, C. Chapman, C. R. Howard, Nelson, Howard, T. Dore senr., Claude Jordan, Seed, H. Wright, W. C. Chapman, S. Geddes, Garrett, Leach, Jim Worthington, J. Worthington, Preston, W. Picton, A. W. Young.

Pikelets: Mrs. Stibe.

Scones: Mesdames W. J. Richards, Loseby.

Biscuits: Mrs. A. Warner.

Jams: Mesdames C. McTaggart, Turner, Stanfield, Keller, Gardner, G. T. Clark, W. Picton.

Lemon cheese: Mrs. W. Picton.

Chutney: Mrs. Turner.

Pickles: Mrs. Keller.

Flowers: Mesdames S. Unie, C. Chapman, C. R. Howard, Waddell, A. E. Worthington, Picton, D. Smith, H. Anderson.

Sweets: Mesdames R. Barker, Beutell, Stewart, Picton, Groth, Les. Dennis, Miss M. Hadgraft.

Vegetables: Mesdames Stanfield, A. E. Worthington, A. D. Hopper, Pope, C. Jordan, A. Allison, Jim Worthington, Menzies, Keller, H. Anderson, Kingston.

Plants: Jac. Worthington.

Fruit: Mesdames J. Stevens, D. Hopper, V. Jenkinson, Keller, and W. G. F. McDonald (Cluden).

Eggs: Mesdames L. D. Wood, A. Allison, Gardner, Hart, Burnham, Turner, E. Radford.

Milk jug covers: Mrs. M. T. Howard (3).

Pair Bootees: Mrs. A. Warner.

RESULT OF RAFFLES.

Groceries (donated by members Gladstone branch A.C.F.) was won by Mrs. M. C. Thomson, Central Lane.

Box of cigars (donated by Mrs. S. C. Wilson) went to R. T. Johannson, c/o Allied Forces.

Duck (donated by Mrs. S. C. Watson) was won by L. B. Evans, c/o Allied Forces.

PARSON'S POINT SCHOOL

REMOVAL OF THE BUILDING

Letter From Mr. Williams

After years of agitation by members of the State School Committee at Parsons Point, strongly supported by the member for the district (Hon. T. L. Williams), and later by members of the newly formed Barney Point and South Gladstone Progress Association regarding the removal of the school at that centre to a more central site on the western side of the Bundaberg line, it now appears that early action will be taken to meet the wishes of residents.

Mr. Williams has been advised that approval has now been given for the acquisition of about 3½ acres, section 97, parish of Gladstone, near the main Southern Highway, as a new site for the school, and the Department of Public Instruction is taking steps to secure the land in question. When this is finalised further consideration will be given to the removal of the buildings.

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING.

The Gladstone Turf Club is holding a patriotic race meeting in aid of Gladstone and District patriotic funds on Saturday, October 16. Splendid nominations have been promised, and in addition to the support of worthy objects the meeting will give a welcome revival to the sport of kings. Gladstone Red Cross, Prisoner of War scheme, Gladstone Comforts Fund, Patriotic Fund, Red Shield, Calliope Comforts Fund, and Calliope Valley Prisoners of War are the beneficiaries. A race ball will be held at night, when Gladstone Red Cross will run the function for the Prisoners of War street appeal.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

593 CASES ATTENDED

2400 Miles Travelled

Mr. W. O'Reilly (deputy chairman) of the Ambulance Brigade, presided over the last monthly meeting. There were also present: Messrs. W. Ross, H. N. Ballantine, Geo. Wyatt, and Mr. W. V. Coase (secretary).

An apology was received from the chairman (Mr. A. T. Power), and Mr. O'Reilly said he was very sorry to report that their chairman (Mr. Power) was at present indisposed and an inmate of the General Hospital. He expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to good health.

VOTE OF THANKS.

A vote of thanks was passed to all subscribers during the month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Superintendent (Mr. W. V. Coase) reported as follows: —

During the month of July the Brigade attended 47 accidents, 193 transports, 51 office cases, total 281, and visited the following places for cases: Burua, Meatworks (5), Yarwun Road, Targinnie, Nagoorin, Boyne Island (2), Boroom, Yarwun, Dovedale farm, Calliope (2), Booroom, Taragoola, Nagoorin, and travelled 1257 miles.

REPORT FOR AUGUST.

45 accidents, 208 transports, 59 office cases, total 312, and visited the following places for cases: Littlemore, C.C. camp, Calliope (3), Calliope (4), Wietalaba, Taragoola, Boynedale, Toolooa, Meatworks (2), Boynedale (2), Calliope River Bridge, Littlemore Road, and travelled 1143 miles.

DONATIONS.

Following donations were received since last meting:—Lodge Gladstone 197, R.A.O.B., G.A.B., half proceeds of ball held, £37/15/-, S. G. Kennon 7/6, Mrs. W. Wright 5/-, Mrs. F. Stitt senr. 2/-, Mrs. Raynor 2/-, C.C. camp, Calliop (per W. Moller) £1/13/-, Alf Taske 6/-, Archie Graham 5/-, Eric Beak £1/1/-, H. P. Hallam £1/1/-, Shell Coy. collection box 15/9, social evening (per Mesdames M. McLeod and L. Padget) £5/8/5, Geo. Parsloe 2/-, R. Tait 2/-, Mrs. W. Hare 2/-, Mrs. Dawson 2/-, Mrs. E. Beak (secretary Targinnie-Yarwun first aid) £5, J. Drynan £1/1/-, Edward Thodore £1, Hockey Association collection £4/17/5, telephone box 10/10, collection box (plant room) £3/13/10, Ambulance bearers' dance £45/14/1, Nagoorin dance (per Mrs. E. F. Watt) £10/0/4, Waterworks pipe gang 8/-, H. P. Huepden 5/-, Mrs. Sills 2/-, C.C. camp, Calliope (per W. Robb) £2/8/-, Alfred Stirrat £2/2/-, H. Kirkwood 5/-.

Gus. Anderson, F. Austin, S. Austin, R. Ashworth, J. Austin, E. Baker, W. Buckley, S. Buckley, Vince Boles, Jim Bensted, O. Baynton, F. Collins £1/0/3 each.

J. Crosier, A. Collins, B. Curran, J. Cox, V. Cullen, T. Doble, W. Devaney, Geo. Doble, O. Daly, J. G. Darling, W. H. Dalrymple, A. G. Dodd, E. Erickson, A. Emery, H. Eiseman, A. Erbacher, Geo. Fry, H. Fry, R. Fortey, F. Ford, A. Ferguson, G. Frazer C. H. Fleetwood A. Graham, D. Groundwater, J. Gibb, N. Gillespie. T. Graham, Alex Hughes, J. Howard, J. Jefferis, Bruce Ind, A. Jenkins, H. E. Jones, T. Judge, Joe Jordan, D. Jackson, James Jefferis, F. King, P. Kimmons, J. King, P. R. Linnane, J. J. Lyons, J. Lovett, R. Lovett, D. Linnane, T. Leach, W. Murray, L. Mallet, N. Martin, F. Myers, W. Moore, A. McGibbon, J. McDermott R. Kirkham £1/0/2 each.

TO THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9.

Social evening (per Mesdames M. McLeod and L. Padget) £3/0/8, M. Harold 8/-, J. Bensted senr., 3/-, Mrs. C. Anderson 2/-, E. Burnham 6/-, J. Pegg 5/-, Hockey Association 19/3, Mrs. P. Irwin 4/-, G. Condon 10/-, Ladies' Committee £16/19/2, E. J. Courtman 5/-, C.C. camp, Calliope (per W. Robb) £2/5/-, Alf Wood £1, C. J. Bull £1, Miss E. Wells 5/-, Mrs. E. F. Watt, Nagoorin (proceeds of raffle) £2/4/-, Boyne Valley sub-branch R.S.S.I.A.L.A., Ubobo (dance per R. R. Waits, acting secretary) £15/10/-, Mrs. C. Colthorpe 2/-, W. J. Roberts 10/-, T. Dore 5/-, S. Follington £1, Mrs. Diete 5/-, E. Burnham 9/-, W. C. Dickenson £1/10/-, bearers' euchre £5/0/6, Mrs. Stan Bensted 4/-, social evening and euchre (per Mesdames J. Bennedick, J. M. Schneider, and L. Padget) £9/0/7, C.C. camp, Coney Island, £2/18/11, F. W. Robinson 10/-.

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FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

GLADSTONE COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Burrows Appointed Secretary

A meeting of the Gladstone War Loans Committee was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Messrs. F. Hart, H. Hall, J. Vallis, J. Gosschalk, E. G. Fordham, J. Rigby, G. McCab, A. E. Taylor, V. Summers, H. Peters, R. Tudman, C. Knight, and J. Burrows. A number of apologies were received.

The correspondence consisted of letters from the State Organiser regarding general organisation.

SECRETARY.

Mr. Peters stated that owing to pressure of other work he found it impossible to carry on, and asked to be relieved of his position as secretary.

Several members spoke in eulogistic terms of the services given by Mr. Peters.

Mr. J. Burrows was appointed to the position.

RED CROSS ART UNION.

Mr. V. Summers outlined a proposal to run an Art Union in aid of the Red Cross, the prizes for which would be war bonds.

It was decided to congratulate the Society on its enterprise, and to give the Art Union the wholehearted support of the committee.

LACK OF REPRESENTATION.

After members had expressed regret at the absence of representation of certain sections of the town, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Hart, to make the next meeting of the committee to be held on Tuesday, September 28, a public meeting for the purpose of creating further interest in the success of the loan.

It was also decided to ask Messrs. Swifts Ltd. and the Port Curtis Dairy Association Ltd. to appoint representatives on the committee.

PENNANTS.

Advice had been received that the town had been awarded a pennant for its effort in the previous loan, and that the Parson's Point School had won a pennant in a local school competition for the sale of war savings certificates.

It was decided that the Mayor visit both the Parson's Point and Gladstone Schools for th purpose of congratulating the scholars on their efforts, and that arrangements be made for the presentation of the pennants by Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.

CONTRIBUTIONS BY CORPORATIONS.

It was decided to ask various corporations having branches or interests in Gladstone to credit the town with a portion of their contribution to the loan.

PERSONAL CANVASS.

Mr. McCabe moved that the business people be personally canvassed for subscriptions to the loan. Seconded by Mr. Peters and carried.

It was decided to ask the Chamber of Commerce (through its delegate, Mr. Taylor) to appoint further representatives on the committee, and to nominate a person to canvas the business section.

SWIFTS LTD.

With a view to clearing up complications in the group scheme, which had arisen through employees leaving or being stood down in their employment, it was decided that a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Vallis, Hart and Burrows interview the management of Messrs. Swifts Ltd.

ADVERTISING SPACE.

Offers to provide advertising space by Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. and McIlhatton & Co. were gratefully accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to make use of same.

SLOGAN.

Donations of the equivalent of three war saving certificates were made towards prizes for slogans on the loan for competition by school children in the town by the following:— Mayor Dennis £1 certificate, Mr. C. Knight £1 certificate, Storemen and Packers' Union, and Mr. H. Peters, savings stamps to the value of 8/- each.

It was decided to close the competition in two weeks time, and that Messrs. Hall and Taylor be the judges.

GENERAL.

It was decided to advise the bank that the name of Mr. J. Burrows would be substituted for that of Mr. R. H. Grayson on the authority to operate on the committee's account.

BOYNE VALLEY

PATRIOTIC FUND

Sucessful Dance

A dance, held in the Ubobo Hall last Saturday night in aid of the B.V.P.F. proved a success, both socially and financially.

Music was supplied once again by the ever popular trio, Mrs. Dougall, Mr. L. Pownall, and Master Brian Pownall. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. R. Waite.

Mr. V. A. Macartney, of Ubobo, donated a pet lamb, which was raffled, the lucky winner being Miss Val. Dahtler.

The raffle of a bag of vegetables (donated by Cannan Bros., of Builyan) was won by Miss Beverley Moran.

The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Miss Joyce Hill and Mr. Alex Colyer, the prizes being donated by Mrs. Wagner and Mr. George Draper.

The chocolate waltz was won by Miss M. Gray, the prize being donated by Mrs. W. Streeter.

A sweet stall was held in conjunction with the dance, and the rush on the sweets proved the efficiency of the sweet makers. Much credit is also due to Miss D. Muspratt, the very energetic secretary of the Patriotic Fund.

The result of the dance is as follows:—

Door takings £11/4/-, raffle of lamb £3/18/6, raffle of vegetables £2/3/6, chocolate waltz £2/7/-, Monte Carlo £1/13/. Donations: A. R. Wagner £5, Cannan Bros. £2/2/-, Mrs. C. N. Cannan £1/1/-, Mrs. Frank Cannan £1/1/-, Mrs. Sewell 8/-, Miss J. Davies 2/-, Miss M. Gray 2/-, sweet stall £3; takings £34/2/-, less expenses (hall rent) £2/2/-, nett profit £32.

PERSONAL.

The Muspratt family have received a postcard from Arthur Muspratt, who is a P.O.W. in Japanese hands.

The Macartney family have also had a postcard from Harry Macartney, who is also a P.O.W. in Japanese hands.

Both boys state they are well.

BUTTER MANUFACTURED

PT. CURTIS ASSOCIATION

Cream Pay £54,470/8/4

Following are particulars of butter manufactured by the Port Curtis Dairy Association Ltd:—

Manufacture: 287,864 lbs. choice quality, 388,194 first, 24,797 second; total 700,855 lbs.

Payments to suppliers: 272,453 lbs. choice quality, 407,200 first, 20,991 second; total 700,644 lbs.

The rate of pay was 1/7 per lb. for choice, 1/6½ first, and 1/5½ second grade qualities, the total pay being £54,470/8/4. This rate of payment included Government subsidy payment of 3½d per lb.

A total of 46,957 lbs. of cheese was manufactured at Bracewell and Theodore factories. Payment to suppliers was at the rate of 1/11½ per lb. butter fat, including Government subsidy of 3½d per lb., and the total distribution was £2,038/8/1.

HITLER AND TOJO

Tyranny's Greatest Foe

One of Hitler's first acts on coming to power was to order great bonfires of books written by all those who disagreed with him. It was a fiery signal to all of us, had we been alert.

The regime has continued as it began. For the honest thinker, silence or the concentration camp. For his books, the flames.

And what of Japan? There liberalism had a brief flowering, but enlightened men and women who thought for themselves were soon rigidly suppressed. To harbour "dangerous thoughts" exposed the individual to imprisonment, or even death.

Hitler and Tojo are right. Their great foes are the quest for truth, freedom of thought, independence and judgment. But tyranny cannot enslave the human mind and spirit, and the armies of freedom are already battering at the frontiers.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal for Donations

Christmas hampers are now being prepared for packing and despatch so that every soldier, sailor, airman, nurse and service woman in the jungles of New Guinea, overseas, or in isolated areas, will receive during the festive season a hamper from the A.C.F.

Gladstone and district residents have in the past freely given to this appeal, and many have been the letters of gratitude received from recipients.

Queensland's quota is 30,000, and the price is the same as last year—7/6 for a single hamper, or three hampers for £1.

Donations for hampers may be sent to Mrs. J. W. Garrett or Mr. F. Peardon.

Each donation will be acknowledged through the columns of the "Gladstone Observer."

	£	s	d
G. C. Horne (Rockfield)	5	5	0
Gladstone Ladies' Bowling Club	5	5	0
Gladstone Hockey Association	5	0	0
Miss E. B. Stirrat, Mt. Alma	2	0	0
Mrs. C. Duckham	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding and Joan	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan and Carmel	1	0	0
Pupils Parson's Point School	1	0	0
Mrs. H. Jefferis (Beecher)	1	0	0
John Morris, Weitalaba	1	0	0
Miss Amy Horne, Rockfield	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. M. Beck	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hallam and Lorna	1	0	0
Mrs. D. J. Connellan, June and Patricia	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapman	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Butterworth	1	0	0
Mrs. J. Ottaway, Taragoola		18	0
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stanfield		15	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding, senr.		15	0
Mrs. W. Keller		7	6
Mrs. J. Stewart		7	6
Mrs. W. Chapman		7	6
Mrs. R. Stevens		7	6
Miss Alene Watson		7	6
Mrs. G. Wyatt, senr.		7	6
Mrs. A. E. Worthington		7	6
Mrs. D. Smith		7	6
Mrs. J. King		7	6
Elenor Dougall, Littlemore		7	6
Hilary Dougall, Littlemore		7	6
Pat Dougall, Littlemore		7	6
Mrs. Wassell senr.		7	6
Mrs. W. Buettel		7	6

CRICKET

PASTIMES-VALLEY MATCH

503 Runs Scored

A cricket match was played at the Showgrounds on Sunday last between the Pastimes and the Valley teams, and resulted in a win for the Valley team by an innings and 42 runs.

As will be seen from the scores the huge total of 503 runs were registered for the day's play, and this indicates that the game was certainly full of thrills, which the public like to see, as it retains interest in the match, and these figures can be looked forward to by the public in future games.

As this game has created so much interest locally, and as many inquiries are being made by intending players, it is asked that persons interested should contact either Mr. N. Campbell or Mr. B. Ryalls, who will gladly answer inquiries. There appears ample reasons why a meeting should be called with a view to restarting the association games, and either of these gentlemen are willing to use every effort to bring this about. Scores:—

PASTIMES.—1st Innings.

Bliss 0, Lyons 9, Tanner 21, Duncan 33, Joyce 5, Campbell 0, Costello 7, Donovan 15, Morgan 6, Johnston 0, Lyons 1, sundries 5, total 104.

VALLEY.—1st Innings.

Schmidt 14, Ryalls 68, Stitt 0, McKenzie 17, Ryalls 50, Hoy 32, Jeffery 23, Walsh 5, Soppa 18, Curran 34, O'Sullivan 13, sundries 8, total 272.

PASTIMES.—2nd Innings.

Duncan 24, Joyce 10, Lyons 8, Tanner 15, Bliss 4, Campbell 10, Costello 2, Donovan 7, Lyons 4, Morgan 28, Johnston 3, sundries 11, total 127.

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(Sgd.) B. RIDEOUT, Secretary.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL.

IMPOUNDING.

IMPOUNDED on Wednesday, 21st September, 1943, at 3.30 p.m., one Grey Gelding; brand looks like KON over 2 near shoulder.

Fees now payable 12 shillings and fourpence.

NOTICE is hereby given that unless this animal is duly released same will be sold at the Pound Yard, Gladstone, on Tuesday, 5th October, 1943, at 12.0 noon.

P. J. NEUMANN, Poundkeeper.

Gladstone, 24th September, 1943.

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TENDERS.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the purchase of the output of Buttermilk, Gladstone Factory, for a period of three years.

Full information from the undersigned.

Tenders close 17th October, 1943.

C. E. BUTTERWORTH, Secretary.

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SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1943

11 A.M. VETERANS' SERVICE. Preacher, the Revd. D. A. BROWN, the Moderator-Elect.

3 P.M. PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Fascinating Address, entitled "With the A.I.F. in the Middle East." Speaker, Mr. R. S. BYRNES, B.A., General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. Offering for Church Funds.

7.30 P.M. COMMEMORATION SERVICE, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. THE MINISTER, assisted by the REVD. D. A. BROWN.

MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER, 1943

PUBLIC MEETING in the Watt Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. Admission, Adults 2/-, Children 6d. Bright and interesting programme. Greetings from Past Ministers, Reminiscences of St. Andrew's History, Addresses by Visiting Ministers, Lantern Views of the Aboriginal Mission and the Holy Land, Supper.

Minister - The Revd. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

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Real Property Acts of 1861 and 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made for the Registration of Transmission of Title to the Lands hereinafter mentioned. Particulars of such application are given below, and any person desiring to oppose may do so by lodging a Caveat on or before the day specified, at the Office of the Registrar of Titles in Rockhampton.

Name of Deceased Proprietor.—Jeannie Gow Milne (otherwise Jeanie Gow) Allison, late of Gladstone, widow.

Date of Death.—January 5, 1943.

Name of Claimant.—Andrew Armit (otherwise Andrew) Allison, of the same place.

Description and Situation of Land.—Allot. 3, suburban sec. 94A, town of Gladstone.

Estate Claimed to be Transmitted.—Fee-simple.

Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Will and Codicil dated May 2, 1933, May 4, 1933, respectively.

Date within which Caveat may be Lodged.—November 2, 1943.

Registrar of Titles' Office, Brisbane, 18th September, 1943.

R. J. THOMSON, Registrar of Titles
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(2) Civil Servants, clerks, teachers, and all on fixed salaries and wages.

(3) The aged who are living on the proceeds of investments or on pensions.

(4) Owners of houses who rely on the income from them for their livelihood.

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Speaking on the Audit Bill in the Legislative Assembly last week, Mr. J. F. Barnes (Bundaberg) had this to say:—

In introducing the Bill the Premier said the Act had been modelled on the English Act. During a recent debate on this subject in this Parliament it was found that the principal Act of 1874 really defeated its purpose, which was that there should be an audit inspection of public account and a report to Parliament.

The Act provided for an audit inspection of public accounts, but there was no provision for a report to Parliament. We had the Premier and the Deputy Premier arguing along those lines to defend their case. The debate had gone to some lengths when I made mention of the amending Act of 1895, which forced the Auditor General to make a report to Parliament. At that time the Government depended for their case solely on the fact that the Auditor General did not have to make a report to Parliament, but I advanced the argument that the Act of 1895 said that the Auditor General had to make a report to Parliament. The debate went on, and our amendments were lost, despite the fact that our contentions were correct.

The Premier: He had to report to Parliament on all matters coming within his jurisdiction in the public service.

Mr. Barnes: He had to report to Parliament on all matters, including hospitals. We were speaking specifically about the Mackay Hospital.

The Premier: You are quite wrong.

Mr. Barnes: It was only a fluke that I found out about the deficiencies in the Mackay Hospital. If a party had not notified me it might have gone on and no one would have known anything about it. I was told that there were deficiencies on the part of the secretary of the Mackay Hospitals Board, and I brought the matter up in this House by way of a question. Finally it came before the House on a substantive motion. It was proved in that case that the audit inspector, a man named Holmes, had full power to set up a court equivalent to an ordinary magistrate's court to find out exactly how much money was missing, how it had gone, and all the details about it, but that was not done, despite the fact that the Audit Act and the Hospitals Act combined allowed him to do it.

Furthermore, the audit inspector did not visit the Mackay Hospitals Board for some time after to make his report.

Speaking from memory, I think the incident happened somewhere about Christmas time, and speaking from memory again, I think it was in February that the auditor inspector went there. There was a big deficiency in the Mackay Hospitals accounts, but there was no audit inspctor until some weeks afterwards. Then, following that, the audit inspector made a report to the Auditor General, whom we dealt with on a substantive motion, and he failed to report it to Parliament.

Now we have a further amending Bill brought before this Chamber. I am inclined to think there must be something behind it. I shall be very pleased when I am able to peruse the Bill, so that I can analyse its provisions.

You know, Mr. Brassington, that Bills have been introduced previously, and when we have been supplied with copies we have found there is a great deal more behind them than meets the naked eye. No one dreamt when a Bill was introduced last session to amend the Coroners' Act, even when it was discussed in detail, that it provided for a man being convicted twice for the same offence, until that was actually done. When introducing that Act the Attorney General did not tell us of that fact, nor were we told of it during any part of the debate.

The Chairman: Order!

Mr. Barnes: That is why I think there is a nigger in the woodpile in this Bill.

The Premier: You will have an opportunity of investigating it yourself.

Mr. Barnes: We shall be very pleased to get it and investigate it, and in the meantime we may be pardoned, in the light of experience, for fearing a nigger in the woodpile in connection with this Bill. I fear there is more in it than meets the eye. I have no illusions about it myself, particularly after what happened last year, when duress was brought to bear. It is possible that duress is being brought to bear now, and that the bearer will not bear it.

According to the Premier this Bill provides that an audit inspector shall not be allowed to carry on any other business. That is very limited. An audit inspector may go to the races every Saturday, and by virtue of his doing so it may be argued that he is engaging in another business. I am merely giving this as an illustration. Lots of people have no other business but going to the races.

The Premier: Profits from two-up schools and starting-price joints are not recognised as income by the Commissioner of Taxes.

Mr. Barnes: If a man who earns a profit from a sly-grog joint or two-up school reports it to the Commissioner of Taxes it is treated as income subject to income tax. The Commissioner is not interested in how the income is earned. If you report it he will assess you accordingly. In proof of that there is a recent case in which a woman running a brothel had to pay £3000 income tax.

The Chairman: Order! I ask the hon. member to connect his remarks with the motion before the Committee.

Mr. Barnes: Why, at this stage do the Government include that stipulation in this Bill? I should imagine that an audit inspector for the Government has a full-time job, and could not enter into any other business if he wanted to. An audit inspector would, I imagine, have one of the biggest jobs in Queensland. Being a wachdog of this State, he has one of the biggest jobs known, as he handles so much money.

We members of Parliament are the wachdogs of the people; we have to look after the people's money. That is our job. That brings me back to what the hon. member for West Moreton suggested—that the Bill should go a little further; it may, we do not know yet—and that a committee be formed from both sides of the Chamber, particularly those qualified in accountancy, to report on the Bill. When I say "qualified" I admit that if we have not the qualified men, we have partly qualified men. Then if the Bill contained any funny business it would be disclosed straight away. On one occasion we had a Government giving away £40,000 of the people's money, and Parliament not knowing of the fact until years later.

If a committee is appointd to check up on the Auditor General, then 10 years would not elapse before such a thing would be found out. I do not know why the Premier does not accept the suggestion of the hon. member for West Moreton. It was a good one, and the Premier is not above accepting a suggestion from this side if it is sound. If he does not accept the suggestion, he leaves it open to the people of Queensland to suggest things. I shall wait until the Bill is distributed to find out what is really in it.

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22	3.16	4.55	9.31	10.54
23	4.36	5.16	10.34	11.55
24	5.52	6.18	11.34	——
25	6.51	7.08	12.49	12.30
26	7.39	7.51	1.35	1.20
28	8.56	9.05	2.50	2.46
29	9.31	9.37	3.25	3.25
30	10.04	10.08	3.56	4.04

THE MOON.

Last Quarter .... September 21
New Moon ..... September 29

OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
15	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	3.18	3.45
30	19.12	10.15	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	4.20	5.14

THE MOON.

First Quarter .... October 7
Full Moon ..... October 13
Last Quarter ..... October 20
New Moon ..... October 29

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Great Allied Victory

On the fourth anniversary of Britain's entry into the war Italy made an unconditional surrender. Her exit from hostilities was a inglorious as her entrance was despicable. She has indeed reaped a whirlwind from the treacherous seed she sowed.

By th bombastic vanity and ambition of a leader who had done a great deal for Italy, but who was impelled by a dream of world conquest, the Italian people, who are normally peace-loving and have been on friendly terms with Britain, were induced to assume a role for which they were unfitted.

Now they are called upon to pay the price of the mistake they made. Their territories are to be used as operational bases by the United Nations, their greatly vaunted navy has steamed peacefully into Allied ports, their empire has been lost, and their own land is a battleground.

The Italians ought to be very chary about again making war, and if as great a retribution comes to the Germans, they too will probably learn the lesson they need to learn.

The forcing of Italy out of the war is a great Allied victory. The Allies held by their demand for an unconditional surrender, and forced Italy into submission. This affords ground for assurance that there will be no negotiated peace with Germany.

The Germans have yet to be driven out of Italy, and it is not improbable that, before long, Italy will declare war on Germany.

The gains to the United Nations from the surrender of Italy are considerable. The effect upon the morale of Germany is bound to be great, and Japanese morale cannot fail to be influenced by it.

Italian ports and airfields are now available as operational bases for attacks upon Germany and her occupied territory. The whole of Germany will now be brought within easy bomber range of British and American airfleets, and there are better prospects for landings in Greece or the Balkans.

The Mediterranean is now practically a British lake, her supply route to the East has thus been shortened by many thousands of miles, Italian merchant vessels will augment the tonnage of the United Nations, and the Italian fleet, together with the Allied vessels freed by its surrender, will be available for service in other theatres of war.

The victory over Italy is good reason for rejoicing, chiefly because it is an important and necessary step towards the conquest of Germany. We have expressed our thanksgiving to Almighty God for this victory, and now we turn with reinforced resolve and renewed courage to finish the work to which we have set our hands.

LOAN QUIZ

Q: What is the period of the £125,000,000 Fourth Liberty Loan?

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RATIONING

Sharing the Burdens

The unrelenting nature of the present world struggle imposes upon everyone some measure of sacrifice, some degree of inconvenience.

Because of the nature of this struggle, its objectives, and the profound changes their attainment must involve, it is well that the demands affect all of us in some degree.

A common purpose, a common task, and a common sharing of difficulties is the only basis upon which sound progress can proceed on the widest basis.

It is in this respect that the rationing of essential commodities in Australia provides a keynote to our war effort.

Rationing is a way of ensuring that essential civilian goods in short supply can be equitably distributed. Introduced as a war-time control, it has in fact saved one section of the population from actual want.

This would have been inescapable in many cases when the purchasing power of some sections remained unchanged and that of others relatively high, with no check on indiscriminate buying of essentials in short supply.

Rationing controls have operated in Australia for more than 14 months. We can still recall the rush buying which immediately preceded the introduction of rationing—a "devil take the hindmost" process which would have left many with far less than their fair share of the goods available.

Controls introduced and exercised by the Rationing Commission have given a healthier meaning to the word rationing. Instead of implying harsh and arbitrary deprivations as some might have supposed, it has become synonymous with fair sharing, and fair sharing on a national scale.

It represents a decision in favour of a more scientific (and hence humane) system necessitated by war time emergencies, instead of chaotic conditions producing real hardship for a great many, such as Germany experienced in its inflationary period following the last Great War.

Figures prepared by the Government before the middle of last year showed clearly that drastic action was necessary if the minimum needs of the community were to be met equitably.

In the first place it was apparent that supplies then available would not suffice for minimum requirements. Thus, to ensure fair sharing of what was available, the rationing authorities took steps to obtain increased supplies. This liberalised the ration which otherwise would have been necessary.

In lifting supply out of a precarious position, the rationing authorities acted in co-operation with other Government Departments, such as Supply and Shipping, Import Procurement, War Organisation of Industry, Manpower, and all the Services.

It has been made clear that the quality of clothing cannot always be of the same standard to which buyers have been accustomed. This is inevitable, because there are great demands and a justifiable priority on the best quality goods for Australian and Allied fighting forces.

The application of controls in the case of tea, sugar and butter have also been necessary for reasons directly associated with the war effort.

This is a people's war, needing the support of the people, not only in the Services, in the munitions factories, and in subscriptions to loans, but in cheerful acceptance of minor hardships and in helping to see that these are fairly borne.

The Australian Red Cross Society spent £175,000 in 1939-40, and in 1942-43 it spent £1,145,000.

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UNITED KINGDOM BUTTER

No Purchases from America

Since the Commonwealth Food Control was set up in July the United Kingdom Food Mission (Mr. Banks Emery and Mr. Hinton) has been working in close co-operation with it. Housed in the Food Control Offices, the British Food Mission is kept in touch with all the factors determining Commonwealth policy in production and export of food. Food control is part of the Department of Commerce and Agriculture, which in turn is specifically interested in marketing of Australia's export commodities.

Advantages from this close link are evidenced by the promptness with which understanding upon matters of policy can now be established. Last week the United Kingdom Food Mission has removed widespread misapprehension regarding reported purchases of butter from the United States by Britain. "Actually," it stated, "at no stage during the present war has the United Kingdom imported any butter from the United States."

Misapprehension regarding purchases of butter by Britain from America arose in the first place following the publication of an article in a trade paper earlier in the year.

This no doubt was caused by the fact that a few small shipments of United States butter originally intended for another destination were unavoidably diverted to the United Kingdom. Corresponding quantities, however, have since been exported by the United Kingdom to the original destination.

It is pointed out, therefore, that there was never any question of the permanent retention of United States butter within the United Kingdom. This means that no necessity for payment by the United Kingdom for United States butter has arisen during the present war.

The United Kingdom imports considerable quantities of cheese from the United States, and the transactions are entered up in Lend-Lease accounts. Consequently no actual payment is made for the cheese. The British Food Mission also states that the amount at which the cheese is entered in Lend-Lease accounts is not so high as that which the United Kingdom pays for imports of cheese from Australia.

In commenting upon the report which raised this matter, the New Zealand Minister of Marketing has stated that Britain was also paying less for American cheese than for the New Zealand product. He said also that Britain was getting no butter from the United States.

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Thanks.

MR. W. VALLIS and Daughter, of Gladstone, desire to thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron, Nursing and Domestic Staffs of the General Hospital for their attention and kindness to his wife and her mother, while an inmate of the institution; also all kind friends for floral tributes and messages of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

BUTTER SPREAD.

Brisbane is to have a new factory and additional plant to manufacture tropical butter spread, which is providing troops in torrid zones with firm palatable butter, independent of refrigeration. The plant will cost about £45,000, and plans of a dehydration plant are being obtained from England.

MANPOWER RELEASES.

A recommendation by the War Commitments Committee for the provision of 50,000 men for essential rural and manufacturing industries was discussed by the Federal Cabinet on Monday last. It is expected that decisions on the way in which vitally needed manpower will be released will be made in the next week or two.

DIPHTHERIA DEATHS.

Two of eight children of a foreign family living in South Brisbane have died of diphtheria, and two others are seriously ill with the same disease. Medical health officers state it is the worst family case on record. No previous case of two deaths in one family is on record. None of the children had been immunised. The father has been found to be a diphtheria carrier.

HOLIDAY WORK FOR GIRLS.

Plans are being drafted in Queensand N.S. Wales for girls whose holiday fall between October and May to spend them on farms and orchards working as Land Army auxiliaries. Employers are being asked to increase girls' leave to at least one month. A message from Sydney said N.S. Wales girls will be entitled to Land Army uniform, free transport to and from their employment, a minimum wage of £2 a week, and their keep.

COAL STRIKES.

"Because of strikes 80,000 tons of high-grade Maitland coal have been lost since July 25, when Mr. Curtin announced the enforcement of laws against strikes would be automatic," said the Secretary of the Northern Colliers Proprietors' Association (Mr. R. Davies). "Despite the serious loss action has been taken in the Maitland field in only three cases," he continued, "and only on one occasion against members of the Miners' Federation."

GOLDEN CASKET COMMISSION.

The total commission on the sale of State lottery tickets sold by Golden Investment Company during 1942-43 was £2122. Announcing this in the State Parliament, the Attorney General (Mr. Gledson) said that during the same period the commission paid to Brisbane agents was £88 154, and to other agents in Queensland £61,820. Mr. Gledson was replying to questions asked by Mr. Barnes (Bundaberg).

SOCIAL SERVICE BILL.

The Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Bill to be introduced in Parliament this session is described as being the most generous proposed in the Commonwealth's history. The scheme will be financed out of th National Welfare Fund of £30,000,00 authorised by legislation some months ago. Pension payments and other social services already account for about £3,000,000 of this fund, and it is believed the cost of the unemployment and sickness scheme will take most of the remainder.

RACELESS SATURDAY.

Federal Cabinet has decided to abandon the raceless Saturday, which has been enforced on the first Saturday in every month for about a year. Immediate action will be taken to rescind the regulations imposing the ban. The decision will operate from the beginning of November, so that the first Saturday in November will mark the resumption of normal weekly racing. The Melbourne Cup date may be affected by the racing concession. In addition to abolishing the raceless Saturday, Cabinet decided to rectify a number of anomalies in the operation of regulations limiting country racing.

CALLIOPE

C.W. ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Calliope branch of the C.W. Association was held in the hall on Friday, September 17. Present: Mesdames Chandler (acting president), Whitney, Armour, Dickinson and Wheeler. Apologies were received from Mesdames Simpson, Waddell, Bentley, Aldous, Mylne, Streeter, and McKenna.

On account of her daughter's illness, Mrs. Simpson (president) could not be present, and the chair was taken by Mrs. Chandler for the meeting.

A SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with the reciting of "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer for all on active service.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mesdames Aldous and Courtney, and thanks received from Mrs. Wheeler for card and good wishes from members.

GENERAL.

An apology from the Boyne Valley branch, sent by telegram, for the annual meeting arrived late.

SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS.

Mrs. Chandler extended a special vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Davies, and Mr. Whitney, for their assistance at the August dance, and to the willing helpers who helped to make the annual meeting successful.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

It was reported that as no twine had come to hand work had been held up.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

It was decided that money collected for the mystery parcel should go towards the purchasing of war saving stamps.

DELEGATES.

Two delegates are to be sent by the branch to the Division annual meeting, and that £5 be allotted for expenses.

JOURNAL ORGANISER.

Mrs. Whitney very kindly offered to take over the job of journal organising.

CALLIOPE SPORTS.

£95 Raised

A patriotic day's sports and dance was held on Saturday, September 18, at Hazeldean, Calliope River, on behalf of the Calliope branch of the Australian Comforts Fund.

The committee is to be congratulated on the splendid success it made of the function, the total amount collected being £95.

The President of the Calliope branch (Cr. G. H. Potter), in thanking the residents of the district, said he realised the great amount of work they had done for the Calliope branch, and he also thanked the boys of the C.C.C. and all who had helped personally or financially.

Following are the winners of the sporting events:—

75 yards men's scratch race, Ben Walker.

100 yards men's scratch race, L. Potter.

100 yards handicap, I. Denny

Hop, step and jump, C. Warry.

Tug o' war, country team.

Catching rooster, Iris Barnes.

Single women's race, N. Walker.

Married ladies' race, Mrs. Bock.

Stepping 100 yards, Mr. R. Rebb and Miss Graham (tie).

Three-legged race Mr. Denny and Miss Graham.

BOWLING

Week-End Games

Social games on the Gladstone Bowling green over the week-end resulted:—

Pugh, A. Friend, Greasley v. Comino, Bycroft, Loveday 20-20.

Hogan, Jenkinson, Johnston v. Schmidt, Weiske, Busteed 21-18.

Fewster, Chapman, Wilson v. Norris, Joyner, Golding 26-19.

Young, Browne, Jackson v. Duff, Barker, P. Friend 31-17.

Henry, Jenkinson, Golding v. Comino, Mackay, Jackson 36-25.

Pring, Buetell, P. Friend v. A. Friend Joyner, Greasley 34-19.

Ferris, Browne, Bycroft v. Schmidt, Seaton, Barker 16-25.

Garrett, Young, Dahl, Wilson v. Hando, Skerman, Cameron, Loveday 32-17.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE RIVER SCHEME - UNDER C.C.C. CONDITIONS

AMENDED ESTIMATE OF COSTS NOW RECEIVED

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, R. R. Tudman, and the acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin).

Apologies were received from Ald. R. E. Smith and H. Anderson.

PIPES AND CASTINGS.

Minister for Public Works (Mr. H. Bruce) informed Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., that there was only one firm from which it was possible to procure the pipes required for the Boyne River water supply scheme, which were to be of cast iron and cement lined. In view of the urgency of the work, action was being taken by the Director of Local Government to submit a recommendation to the Treasury Dpartment that in the circumstances no objection be taken to the ordering of the pipes and castings without the calling of tenders.—Received.

AMENDED ESTIMATE.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, forwarded three copies of an amended estimate of cost for the completion of the second section of the Boyne River water supply scheme to the end of the first section of main at No. 1 reservoir. The estimate was based on the use of labour from the Civil Construction Corps, and on the assumption that work would be carried out by contractors on a cost-plus fixed fee basis of remuneration. The total estimate of cost was £112,047. These estimates should be submitted to the Department of Local Government for their approval. As the amount of money now available was £100,000, comprising a loan of £90,000 and a subsidy of £10,000, it would be necessary for the Council to make further arrangements to raise the additional amount required to complete the works under these conditions.

It was decided that the estimates be forwarded to the department, and that arrangements be made in regard to the additional amount required to complete the works.

COSTS UNDER C.C.C. CONDITIONS.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, advised that a preliminary schedule of quantities in connection with the Boyne River water supply scheme had been prepared, and the costs under C.C.C. conditions were being discussed with officers of the Department of the Interior, and when a decision was reached on the various matters, cost figures for a preliminary estimate would be finalised. In the meantime the Director of Local Government was being asked to give his approval for the ordering of pipes without calling tenders, and quotations were being obtained for the supply of castings and valves. It was becoming urgently necessary for the Council to make a decision in regard to the recommended arrangement for the generation of power to drive the pumping machinery.

It was decided that the matters raised in the letter be discussed with Engineer Fenwick on his forthcoming visit to Gladstone.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, forwarded three copies of amended estimates for the following:—

(a) Section 1 of the Boyne River water supply scheme, comprising the 12-inch gravitation main from Gladstone to No. 1 reservoir. Total estimate of cost £17,222/6/8.

(b) Complete schedule of alterations and additions to the Gladstone town reticulation. Total estimated cost £11,867.

The work on the town reticulation could be deferred if it were thought desirable, as it was independent of the general scheme to complete the supply from the Boyne River.—Received.

LOAN OF £90,000.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, advised relative to the loan of £90,000 for the Boyne River water supply scheme that an order-in-council had been made dispensing with the loan procedure in respect to this loan.—Received.

NO SPECIAL BENEFIT.

Minister for Public Works (Mr. H. A. Bruce) advised Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., that he had decided in reference to the loan of £90,000 for the Boyne River water supply scheme that the work would not be for the special benefit of a particular part of the area of the town of Gladstone.—Received.

SUCTION GAS CHEAPER.

Mr. J. S. Just, consulting engineer, Brisbane, submitted a report regarding the cost of power for pumping water for the town supply, and his results showed the following:—

(1) "The cheapest form of pumping to-day, including capital charges and operating costs, is by suction gas.

(2) "At pre-war fuel oil costs there is little to choose between the annual costs of pumping by either suction gas or crude oil plants.

(3) "Electrical pumping at 1½d per unit for electricity, whilst being the most convenient, is also the highest in annual cost.

"In capital cost, the oil engine plant is the lowest, followed closely by the suction gas plant. The steam and electric schemes are approximately equal in capital costs, and are greater than either crude oil or suction gas.

"In answer to your inquiry in connection with the suggested charge of 1½d per unit for electricity delivered at the Gladstone Power Station on to your transmission system, I would advise that this price, as a selling price by the Electric Authority, is most reasonable. At £15 per ton for crude oil it will cost your Electric Authority, for fuel alone, not less than 4½d per unit generated, or approximately 1½d per unit sold, and to this charge must be added a proportion of the lubricating oil, stores, maintenance, wages and other running expenses, plus a proportion of the capital charges on plant used for this purpose."

PUMP BY SUCTION GAS.

Ald. Golding said the Council's experience had shown that the pumping by electricity had been very high, and he considered it would be a wise decision to pump by suction gas, and he moved a motion accordingly.

Mayor Dennis, in seconding the motion, supported the remarks of Ald. Golding, and said they could pump cheaper by suction gas, and this had been borne out by experience.

Ald. Tudman said he was in favour of pumping by suction gas, as it had proved very economical, and he hoped the motion would be carried.

Ald. Deveney said he was quite satisfied that suction gas would do the work more economically, and that wood could be obtained for 15/- a ton.

The motion was carried.

SANITARY CONTRACT.

Department of Public Health, Brisbane, notified that the existing sanitary contract would expire on December 31, and it was requested that the new draft be submitted for approval.

To be advised that a copy of the draft agreement for the new sanitary contract was being prepared, and would be forwarded for perusal and comment.

With a view to establishing a new sanitary depot reserve, application had been made to have a certain area situated in the Calliope Shire Council area vested in the control of the Town Council.

AN HONOUR PENNANT.

Queensland Patriotic and Australian Comforts Fund (Lord Mayor of Brisbane, chairman), wrote as follows:—

"I am exceedingly happy to be able to congratulate you on the splendid effort of your town in our State-wide Battle Stations competition just concluded. The magnificent result your town achieved reflects great credit on all converned, and I should be glad if you would be so good as to convey to all who assisted our very grateful thanks for their willing help. I am pleased to be able to say that following your meritorious effort it has been decided to award a special honour pennant to your town as a memento, and this will be forwarded to you shortly. The fellow members of my committee and I are most appreciative of the excellent results you have achieved, and feel sure that all the willing band of workers who participated will feel proud that they have made a worthy contribution for the welfare of the men and women who are fighting our battles for us." The amount raised was £600.—Received.

TO BE ATTENDED TO.

Mr. F. A. Meyers, Gladstone, again drew attention to the condition of of the roadway and water channel in Central Lane, near his premises, and asked that the matter be attended to.

The matter was referred to the Works Committee for investigation and attention.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

RECORD NUMBER OF AUSTRALIANS

Must Subscribe to New Loan

For the £125,000,000 Fourth Liberty Loan the Government is seeking at least 750,000 subscribers.

This means that 290,000 more Australians than have subscribed to any previous loan must contribute to the new loan, which will open on October 5 and close on November 9.

A large section of the population has not yet realised the complete soundness of investment in national security. This is particularly true in the case of many good wage-earners who have not put a penny into any of the Commonwealth's nine previous war loans.

Every penny put into Commonwealth loans is backed by Australia's immense assets and tangible wealth, estimated at £6,000,000,000. When compared with Australia's National Debt of £2,000,000,000 the soundness of the three to one security is obvious.

It is essential that the Government should be given the largest possible amount of purchasing power at the present time. Great victories have come our way, but a mighty task lies ahead of the Allies before victory can be won. The way must be paved with the most modern equipment of war. For that equipment every Australian must help to pay.

The money required for the Fourth Liberty Loan is an essential part of the nation's war plans. It will be spent on feeding, clothing and equipping the armed forces. The more material that is made available quickly to the fighting forces the sooner will decisive victory and just peace be restored to the world.

MOSQUITOES.

Trades and Labour Council (Gladstone branch) advised that the Council's letter was discussed at a Trades and Labour Council meeting, held on Friday, September 17, and was of opinion that it was evasive. While the mosquito portion was dealt with, no information was given regarding the request for information on the subject of the alleged loan or grant supposed to have been available for all councils for combating the mosquito scourge. "We again ask for information on this subject. Was, or is this loan or grant still available, and has the Council ever applied for same, or does the Council consider doing so?"

No loan has been applied for, and the work would be carried out by the Works Committee with the assistance of the Health Inspector, and all breeding grounds would be dealt with.

TOWN HALL THEATRE.

Mr. Upton, Town Hall Theatre, advised that he had purchased Mr. Clapham's half share in the Regent Theatre, and in the near future would be transferring his business to that theatre. He would remove his talkie equipment, etc., when his present agreement terminated, on November 30.—Received.

LIGHT IN TOOLOOA STREET.

Ald. Busteed reported that following an inspection by the Lighting Committee, the shifting of one light in Toolooa Street to another position had been recommended, as it would give a better light.

The recommendation was adopted, and the work would be carried out.

PORT OF GLADSTONE.

Ald. Golding considered that something should be done to forward the interests of Gladstone and its outstanding harbour. It was necessary to get a united front, all the public bodies working in harmony, to achieve success, and with this object in view he moved that a public meeting be called for Thursday, October 7, at 8 p.m., in the Town Hall, to further the interests of the port.

Seconded by Ald. Deveney and carried.

ELECTRIC AUTHORITY.

WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

In connection with Mr. Judd's application for the supply of electric power to his residence, which was supported by the South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association, it was decided at the meeting held on September 13 that an inspection be made by the Lighting Committee.

On Monday night last Ald. Busteed reported that an inspection of the locality had been made, and the Committee had recommended that the line be erected to Mr. Judd's property. Four poles would be required, and the cost would be £25.

Ald. Golding moved that the work be carried out. Seconded by Ald. Busteed and carried.

NEW GARRATT LOCOMOTIVE

HAULS 560 TONS

Economic Proposition

The powerful Garratt locomotive, recently installed in Queensland, passed through Gladstone on Monday last on its way to Rockhampton, drawing a load of 560 tons, by far the greatest on the Queensland railways. The locomotive created great interest among railway employees and the public.

Some idea of the pulling power may be gleaned from the fact that two of the present-day locomotives are required to pull a load of 470 tons. It will save the use of "double headers," thereby releasing small engines for other urgent work.

Its overall length is 100 feet, and it has a speed of 45 miles per hour. It is squat in design, and minus a smoke funnel. The engine can be operated with equal efficiency in reverse, except that the driver will be facing in the direction opposite to his controls. The following was published in the journal "Locomotive" regarding these locomotives:—

Saturation occurs when the maximum number of trains is scheduled on a given section, and additional trains cannot be squeezed through. Train crews in many cases are working long hours in an effort to move the absolute maximum of traffic over the lines, and the lengthening of hours is due in no small measure to congestion causing long delays at crossing loops and in sidings.

The best remedy is to increase the weight of the trains, and, if possible, make some improvement in the average speed. This demands more powerful locomotives, but this in turn calls for greater weight on coupled wheels to provide the necessary adhesion.

Since individual axle loads cannot be increased under present track conditions, the number of axles must be increased. Wholesale strengthening of tracks, straightening of curves and strengthening of bridges to allow heavier axle loads is not a practical proposition in war time when things must be done quickly.

Eight-coupled engines already are in use, and eight wheels coupled is generally recognised as the practical limit. It is true that engines with ten and twelve wheels coupled are hauling fast trains in the United States of America, but not over sharply curved tracks or weak bridges.

A 14-coupled type has been built in Russia for special work, but the feat has not been attempted elsewhere.

To double the power of an 8-coupled engine without increasing axle loads would mean coupling 16 wheels. Apart altogether from the almost insuperable mechanical difficulties of construction, such an engine could not be permitted over the existing bridges and could not negotiate the existing curves. It is obvious, then, that an articulated engine is the only possible choice, and the Garratt is the best form of articulated engine.

Actually, the Garatt design now under construction is the equivalent of two existing locomotives, since two engine units are coupled together, although a single boiler serves both, and there is no tender. In effect we have two 4-8-2 engines permanently coupled together, but spaced apart by the boiler unit in the centre, so that bridge loadings are reduced greatly.

The Garratt consists essentially of three units, namely, the front engine unit, the boiler unit, and the hind engine unit. The bunker and part of the water supply are carried on the rear engine unit, and the remainder of the water on the front engine unit. Notwithstanding that the terms front engine unit and rear engine unit are used for the sake of simplicity, the locomotive can run equally well in either direction, and does not require turntables.

HEENZO COUGH REMEDY USED BY FAMOUS PEOPLE

Many world-famous people, including Sir Harry Lauder, Mr. Peter Dawson, Miss Gladys Moncrieff, and Captain Frank Hurley, use and recommend HEENZO as a quick acting, economical and nice to take remedy for coughs, colds, catarrh, croup, bronchitis and influenza. You save lots of money by, in your own home, adding a bottle of Concentrated HEENZO (costs 2/-, all chemists and stores) to sweetened water, thus making ONE PINT of the Best Family Cough Remedy, equally good for adults and children.

OBITUARY

MRS. FRED BAKER.

Another link with the early days of Gladstone was broken when Mrs. Fred Baker passed away recently at the residence of her daughter (Vida), Mrs. William Davies, Davies Street, Ashgrove.

Her husband, who died two years previously, was the proprietor of the pioneer hardware and plumbing business, in Gondoon Street.

The late Mr. Baker took the business, which included the manufacture of furniture, over from Mr. H. W. Reeves, and on his retirement in 1909 the employees, under the name of the Gladston Hardware and Furnishing Co., bought the business and carried it on at the lower end of the main street. It was afterwards removed to its present site in Gondoon street.

The late Mr. Baker lived at Marooochydore for many years, and often visited Gladstone. They were fine old people, respected and esteemed by the residents of the town and district.

CORRESPONDENCE

SINCERE THANKS.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—Would you please grant me some of your valuable space in order that I may express the thanks of our family to our many friends who were so splendid to us in our recent tragic bereavement.

Words are so futile to express our feelings under these circumstances, but on behalf of my mother, sisters and brother I offer our deep and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of those wonderful people who have helped during my dad's illness.

To those also, who, since he passed away and at the funeral, rendered invaluable assistance and sympathy to our family, I offer our sincere thanks.

It is utterly impossible to thank individually all these kind friends, societies, unions and firms, who attended our family before and since dad's death, and who sent tributes.

To all these our heartfelt thanks and sincerest regard.

Yours sincerely,
THOS. KEEN.

Auckland Street.
Gladstone, September 27th, 1943.

USED STAMPS.

Sir,—Hundreds of business and other persons throw away or destroy used Australian stamps. Why do such a thing when those stamps can be turned to good account?

Dealers, who buy them for a small sum, reject defective stamps. The perforation must be in perfect condition, and the stamps free from heavy cancellation, otherwise they are valueless.

My stamp appeal, which is becoming highly successful, was launched some months ago for the threefold purpose of helping Overseas Missions, the Red Cross Society, and the Patriotic Literature Fund.

The Stockton Methodist Church girls are collecting stamps for the Patriotic Literature Fund, which the writer is helping with stamps sent by readers of country newspapers, which have materially assisted the appeal.

Readers, if you have not a stamp club send your used stamps to the writer, per packet post, who will make the best possible use of them.

Hundreds of stamps are being received now and then from readers who previously thought used stamps worthless.

At any rate, every small amount of money helps noble organisations or associations.—Yours, etc.,

A. W. JINKS.

North Stockton, N.S.W.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

The many friends of Mrs. H. V. Phillips, President Red Cross and C.W.A., will be pleased to learn that she has recovered from her recent illness, and has left the District Hospital for her home.

PUBLIC MEETING.

With a view to taking steps to further the interests of Gladstone, its port, and district, a public meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, October 7, at 8 p.m. A large attendance is requested.

FOR RED CROSS.

A naval patient in the servicemen's ward at the Gladstone District Hospital recently completed a very fine model of an auxiliary aircraft carrier from a block of wood. Splendid craftsmanship, detailing even the planes lined up on deck, is shown, and the ship would undoubtedly be the envy of many a small boy. The model was given to Paddy's market, to be raffled for the October function, and is on display in Friends (Pty.) Ltd. window.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal for Donations

Christmas hampers are now being prepared for packing and despatch so that every soldier, sailor, airman, nurse and service woman in the jungles of New Guinea, overseas, or in isolated areas, will receive during the festive season a hamper from the A.C.F.

Gladstone and district residents have in the past freely given to this appeal, and many have been the letters of gratitude received from recipients.

Queensland's quota is 30,000, and the price is the same as last year—7/6 for a single hamper, or three hampers for £1.

Donations for hampers may be sent to Mrs. J. W. Garrett or Mr. F. Peardon.

Each donation will be acknowledged through the columns of the "Gladstone Observer."

	£	s	d
G. C. Horne (Rockfield)	5	5	0
Gladstone Ladies' Bowling Club	5	5	0
Gladstone Hockey Association	5	5	0
H. C. Moore (one hamper for each employee enlisted	2	2	0
Miss E. B. Stirrat, Mt. Alma	2	0	0
Mrs. C. Duckham	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding and Joan	1	0	0
G. G. Dennis	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan and Carmel	1	0	0
Pupils Parson's Point School	1	0	0
Mrs. H. Jefferis (Beecher)	1	0	0
John Morris, Weitalaba	1	0	0
Miss Amy Horne, Rockfield	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. M. Beck	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hallam and Lorna		15	0
Mrs. D. J. Connellan, June and Patricia	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapman	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Butterworth	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Boyle. Hazel and Jackson	1	0	0
"Wellwisher"	1	0	0
Mrs. J. R. Shaw, June, and Roberts	1	0	0
Mrs. Erbacher, Aubry and Jean	1	0	0
Mrs. D. MacLachlan	1	0	0
L. Kiesseker	1	0	0
Mrs. J. Ottaway, Taragoola		18	0
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stanfield		15	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding, senr.		15	0
Mrs. G. Gordon and Jean		15	0
Mrs. Len Liddicoat		15	0
Mrs. W. Keller		7	6
Mrs. J. Stewart		7	6
Mrs. W. Chapman		7	6
Mrs. R. Stevens		7	6
Miss Alene Watson		7	6
Mrs. G. Wyatt, senr.		7	6
Mrs. A. E. Worthington		7	6
Mrs. D. Smith		7	6
Mrs. J. King		7	6
Elenor Dougall, Littlemore		7	6
Hilary Dougall, Littlemore		7	6
Pat Dougall, Littlemore		7	6
Mrs. Wassell senr.		7	6
Mrs. W. Buettel		7	6
Miss V. Erbacher		7	6

BLACK MARKETING.

Measures to combat black marketing which may include the provision of new powers for Commonwealth investigation officers, will be discussed this week between the Minister of Customs (Mr. Keane) and the Prices Commissioner (Professor Copland). Despite the penalties provided in the Black Marketing Act, reports indicate it continues to be a threat to wartime economic control.

A WARNING.

PERSON or Persons interfering with my Dirghy without my authority will be prosecuted without respect to persons.

J. H. CURTIS.
Toolooa Street, Gladstone.

PUBLIC MEETING.

PORT OF GLADSTONE.

A PUBLIC MEETING of Citizens will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, October 7th, 1943, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering and taking the necessary steps to further the interests of Gladstone, its Port, and District. A good roll-up is requested, as our needs are urgent.

G. G. DENNIS, Mayor.

W. HENDERSON

SADDLER

FORMERLY of Blackall and Rockhampton, has commenced Business. Counterlining a speciality.
Sufficient Address:
MAKOWATA, N.C. Line.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1943

11 A.M. VETERANS' SERVICE. Preacher, the Revd. D. A. BROWN, the Moderator-Elect.

3 P.M. PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Fascinating Address, entitled "With the A.I.F. in the Middle East." Speaker, Mr. R. S. BYRNES, B.A., General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. Offering for Church Funds.

7.30 P.M. COMMEMORATION SERVICE, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. THE MINISTER, assisted by the REVD. D. A. BROWN.

MONDAY, 4th OCTOBER, 1943

PUBLIC MEETING in the Watt Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. Admission, Adults 2/-, Children 6d. Bright and interesting programme. Greetings from Past Ministers, Reminiscences of St. Andrew's History, Addresses by Visiting Ministers, Lantern Views of the Aboriginal Mission and the Holy Land, Supper.

Minister - The Revd. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

MONEY YOU SAVE AND LEND FOR WAR

INCREASES AVAILABLE MANPOWER

Every penny you save helps release a man or woman for war or war production.

No one will waste manpower to produce or distribute goods for which no demand exists.

Therefore, when you refuse to buy anything unless you really need it, you help conserve manpower for urgent war work — manpower which otherwise would be dissipated in non-essential industries.

Your very act of saving thus helps provide the men and women needed to make the arms and equipment our troops need now, for attack, in ever-increasing quantities.

When you lend what you save to Australia, you make a further direct contribution to Australia's war effort. So keep on buying War Savings Certificates, or . . .

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TENDERS are hereby invited for the purchase of the output of Buttermilk, Gladstone Factory, for a period of three years.

Full information from the undersigned.

Tenders close 17th October, 1943.

C. E. BUTTERWORTH, Secretary.

GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD.

TENDERS are hereby called for the supply and delivery of a quantity of Sawn Timber, including Headstocks, Girders, Decking, etc.

Full particulars may be obtained from the undersigned, with whom Tenders close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th October, 1943.

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to "The Gladstone Harbour Board," and marked "Tender for Sawn Timber."

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

ALEX HOPPER, Secretary.
Gladstone, 28th September, 1943.

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AMBULANCE.— Plain and Fancy Dress Ball. Strictly Old Time Dancing. Trocadero, Thursday Night, November 11, 1943. Don't forget the date.

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FOR SALE.—Horse-drawn Lorry, 4 good Rubber Tyres, good condition. Price £20. Apply S. Saver, Bracewell.

FRIENDS have Stocks at present of Feed Barley, Wheat, Bran, Pollard, Maize, Molasses, Cracked Maize, Potatoes and Onions.

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makes the £ smaller

A CONDITION of inflation may give a pretence of prosperity but, unless checked, it leads inevitably to suffering.

From the day when the spendable money in the hands of the people began to exceed the volume of goods and services they could spend it on, inflation began, that is to say, prices began to rise (despite control) and the purchasing power of the £ became smaller and smaller.

All the people suffer under inflation, and particularly—

(1) The thrifty, i.e., those who have their savings in cash, Savings Banks, War Savings Certificates, War Bonds, and Life Assurance.

(2) Civil Servants, clerks, teachers, and all on fixed salaries and wages.

(3) The aged who are living on the proceeds of investments or on pensions.

(4) Owners of houses who rely on the income from them for their livelihood.

The only way to check the suffering, the only way to maintain the purchasing power of the £, is for everyone to spend less, and to put more money into War Loans and Life Assurance. It may seem a contradiction, but it is the cold truth.

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Obtainable from your local hardware store

POTATOES AND STEEL
Speeding Sword and Plough

The more steel we can produce, the more potatoes we can grow.

The Production Executive decided in Melbourne last week on an immense Commonwealth food production plan, including 100,000,000 doz. eggs, 95,000 tons of vine fruits, 63,000,000 lbs. of fish, and 288,700 acres of vegetables.

Apart from the vegetables grown under this scheme, the Government is also relying on an appreciable amount of home-grown vegetables.

Australian food production has always depended to some extent on fertilisers, one of the most valuable being sulphate of ammonia. Pre-war, the Commonwealth imported some 50,000 tons of this fertiliser, and a serious position developed when war cut off our source of supply.

Now, however, we are producing some 28,000 tons of sulphate of ammonia ourselves. Sulphate of ammonia is a by-product of coke, and that is why the more steel we produce the more potatoes we can grow.

A very large proportion of Australia's urgently needed sulphate of ammonia is supplied by the B.H.P. Steelworks, where one ton of coal produces 13 cwt. of coke and 27 lbs. of sulphate of ammonia, as well as 12,000 cubic feet of gas 7 gallons of tar, and a proportion of benzol, toluol, and solvent naphtha.

Steelworks are also helping to feed the nation in the United States, where the Bethlehem Steel Company last year provided 85,000 tons of suphate of ammonia, which is a salt, soluable in water, and containing 20 per cent of nitrogen, which plants can assimilate. The 85,000 tons of sulphate of ammonia provided the nitrogen content for fertilising 850,000 acres of potatoes—about one-third of the United States' normal potato acreage.

So now steelworks in the States and in Australia are speeding both the sword and the plough.

An announcement, particularly important to small potato growers with less than half an acre, is made by the Commonwealth Potato Controller (Mr. A. C. Foster).

"The Commonwealth Government's plan to sell potatoes at 5 lbs. for 6d to offset increases in the cost of living, now makes it necessary for all commercial potato growers to register, irrespective of the area grown by them," he said.

In the past small growers with less than half an acre were not required to register. But now, unless such registration is effected by September 30, growers will not receive payment for any potato subsidy in respect of old potatoes.

Growers under contract with the Australian Potato Committee, or registered with a State organisation under State legislation, will automatically be registered, and need not make fresh application.

With regard to the new season's potato crop, no subsidy over and above the wholesale market price will be paid to any grower after September 30 unless he has entered into a contract with the Australian Potato Committee.

Such contracts must in future be entered into before planting takes place, but for potatos already planted and not contracted for, a contract should be arranged through the State Department of Agriculture immediately.

Contracts in respect of potatoes already planted will not be accepted by the Committee unless completed at least four weeks before the crop is ready for digging.

Applications for registration in this State should be lodged with the Deputy Potato Controller, 369 George St., Brisbane.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS STAMPS
Going To Be Popular

Many inquiries received about the new 5/- National Savings stamp indicated that it was going to be popular during the £125,000,000 4th Liberty Loan campaign, which will open officially on October 5, said the Commonwealth Loans Director (Mr. C. R. Banfield).

The introduction of the stamp as a permanent feature of savings and loan campaigns was announced recently by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin).

Printing of the stamp and its distribution throughout the Commonwealth will not be completed for some weeks, when it will be on sale at Savings Banks and Post Offices, and through the staff of the War Loans Campaigns.

Booklets with spaces for 40 stamps will be supplied, and each full booklet may be used in payment for a £10 war bond. Single sheets of the booklets, each containing eight stamps, may be used to make deposits on £10 bonds and to pay subsequent monthly instalments, or to make deposits in a savings bank account. All money so deposited in savings bank accounts will be invested by the banks in war loans.

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SEPTEMBER.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
28	8.56	9.05	.....	2.50	2.46
29	9.31	9.37	.....	3.25	3.25
30	10.04	10.08	.....	3.56	4.04

THE MOON.

Last Quarter .... September 21
New Moon ..... September 29

OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	.....	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	.....	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	.....	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	.....	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	.....	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	.....	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	.....	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	.....	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	.....	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	.....	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	.....	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	.....	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	.....	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	.....	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	.....	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	.....	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	.....	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	.....	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	.....	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	.....	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	.....	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	.....	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	.....	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	.....	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	.....	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	.....	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	.....	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	.....	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	.....	3.18	3.45
30	10.12	10.15	.....	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	.....	4.20	5.14

THE MOON.

First Quarter .... October 7
Full Moon ..... October 13
Last Quarter ..... October 21
New Moon ..... October 29

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

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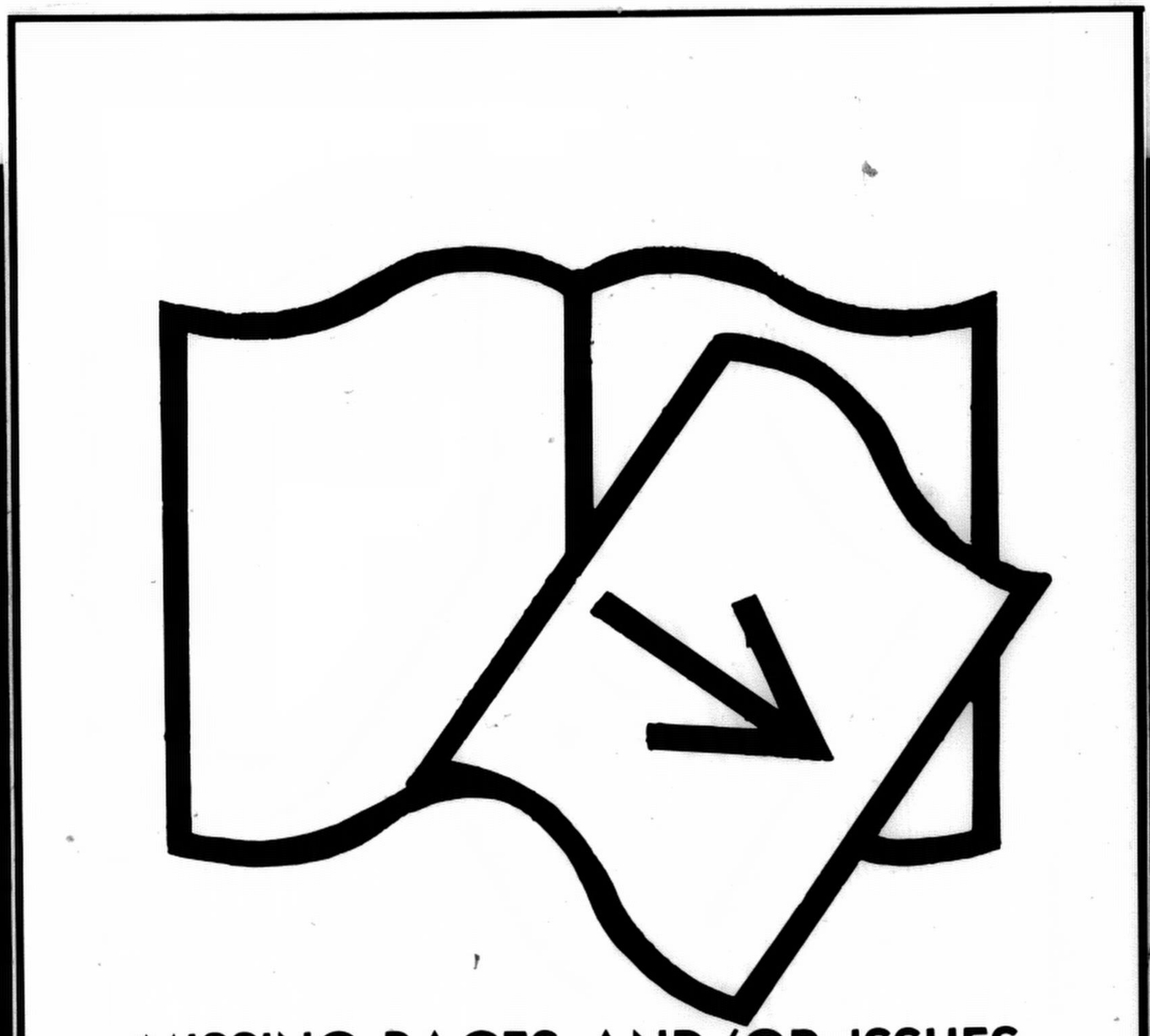

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To-day Allied leaders are paying great attention to the planning of post-war international arrangements and relationships.

But plans of statesmen, no matter how sincerely conceived, or how efficiently, or with what foresight, are like a magnificent new mansion without human inhabitants, unless they reflect a whole determination by the nations to see that they are carried out.

The creation of the League of Nations, after the last great war, was a splendid conception of man's desire for world peace; but it failed. Its failure was a bitter disappointment to a hopeful world, and a cynical vindication of the materialists who believed, and still believe, that life is no more than a struggle for existence, and that man is consequently born to strife and bloodshed.

WILLINGNESS TO PAY.

But its failure was not inevitable; it failed because the spiritual desires of man were not yet strong enough to outweigh the material desires of a minority. Nearly all men desired peace, and the international circumstances that would make peace a normal state of being; but the total of their willingness to pay for peace was not sufficient to withstand the demands of those who, wanting material things, were prepared to pay for them with blood.

When this war is done we shall try again. The Allied, or United Nations of to-day must provide the basis of a new and greater league of nations. Men like Mr. Churchill and Roosevelt and Stalin and Chiang Kai Shek are big enough and great enough to compromise on plans that should satisfy the leading nations of the world, and offer promise of security and self-development for the weaker nations'

But all their plans and all their great ideals will avail nothing if the ordinary people merely sit back and wait for them to work.

ARCHITECTS AND OCCUPANTS.

Plans are the blue-prints of enterprise; they are not the enterprise itself. A house on paper cannot be lived in, nor will the lay-out of a garden grow any blossoms.

So with nations. Statesmen can and will plan for a better world, but the nations must build it up and keep it; and keep it according to the spirit of the plan, not merely to the academic formula.

Allied leaders have, in the main, reflected the spirit of the nations they lead; but leaders grow old, while the nation goes on. And this spirit is the sum of all the spirit of all the people. Unless people passionately desire universal and just peace, there can be no peace.

And the same principle applies in war. Our leaders are in a position to see our needs. Plans are calculated with this knowledge. On paper they spell victory. But without the support of the people to give them life, they are worth no more than the paper on which they are written. Peace must be bought. It is bought dearly and paid for in labour and money and blood. That is the contribution demanded by humanity of humanity, for our future and the future of our children.

There can only be a better world if nations of the world fervently desire it: and there will be no peaceful end to this Pacific war until every person in Australia has joined his spirit to the spirit of the nation, and shared the common sacrifice.

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Aid Expands

The completion of four years of war sees the Australian Red Cross Society putting forward its finest effort. What has been done during this conflict has established the Red Cross more firmly than ever in the public consciousness and regard.

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Results of appeals in divisions have broken all previous records, and a vast and efficient organisation graduated from branch members in non-combatant areas to Field Force workers in forward operational zones has grown up.

Wherever Australian fighting forces have been, throughout the long four years of this, the most devastating war of all times, our Australian Red Cross has given service too, and the tremendous growth of the Society's activities can now be viewed through the firm perspective of statistics taken over this four-year period.

During the nine months from September 1939 to June 1940 the total Red Cross expenditure was £175,553.

In the twelve months ending June, 1941, it had risen to £599,376; from June 1941 to June 1942 it was £1,130,103; and this last year up to June 1943 it has been £1,945,074. In other words, our Red Cross activities are now nearly twelve times as great as they were at the outbreak of the war.

RARE HONOUR
For An Australian

"No man has served his nation more worthily or with greater ability," said the Minister for Munitions, Mr. Norman Makin, in speaking of Mr. Essington Lewis, Director General of Munitions and Director General of Aircraft Production, who has just been honoured by the appointment to the membership of the Order of Companions of Honour, "in recognition of great services to Australia."

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The only other Australians honoured by the King in this way have been Prime Ministers. The honour carries no title, but the recipients are entitled to use the initials "C.H." after their names.

A.B.C. NEWS TIMES

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

Relayed from No. 1 Metropolitan Stations to associated Regionals.

SUNDAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—Australian News.
9.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
p.m.
12.50—Overseas News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Overseas and Aus. News.
7.15—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

WEEK DAYS

a.m.
6.45—B.B.C. News.
6.55—State News.
7.45—Australian News.
7.50—Overseas News.
8.05—State News.
p.m.
12.30—Australian News.
12.35—Overseas News.
12.45—State News.
1.30—Australian News.
1.35—Overseas News.
1.45—State News.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
7.00—Australian News.
7.08—Overseas News.
7.18—State News.
10.15—Overseas and Aus. News.
10.23—State News.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME

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Engagement

HUNT-HALLAM.— The engagement is announced of Hazel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hallam, Auckland Street, Gladstone, to Sergt. Merrill Hunt, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hunt, Marlville, New York State, U.S.A.

Death

VALLIS. At his residence, Mount Larcom, on 16th September, 1943, Frank, the beloved husband of Madeline.

"Rest In Peace."

Thanks

MR. H. J. DOW, of Gladstone, sincerely thanks Dr. Skinner, the Matron, Sisters and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to his wife while an inmate of the Hospital.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN.

More than 600 Australian servicemen in Britain have married British girls. Already about 150 of the Australians are fathers.

GUNNER A. M. BLAIN.

Gunner A. M. Blain, now a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, has been declared the elected member for the Northern Territory in the Federal Parliamnt. The final figures were:—Blain 1274, Murray 1146; majority for Blain 128.

LANG ELECTED.

Mr. J. T. Lang scored an easy win in the Auburn by-election, heading the poll from his two opponents with an absolute majority of 2363 votes. When counting ceased Mr. Lang was ahead of his Official Labour rival (Mr. Gordon Byrne) by 4789 votes.

FROM CABIN BOY TO PREMIER.

Sir John William Evans, Lieut. Governor of Tasmania, who died on Saturday at the age of 87, rose from cabin boy to premier. He was a former premier, chief secretary, treasurer, and speaker of the Assembly. He was born at Liverpool. He was also associated with Huddart Parker Ltd. as Hobart manager for more than 50 years.

MEAT FOR PETS.

Dog and cat fanciers are finding it increasingly difficult to feed their pets. Many Brisbane butchers are refusing to sell meat for dogs and cats. In Sydney pets are more fortunate, as specialists have sprung up to cater for their appetites—with horse flesh, the average price of which is 5d a lb. One man is marketing on an average 13 horses a week.

LEND-LEASE.

Lend-lease balance between Australia and the United States will be at least £100,000,000 in the United States favour by the end of the years, says the correspondent of the "New York Times," Frank Kluckhohn, who is now in Canberra. Kluckhohn says Mr. Curtin told him that Australia was prepared to provide its share of troops for the campaign to recapture the Philippines if the United Nations High Command deemed it advisable.

PEDESTRIANS WARNED.

Military and civilian authorities have so far met with a considerable measure of success in their drive to prevent road accidents in Brisbane. But their success will be limited until pedestrians are prepared to co-operate. Throughout peak traffic hours civilians still cross and re-cross key city streets, regardless of lights, safety zones, and traffic police. Authorities claim their carelessness as the cause of many accidents. The Queensland death-roll has been dangerously high, and until—both military and civiliar—tram hoppers and jay walkers fall into step, the desired improvement won't eventuate.

PADDY'S MARKET.

Once again the monthly Paddy's market is with us, and the convenor (Mrs. A. H. Friend) and her committee are hard at work organising the function, which takes place at the Red Cross grounds next Friday. Another large supply of marrow fat will be available at 8d per lb. (buyers to bring their own containers). Any person having clean used clothing in good order is asked to forward it to the convenor. Town and country supporters are again reminded that their monthly donations of fruit, flowers, vegetables, sweets, home manufactures, etc., which are highly appreciated, should be left at Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in time for the opening of the market next Friday.

WAKE UP GLADSTONE

TRADE OF THE PORT

Public Meeting, Thursday

Ald. W. R. Golding writes:—

All roads should lead to the Town Hall on Thursday night, where the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) has convened a public meeting for the purpose of forming a committee representative of all sections of the community that will have as its main functions the protection of benefits already won for Gladstone and district, and the furthering of her claims for the recognition of Gladstone's ports and harbour and the promotion of trade and goodwill with people of our own hinterland.

The need for such a committee is urgent. We have now lost trade—wool and sugar—through action taken by the powers that be. Our waterside workers are seeking pastures new, and the Central Queensland Advancement League is already out to secure the trade of Biloela and district, which so rightly belongs to us.

The poor response to public meetings in the past is only too well known. The sage who said that Gladstone's greatest bar to progress was Gladstone's own people spoke more than an atom of truth.

To assist in maintaining the trade of the port let us unite in a common cause—the welfare of Gladstone, its district and citizens.

As a native of this town, and a public man of over twenty-five years standing, I ask you to reserve Thursday for this meeting, for your own and your children's sake.

LANCASTER'S TOUR.

The Lancaster bomber, which is on a tour of Queensland on behalf of the Fourth Liberty Loan, will land at Archerfield on October 27, and leave on October 31, continuing its tour of the north over Gympie, Maryborough, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Mackay and Bowen, arriving at Townsville at 1 p.m. on November 2.

PRICE OF APPLES.

An increase of 1/- a bushel to a new ceiling wholesale price of 28/- a bushel for apples has been authorised by the Prices Commissioner, Professor Copland. He said the increased wholesale price was to cover storage costs beyond September. The retail price schedule would remain unaltered with a maximum price of 1/- per lb. be secured in Brisbane.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANTS.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) will arrive in Gladstone on Friday next for the purpose of presenting the pennants to the Parson's Point School for winning the local schools competition for the sale of war saving certificates. The town of Gladstone will also be presented with a pennant for its efforts in the Third Liberty Loan, when a record number of subscribers contributed. The presentations will be made at the Embassy Theatre.

CERAMIC

Details of one of the wost shipping tragedies of the war—the sinking of the liner Ceramic last November without a trace—have been released for the first time by naval authorities. The Ceramic was bound for Cape Town from England. Over 500 lost their lives, some families being completely wiped out. The authorities are without official news of any of the survivors, although the Germans claim they have one in their hands.

WAR LOAN ART UNION.

The Secretary of the Red Cross branch and co-organiser of the Art Union Committee (Mr. V. A. Summers) advises that the books of tickets in the new War Loan Art Union in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund are now on hand from the printing office, and are being delivered to the local Casket agents immediately. In view of the urgent need of funds for our prisoners of war, parcels, etc., an appeal is made to the public of Gladstone and district to support this worthy cause.

AMBULANCE SOCIAL EVENING.

A social evening was held by Mesdames M. McLeod and E. Padget last Wednesday night in the Oddfellows' Hall in aid of the Ambulance, and the sum of £7/12/3 was handed to the Brigade. Mr. Dick Shule carried out the duties of M.C., and kept the old-time dancing going in full swing until midnight. Miss Gertie Ward supplied the music, and extras were played by Miss Iris McDonald and Mrs. C. Stitt. The Monte Carlo was won by Miss Alma Brown and partner (Mr. Weir), and the free spot waltz went to Mrs. M. J. O'Brien and partner (Mr. J. Farlkoulier).

PRISONERS OF WAR

CONTINUES TO FUNCTION WELL

Revenue Being Maintained

Gladstone's P.O.W. street scheme continues to function well, and thanks to the efforts of the lady collectors revenue is being maintained.

Mrs. Ricketts is still absent on sick leave, and two guides (Misses Conquest and Groundwater) did the weekly collection.

In Mrs. Clyde Smith's absence Miss Vallis, of Roseberry Street, did William and Roseberry Streets.

Scouts J. Winter and R. Baxter have been carrying on for Mrs. Ellingson at the end of Auckland Street.

Mrs. H. McCray has resumed her collections in William Street and Central Lane, which were completed by Scout Conquest and Miss Vallis for a period of three weeks.

While Mrs. Geo. Phillips is absent for a few weeks at Rockhampton her Yaroon Street book is being collected by Miss Glen Groundwater.

Happy event at home of one of the original collectors and P.O.W. organiser, Mrs. Sally Coppin, a son, and husband Keith kept up the 100 per cent Parson's Point collection, but overwhelmed with congratulations from contributors all over Gladstone.

In addition to a donation from Mr. Ken Ballantine (sale of bullock) another good supporter, Mr. Bill Jackson, has sent in a donation of £1/4/- to the scheme.

Mrs. Bennedick (West Gladstone) reports that contributors in View, Side, Scenery and Ormonde Streets are sending the weekly contributions regularly to her store at the Fiveways.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

Donations Asked For

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, October 15.

The energetic convenors (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlane and J. W. Garrett) would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at the ladstoGne Cash and Carry.

FOR SEAMEN'S MISSION

Worthy Cause

During the afternoon tea adjournment on Sunday, the President of the Gladstone Bowling Club (Mr. W. R. Golding) took the opportunity of extending a welcome to the Rev. W. Hoog, who was there by invitation to address the members of the club on the aims and objects of the Mission to Seamen, of which the Rev. Hoog is chaplain.

The club decided to contribute to the extension of this very worthy cause, and has set aside October 16, when the Associate Ladies' Club will participate in play, and an opportunity will be given to players to contribute to this worthy object.

VISIT OF REV. W. HOOG.

The Rev. W. Hoog, chaplin to the Seamen's Mission in Brisbane, and who served at Gladstone and Mt. Larcom as a curate for about twelve years, arrived in town on Saturday afternoon. He conducted the services at St. Saviour's Church of England on Sunday. At the conclusion of the evening service he addressed the congregation in regard to the formation of a Gladstone branch of the Seamen's Mission. It was decided to hold the matter over until a rector was appointed. During his stay in town the Rev. Hoog renewed many old friendships.

CANNED MEAT.

The release to the public of huge quantities of canned meat while fresh meat is acutely short is puzzling the southern meat trade. According to trade authorities it is another instance of the hopeless muddle which has developed over the distribution of available meat supplies in recent months.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

VISIT OF MRS. BRENAN

Many Activities Reviewed

Red Cross activities in Gladstone have received a welcome boost through the visit of Mrs. C. Brennan from headquarters. Mrs. Brenan, who is Divisional Commandant of Women Personnel for Queensland, arrived from Rockhampton on Saturday. She was met and welcomed by Mrs. H. V. Phillips (branch president), Mrs. P. M. Jones (supervisor Emergency League) and other officers.

BRANCH CONGRATULATED.

On Monday Mrs. Brenan addressed a meeting of members of the Gladstone branch in the Red Cross rooms. She dealt in a very interesting manner with various phases of Red Cross work, and cleared up many little problems confronting the ladies connected with the many circles and classes. She congratulated the Gladstone branch on its splendid work and excellent results during the year, the remittance of £2600 to headquarters being something really outstanding.

EMERGENCY SERVICE.

In view of the urgent importance of prisoner of war funds she was delighted to note that through the enterprise of local officials and the generosity of Gladstone supporters, an Art Union had been launched in conjunction with the new War Loan, and expressed the hope that it would be very successful. Although she found Gladstone very well organised in all other branches—some, the P.O.W. street scheme, Paddy's markets, V.A. D's. Hospital visiting and entertainments being 100 per cent—the Emergency service had for some reason or other never functioned. However, it should now be reorganised and resume work as carried on in other centres. Red Cross companies form an important reservoir of trained personnel, prepared to give service when called upon.

FIRST AID ESSENTIAL.

In all Red Cross company work first aid was the first essential. After that came transport, home nursing, canteens, mass cooking, catering, child management or any other subject which would fit the aid for the particular work she desired to undertake. Drill was not overlooked. Experience had proved that in an emergency, when life and death were in the balance, the trained person was most competent to assist, and would answer the word of command where the unskilled person would hesitate. Many may think that first aid was not essential to serve cups of tea and visit the sick and wounded, but yet the emergency may arise when these very Red personnel are the first who would be turned to for help.

DARWIN RAID.

In the first dreadful raid over Darwin a group of Red Cross aids with the necessary training were on the job, and rendered first aid, saving the lives of many. When the train left five of the aids went also to attend to the patients. For some reason Queensland had been slow to respond to the call for Red Cross aids, and now lagged behind the other States. Yet at present therre was more work here than anywhere else. Of 420 aids in Queensland 117 were in Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND WORK PRAISED.

Thousands of qualified women in other States would long to have the same opportunity as existed in Queensland. Young and old, married and single women were to-day giving their services through the Red Cross. Some in salaried positions in the city were working during the day, and giving their services at hospitals at night from 5.30 to 9 p.m. Even married women were assisting at the various hospitals throughout the State, some coming at very short notice in an emergency. Other members of the service were meeting planes, trains, ships, etc., and assisting with patients there. It was a wonderful opportunity to serve, but once again, only those with the necessary training could really assist.

MRS. BRENAN IMPRESSED.

Speaking to the local Secretary (Mr. Summers) and the Publicity Officer (Mr. Connellan) prior to her departure for Bundaberg yesterday, Mrs. Brenan said that she had spent a most pleasant and instructive time in Gladstone. She had admired our harbour from Auckland Hill, and had been greatly impressed with the splendid job Red Cross members were doing in this town. Mrs. Brenan is just concluding a three weeks tour which took her as far north as the Tableland.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

"COMMERCIALISED OCTOPUS"

Farmers Incensed

So incensed are some farmers in the South Coast and Stanthorpe districts at the unsatisfactorily unequal prices for fruit and vegetables, and gluts—which are expected to become more serious—that they are considering the formation of their own distribution agencies.

A number of meetings have already been called to consider ways and means of farmers banding themselves together to establish depots—virtual clearing houses where their produce can be passed on to the public, to provide speedier handling and the cutting out of the middleman (says "Truth").

Many of these farmers express themselves as being opposed to the Committee of Direction of Fruit Marketing, which has been described as a "commercialised octopus."

Farmers blame the present marketing system for the gluts in some produce lines, and the dearth of supplies in others. They express the fear that serious gluts in nearly all popular lines of fruit and vegetables will develop in November and continue through December.

Farmers believe that if they could establish their own distributing agencies they could regulate supplies to the public and ease the effect of the approaching gluts, striking values which would be fair to grower and consumer alike.

Another factor which is at present worrying farmers and traders is the difference between prices obtaining in Brisbane and Sydney, especially in lines like tomatoes.

Thousands of cases of tomatoes, it is claimed, by-passed the Brisbane markets, to go direct to Sydney, where they realise as much as 9/- a half-bushel case higher than could be served in Brisbane.

The result was a shortage of tomatoes in Brisbane, because agents were attracted by the much more lucrative southern market.

Same applies to beans, which were selling in Sydney and Melbourne at 2d and 4d per lb., respectively, higher than the Brisbane market.

For that reason there should be a uniform ceiling price for the whole of Australia, it is argued.

It is estimated that at least 25 per cent of the immediate diversions of manpower from the services, munitions, and other sources, will be required to go into food production.

FOOD FRONT

HIGHER PRODUCTION NECESSARY

Men To Be Released

The effect of the War Cabinet's decision on Friday was to reallocate 100,000 labour units for a reorganised Australian war effort up to June 1944 is to send a total of 20,000 extra men to rural work and food production.

This includes 15,000 experienced rural workers, to be released from the services, and an additional 5000 to be added to the existing pool of 5000 seasonal farm workers to fulfil food requirements.

It is expected that many of the extra 30,000 women to be diverted to war production will be required for food processing. Thousands of women will be needed for new canning and sion to reallocate 100,000 labour units for a reorganised Australian war effort up to June, 1944, is to send a total of 20,000 extra men to rural work and food production.

This includes 15,000 experienced rural workers, to be released from the services, and an additional 5000 to be added to the existing pool of 5000 seasonal farm workers to fulfil food requirements.

It is estimated that at least 25 per cent of the immediate diversions of manpower from the services, munitions and other sources, will be required to go into food production.

Thousands of women will be needed for new canning and dehydration plants coming into operation.

More skilled men will also be diverted from munitions production to making agricultural machinery and tools.

AMERICAN OIL RESERVES

Now Being Investigated

In response to charges that America is being stripped of vital oil reserves, President Roosevelt has announced that the Army and Navy departments have been asked to supply figures showing how much petroleum the United States is using compared to other nations.

The order to examine the situation accurately follows a move by a group of congresmen who have called for a complete investigation.

This group has alleged that America is contributing a disproportionate share of oil to the United Nations war machine, while foreign oil reserves are being conserved. Bureaucratic bungling is disrupting and killing off demestic oil production at a time when it is desperately needed, they say.

The Republican representatives' suggestion that America's oil was good only for seven years at the present rate of consumption has been advanced. They say: "If we reach the point where our oil has gone, while foreign powers still have plenty, America will be placed in the position of a beggar. With the possibility that oil will be irreplaceable, war material could be denied to us as effectively as natural rubber."

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Captain Eric Langevod, of Aldgate, South Australia, has been awarded the D.S.O. He is a nphew of Mrs. M. Butcher and the Vallis brothers, of Gladstone.

Private Peg Lynch, of the A.W.A.S., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, Auckland Street, has received congratulations from her many friends on the celebration of her 21st birthday.

Trooper Private Baynton, of the A.I.F., and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baynton, of Gladstone, who has been spending leave with his parents, will return to-day (Wednesday) to rejoin his unit in the south. Kevin is looking remarkably well, and his many friends were delighted to renew old friendships.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hallam have received word that their daughter Thelma has passed her entrance examination, and is now on the staff of the Tweed District Hospital, at Murwillumbah, N.S.W., where for the past few months she has been doing a probationary course. Thelma is making a success of her new venture, and likes her work very much.

The many friends of Mr. Charles Hadgraft, of Friends (Pty.) Ltd., will regret to learn that he is an inmate of the District Hospital, where he is receiving medical attention. Mr. Hadgraft has made excellent progress, and hopes to return home at an early date.

The Chairman of the Gladstone Ambulance Committee (Mr. Arthur Power), who has been an inmate of the District Hospital for some time, has greatly improved in health, and expects to leave for his home shortly.

BOXING

Vic. Patrick will not defend his Australian welterweight title against Tommy Burns unless the Queenslander proves his ability before the Sydney public. Patrick stated that in Sydney a few days ago when told that Burns wanted to fight him for the 10.7 title. Sloan and Laurie Peterson also are seeking Burns as an opponent.

Jerry Jerome, the one-time prominent Queensland and Australian boxer, died at Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement on September 27, aged 70. He had a wonderful run of successes when he first appeared in the ring at the rather advanced age of 35. He puzzled the average opponent with his unorthodox style and tremendous hitting power. In his prime he weighed 11.8, and had 58 fights, winning 35 and losing 23.

CRICKET.

A double century was scored in the fastest time yet made in Q.C.A. district cricket on Saturday last, when Lindsay Hasset, playing for Toombul, run up 239 against Northern Suburbs. The innings was a Toombul record, eclipsing the late Ron. Oxenham's 182. Hasset was at the wickets only 137 minutes. Toombul scored 506 for the loss of eight wickets.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal for Donations

Christmas hampers are now being prepared for packing and despatch so that every soldier, sailor, airman, nurse and service woman in the jungles of New Guinea, overseas, or in isolated areas, will receive during the festive season a hamper from the A.C.F.

Gladstone and district residents have in the past freely given to this appeal, and many have been the letters of gratitude received from recipients.

Queensland's quota is 30,000, and the price is the same as last year—7/6 for a single hamper, or three hampers for £1.

Donations for hampers may be sent to Mrs. J. W. Garrett or Mr. F. Peardon.

Each donation will be acknowledged through the columns of the "Gladstone Observer."

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Gladstone Ladies' Bowling Club	5	5	0
Gladstone Hockey Association	5	5	0
H. C. Moore (one hamper for each employee enlisted	2	2	0
Miss E. B. Stirrat, Mt. Alma	2	0	0
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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding and Joan	1	0	0
G. G. Dennis	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan and Carmel	1	0	0
Pupils Parson's Point School	1	0	0
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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cameron	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weeks	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Smith	1	0	0
Matron and Misses M. and M. and G. Liddicoat	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wilson	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Masterson and Isadore	1	0	0
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Starmer, senr.	1	0	0
J. N. Pownall, Littlemore	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hallam and Lorna	1	0	0
Mrs. J. Ottaway, Taragoola	18	0	
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stanfield	15	0	
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Golding, senr.	15	0	
Mrs. G. Gordon and Jean	15	0	
Mrs. Len Liddicoat	15	0	
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Anonymous	10	0	
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Mrs. J. Stewart	7	6	
Mrs. W. Chapman	7	6	
Mrs. R. Stevens	7	6	
Miss Alene Watson	7	6	
Mrs. G. Wyatt, senr.	7	6	
Mrs. A. E. Worthington	7	6	
Mrs. D. Smith	7	6	
Mrs. J. King	7	6	
Elenor Dougall, Littlemore	7	6	
Hilary Dougall, Littlemore	7	6	
Pat Dougall, Littlemore	7	6	
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Sister G. McCullagh	7	6	
Sister Jean Cameron	7	6	
Gwen Upton	7	6	
Keith Upton	7	6	
Ray Colthorpe	7	6	
Miss A. Pope	7	6	

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

"PEOPLE'S CAR"

Revolutionary Features

The "people's car," which will be manufactured after the war, will possess many revolutionary features, such as a four-wheel drive, with the engine over the back axle, and four-wheel steering, permitting a crab-like movement.

This was predicted by a leading car manufacturer, who said that the war had speeded up mechanical research out of all conception. Many of the new ideas were born from the lessons of tank and aircraft construction.

However, it would not be possible to plunge immediately into building the new models. For the two years after the war cars would probably conform to the 1939 designs.

It is expected that one-piece plastic bodies will be made, with all-round vision by "perspec" windows. Cars will have supercharged 5 h.p. engines, using 100 per cent octane fuel, on which they will be able to run 50 miles to the gallon. The bodies will be sounproof, creakless, and of featherweight.

Further emenities likely are central heating, air-conditioning laid on, radio, and even telephones. The car might even have wholly glass-roofed bodies and sliding doors, perhaps a combination of aluminium and plastic bodies, and cheaper tyres from synthetic rubber.

In fact, all costs will be so reduced by wartime discoveries that it will in the real sense be a people's car, within the reach of everybody.

ALLEGED ASSAULT

Man's Throat Gashed

Alleged to have been assaulted with a knife by a man in military uniform at a Rockhampton theatre on Saturday night, Donald Joseph Beaton, 59, usher, was admitted to the Rockhampton General Hospital with a gashed throat.

It is stated that in response to a knock Beaton opened a side door at the theatre, and informed the person outside that the house was full.

Beaton was immediately slashed across the throat, the jugular vein being narrowly missed. He was rushed to the hospital, where an operation was performed.

A search over the week-end failed to trace the attacker.

CONTROL OF VEGETABLES

Authorised Agents

An order published in the Commonwealth Gazette brings all commercially grown vegetables produced in Queensland north of Tully under strict Commonwealth control.

Varieties of vegetables affected are carrots, beetroot, tomatoes, cabbages, sweet corn, lettuce, peas, beans, and silver beet.

The order provides that no growers in the North Queensland area may sell these vegetables except to an agent authorised by the Commonwealth. Authorised agents must resell in accordance with directions of the Controller-General of Food, and growers may be called on to furnish details or estimates of their vegetable production.

GLADSTONE ELECTRIC AUTHORITY.

CUTTING OFF ELECTRICITY.

NOTICE is hereby given to Consumers that owing to repairs to mains the supply of Electricity will be cut off on Saturday, 9th October, 1943, from 1 p.m., for approximately three hours, in the area south of Tank St.

V. P. BRESLIN,
Acting Town Clerk.

Gladstone, 29th September, 1943.

PUBLIC MEETING.

PORT OF GLADSTONE.

A PUBLIC MEETING of Citizens will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday, October 7th, 1943, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering and taking the necessary steps to further the interests of Gladstone, its Port, and District. A good roll-up is requested, as our needs are urgent.

G. G. DENNIS, Mayor.

Department of Public Lands.
Brisbane.

IT is intended to issue a Provisional Lease in respect of Agricultural Farm No. 2111, Gladstone District, Hugh Moran, lessee, after expiration of fourteen days from publication hereof, in terms of Regulation 30 of "The Land Regulations of 1925," the original Lease having been declared lost.

E. J. WALSH,
Secretary for Publis Lands.

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After the expiration of such period the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to the claims of which it shall then have had notice.

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SEEDS to Plant.—Sudan 3½d, White Pannicum 3½d, Jap Millet 2½d (20 lb. and over), Yates' Lucerne 2/6½, Green Feast Pea 8½d,. Brown Beauty Beans 1/7 lb. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!—Pastimes for Old Time, so don't forget the Dance in the Empire Hall. Novelties galore, and a luckq door number. galore and a Lucky Door Number.

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TYRES.—If you have a genuine claim for Tyres they will be supplied. Deliveries are made within few days after permit, and the price is important, 16 x 600 6-ply £5/12/-, 17 x 550 6-ply £5/0/6, 32 x 6 10-ply H.D. £13/5/- landed and delivered Gladstone, in Dunlop or Goodyear. Hand your Form A into us to-day. See Port Curtis Motors first.

USHERS STOP RUST.—A Samsonize Product for all Ironwork and Piping above and below the ground. A heavy bodied Bituminous Paint. 6 gal. tins 17/6 gallon; 1 gal. tins 18/6 gallon; ½ gal. tins 9/6 tin; 1 pint tins 3/- tin. Stocks can be obtained at Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

WANTED.—Furnished Flat, self contained. Suit married couple, no children. Apply Fire Station.

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WANTED to Purchase.—Large Residence suitable for Guest House or conversion to same. Kindly send particulars and price to "Guest House," Box 80, G.P.O., Gladstone.

WANTED.—Used Fuel Stove, must be in good order. Particulars to Weiske's.

WANTED.—Small Separators, in good order. Particulars to Weiske's.

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YOU can now obtain First-class Fruit from Griffiths' Cafe, Gladstone, at reasonable prices.

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A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, October 15th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the convenors, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and J. W. Garrett.

BYTE, the False Teeth Immersion Powder, now in stock. Only a limited amount on hand. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

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CYCLE Tyres and Tubes, Parts and Accessories at ruling prices plus freight margin only. Large stocks to arrive next week. Saddles (3 spring), spokes, ball bearings, and you can buy repair outfits, patching, solution, etc., cycle lamps, batteries. See Port Curtis Motors first.

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DRESS GOOODS.—Floral Cambric, 26in., 1/7½ yd, White Mercerised Shirting, 30in., 3/3 (2½C.), Floral English Taffeta Silk, 36in., 4/6 3C. At Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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FOR SALE.—Farm and Dairying Properties in all parts Gladstone Districts. Particulars from Lance R. Weiske, Agent, Gladstone.

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MEN.—Try the new "Ampliphone" Razor Blade Sharpener. It solves the "scarcity of Blades" problem. Price 7/6, Dressing 1/6 per bottle. The two, post free, for 9/-. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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SPRING SEASON opened at Friends. Nice range of Frocks, Ready to Wears, Dress Materials, Ladies' Underwear, now available.

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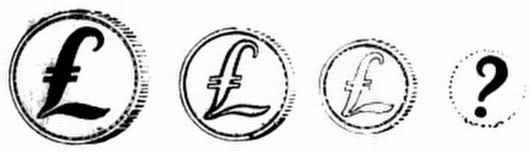

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makes the £ smaller

A CONDITION of inflation may give a pretence of prosperity but, unless checked, it leads inevitably to suffering.

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All the people suffer under inflation, and particularly—

(1) The thrifty, i.e., those who have their savings in cash, Savings Banks, War Savings Certificates, War Bonds, and Life Assurance.

(2) Civil Servants, clerks, teachers, and all on fixed salaries and wages.

(3) The aged who are living on the proceeds of investments or on pensions.

(4) Owners of houses who rely on the income from them for their livelihood.

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PRISONERS OF WAR

In Japanese Hands

Information derived from the 14,000 capture cards recently received from Australian prisoners of war in Japanese hands has enabled the army already to identify 7,190 prisoners of war, of whom 4,476 were formerly posted as "missing" and 2,714 formerly posted as "missing, believed prisoner of war." Further investigation may result in additional identifications.

When the first portion of this mail reached the United States on the way to Australia the names of the senders of 6000 of the cards were cabled to the Commonwealth Government. Thus, prior to actual arrival of the mail many next of kin were advised of a change of posting of missing men to that of prisoners of war.

Later, when the full mail arrived in Australia, a large staff working at high pressure for nearly 48 hours recorded the particulars of all senders so that the mail could be promptly released.

Since then the checking of names has continued, and that explains why other next of kin are receiving advices of change of posting after they have received mail from prisoners of war.

The information obtained is evidence of the value of prisoner of war mails and supports the Commonwealth's insistence that Japan should organise a mail service on the same lines as other belligerents.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

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AUSTRALIA'S POST WAR PLANS

Praised by Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Roosevelt was obviously impressed with Australian and New Zealand post-war legislation, saying in an interview in Honolulu that both countries were far ahead of the United States in that direction.

"Australia," she said, "will have only to overhaul the legislation already enacted."

So far, Australia has heard little official comment on the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms it embraces. We have heard even less of the Beveridge Plan, which, if it is accepted as a post-war plan for Britain, is bound to affect Australia to a very large degree.

An address on the Beveridge Plan was given in Sydney last week by Mr. S. H. Randerson, prominent Australian economist. He characterised the Plan as a great step forward in dealing with the problem of freedom from want.

"Freedom from want is definitely the responsibility of private enterprise, backed up, of course, by Government co operation," he said, pointing out the Plan's essential emphasis on private enterprise as the basis of security.

In replying to questions regarding the Plan, Mr. Randerson said that the Plan owed a great deal to the co-operation of the British Trade Unions, which were greatly in favour of the Plan as a concrete and workable basis for post-war security.

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Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	10.36	10.39	.....	4.27	4.42
2	11.08	11.10	.....	4.55	5.21
3	11.43	11.46	.....	5.22	6.06
4	——	12.23	.....	5.55	6.59
5	12.27	1.10	.....	6.38	8.02
6	1.17	2.11	.....	7.36	9.16
7	2.26	3.26	.....	8.55	10.30
8	3.56	4.48	.....	10.14	11.38
9	5.26	6.01	.....	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	.....	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	.....	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	.....	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	.....	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	.....	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	.....	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	.....	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	.....	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	.....	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	.....	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	.....	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	.....	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	.....	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	.....	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	.....	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	.....	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	.....	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	.....	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	.....	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	.....	3.18	3.45
30	19.12	10.15	.....	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	.....	4.20	5.14

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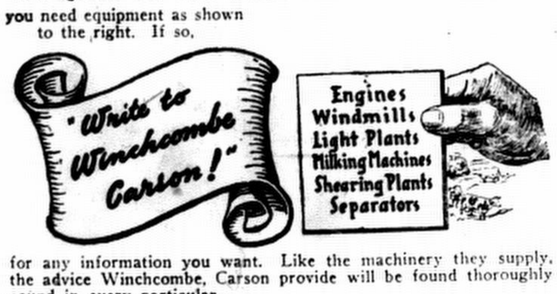

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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING CALLIOPE BRANCH

WORK FOR THE YEAR INTERESTINGLY REVIEWED

At the seventeenth annual meeting of the Calliope branch of the Country Women's Association Councillor Potter presided over a happy gathering of members and friends. Those present were: Councillor Potter, and Mesdames Chandler, Simpson, Armour, Aldous, Wheeler, Dickinson, and visitors Mr. and Mrs. Len Potter. Apologies were received from Mesdames Mylne, Waddell, Stark, Whitney, Bentley, Ferguson, Davies, Burnham, Menzies, McKenna, McKean, Miss Menzies, and the Gladstone and Mt. Larcom branches.

MEETING OPENED.

The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem and "My Creed" with pianoforte accompaniment, being very nicely played by Miss M. Archay. Then followed a silent prayer for all on active service.

WELCOME EXTENDED.

Mrs. Chandler (president) welcomed guests and members, and introduced Councillor Potter, who in his opening remarks said that owing to bad weather and illness and many leaving the district, only a small attendance was possible. On looking at the list of apologies it showed that there was still keen interest in the work of the Association. He also pointed out that the holding of this meeting had been made possible by the brave lads who were fighting for us, and by those who were training in different services.

Councillor Potter then asked all present to stand in silence as a token of sympathy with those bereaved.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The President (Mrs. M. E. A. Chandler) presented the 17th annual report as follows:—

This branch was formed in July, 1926, the period under review being 1st August, 1942, to 31st July, 1943. We closed our financial year with a membership of 21 full members and three family members.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The officers for the term were:—President, Mrs. Chandler; vice-presidents, Mesdames Aldous, Holder and Armour; secretary, Mrs. H. Wright; treasurer, Mrs. N. Dickinson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Wheeler; journal organiser, Mrs. Ferguson. During the year Mrs. Wright left us to live in Gladstone. We accepted her resignation with regret, and are much indebted to Mrs. Wheeler, who then took over the duties of secretary.

TEN MEETINGS HELD.

Ten meetings were held during the year, the average attendance being seven. We were pleased to welcome to our annual meeting Mrs. Burnham (then D.V.P. of this district), Mrs. Phillips (president of the Gladstone branch), Mrs. Mossman (president of Boyne Valley branch), and Councillor Potter, who very kindly presided.

BIRTHDAY MEETING.

Our birthday meeting in July took the form of a luncheon party, to which we welcomed two guests, Matron Cairncross, of the Child Welfare Clinic, and Private John Hill, who was visiting Calliope that day. Members donated the ingredients for our birthday cake, which was made and iced by Mrs. Simpson, who has our sincere thanks.

CENTRAL DIVISION MEETINGS.

The President and Mrs. Simpson were delegates to the annual meetings of the Central Division, held in Rockhampton in November, and the branch was represented at the group meeting, held in Gladstone in June, by Mesdames Chandler, Dickinson, Simpson, Wheeler and Wright.

CREDIT BALANCE.

We commenced the year with a balance of £14/4/10 to our credit in No. 1 account, and closed with a balance of £18/12/10. Three functions were held during the year, and two raffles conducted. From these we show a net profit of £26/19/11. All dues and levies have been paid to Central Executive, and we were pleased to be able to make the following donations:—To Executive £1/1/-, Emergency Housekeeper's Scheme £5, Prisoner of War Fund £3/3/-, Calliope Send-Off Committee £3/3/-, Gladstone Ambulance £1/1/-, Y.W.C.A. £1, making a total of £14/8/. No. 2, Account now shows a balance of £36/8/4.

HAPPY MEETINGS.

The work of the branch has continued quietly and smoothly. We cannot claim to have accomplished much, but we have had very happy meetings. Members have shown a keen interest in all C.W.A. objectives, and in the minutes of executive meetings. A special feature of each meeting has been a letter received from the Boyne Valley branch, telling us of their activities. This has been replied to each month, and so a friendship has been established that is valued by us all.

BIRTHDAYS REMEMBERED.

Members' birthdays have been remembered by letters and greeting cards. We have also sent letters of sympathy to sick friends and members and to those bereaved. Copies of the minutes of the meetings have been circulated amongst members unable to attend.

SIX PALIASSES FILLED.

Six paliasses were filled with corn husks and sent to Gladstone. Calico was purchased and made into paliasses in readiness for the Calliope centre.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

The making of camouflage nets has been carried out by members in Calliope and in Taragoola. Nine nets 24ft. x 24ft. have been despatched during the year, and five are being made.

FOR THE P.O.W. FUND.

The branch helped with the sale of the bookled entitled "Some Day," which was compiled by Mrs. M. Smith, of N.S.W., and given by her to the C.W.A. to sell in aid of the Prisoner of War Fund.

ANZAC DAY.

Members attended the Anzac service, held in Calliope, and placed a floral tribute on the Memorial Stone.

FAITHFUL MEMBERS.

We have lost some of our good faithful members, several having gone to live in Gladstone, whom we hope to welcome back when normal times return.

DEEP REGRET.

We record with deep regret the passing of our dear friend and member, Mrs. Potter, and the sorrow of our dear member, Mrs. Menzies, in the loss of her husband.

NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome to the branch three new members, Mesdames McKenna, Stark and Whitney.

A PRESENTATION.

An autographed C.W.A. cookery book was presented to Mrs. Wright on her resignation as a token of our gratitude for her friendship and willing help with the work of the branch.

THANKS.

We thank all our friends for their assistance and co-operation; Mr. Archay for the use of the hall for our meetings, Messrs. Wheeler, W. Mylne, E. D. Streeter and S. Dickenson for their splendid help with functions; our honorary auditor, the public for their continued support, the "Gladstone Observer" for publishing our reports, and a special "thank you" to our good friend, Councillor Potter, who although a very busy man, never fails to respond to our request to preside at our annual meeting.

My own personal thanks to my fellow officers, Mesdames Wheeler and Dickinson, who have stood by me so faithfully throughout the term, and to all those members whose regular attendance at meetings has given me so much encouagement.

SERVICE, LOYALTY, AND LOVE.

That the ensuing term may hold for us much happiness in our companionship, and that we may be given many opportunities to render "service, loyalty and love," in the name of our Association, is the wish of your sincere friend, Martha E. A. Chandler.

MRS. CHANDLER CONGRATULATED.

Councillor Potter congratulated Mrs. Chandler and the branch on the year's work. He said he was very pleased to see such a list of donations to various worthy causes.

The report was adopted.

The financial statement was read to the meeting by the Treasurer (Mrs. N. E. Dickinson) and submitted by her for adoption. This was seconded by Mrs. Aldous, and supported by Mrs. Armour.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Mrs. Simpson; senior vice-president, Mrs. Chandler; vice-presidents, Mesdames Aldous, Armour, Bentley, and Davies; secretary, Mrs. Wheeler; treasurer, Mrs. N. Dickinson.

NEW PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED.

Mrs. Chandler congratulated the new President, and wished her every success in her new position, and hoped she would be very happy in carrying out her work.

Councillor Potter also congratulated the incoming President, and said he was quite sure she would be very successful in her new work and do her utmost for the welfare of the branch.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Councillor Potter and seconded by Mrs. L. Potter.

Mrs. Chandler moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and visitors.

"BIGGER, BRIGHTER, AND BETTER."

Councillor Potter sincerely hoped that next year would be bigger, brighter and better than ever, and declared the meeting closed with those remarks.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

The mystery parcel (donated by Mrs. Bentley, was won by Mrs. N. Dickinson, and realised the sum of 1/4.

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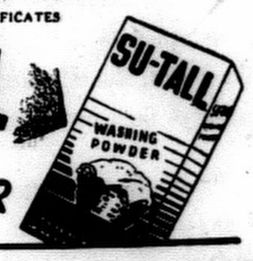

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In Memoriam

ROSS.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Mary Elizabeth, who departed this life on 29th September, 1937.

Rest in Peace.

(Inserted by her loving husband.)

ADAMS.—In loving memory of George Adams, who departed this life October 8th, 1936.

"Ever Remembered."

(Inserted by his loving wife, Joyce Adams.)

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CURRENT TOPICS

LIBERTY LOAN ART UNION.

The committee in charge of the War Loan Art Union, with War Bonds as prizes and proceeds to the prisoners of war, yesterday explained that the opening rush for tickets created no surprise. With such a good proposition it is only natural that the tickets should be in demand. The Art Union is to promote interest in the Fourth Liberty Loan, and subscribers are asked to support the loan down to "your last zac," then have a ticket and thus "back the attack." Gladstone is the only place in Australia where you can get a £100 bond for 2/-, and had it not been for the enterprising donors, who subscribed £138 in a few minutes for prizes, the Art Union could never have been proceeded with.

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING.

All roads should lead to the Gladstone Turf Club's Racecourse on Saturday next, when a splendid programme of events will be decided, the proceeds to go to seven Gladstone and Calliope patriotic funds. A working bee of members, assisted by several unionists, has made necessary improvements to the course and appointments, and everything should be in order for a bumper meeting. The Vice-president of the Club (Mr. Hugh Ballantine) said that he anticipated good country nominations, and strong support would be given the fixture from district centres. A ladies' committee will serve afternoon tea on the course, and members of the patriotic bodies will assist in running a publican's booth. Busses and cars will run out for the first race. This meeting should appeal to all sections. In addition to keeping alive the sport of kings and assisting owners to have their horses in condition, patrons will be contributing to such worthy objects as the Patriotic Fund, Comforts Fund, Prisoner of War Fund, and Red Shield Fund in town and district.

A subscription list opened by the President of the Club (Mr. A. W. F. G. Crow) with a cheque for £5/5/-, has been followed with a donation of £5 from Mr. L. Jessen, Club Hotel, and £2/2/- from Mr. Jim Nash, Royal Hotel.

Other donations will be acknowledged up to the day of the meeting.

Another working bee will be held to-morrow (Sunday), and members and friends coming out are asked to bring axes, shovels, mattocks, rakes, etc., with them, to put the finishing touches on the course.

HARBOUR BOARD

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. C. W. Macfarlan) and Messrs. W. R. Golding, J. F. Donovan, E. W. Crow, A. W. Drewe, R. S. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper). An apology was received and accepted from Mr. C. S. Schache, who was granted leave of absence from the meeting.

Messrs. Swift Australia Coy. (Ltd.) advised that their pile driving plant would be available in connection with certain works to be carried out by the Board.

Payments amounting to £252/-/5 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £155/12/1 passed for payment.

It was decided that a donation of £10 be made to the Governor's special appeal for merchant seamen.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

The Rev. W. Hoog, chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, Brisbane, who spent the week-end in Gladstone, left by the mail train on Tuesday. During his stay here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barker, Auckland Street.

GLADSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED

A PROUD DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The seventy-fifth anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, 1867-1943, was fittingly commemorated on Sunday.

Appropriate services were held during the day, when impressive discourses were given by the Moderator-elect (Rev. D. A. Brown), the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland (Mr. R. S. Byrnes, B.A.), and Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

The members of each congregation turned out in large numbers to all diets of worship.

A souvenir brochure adequately deals with the early history of the Church, its ministers and workers, tracing its progress up to the present.

The arrangements made by the Rev. Saunders and the Committee of Management were very efficient.

VETERAN'S SERVICE.

The seventy-fifth anniversary commenced at 11 a.m. on Sunday with a veterans' service, at which 75 were present, including 26 children. The Sunday School scholars sweetly sang "Australia Hail," and Miss June Rose rendered the solo "Lord, it is a Goodly Land." The Moderator-elect, Rev. D. A. Brown, preached an appropriate sermon, the subject being "Jesus and the Thorns of Life," and from it he drew a heart-searching message. The basic idea was derived from the word "instead." Our Lord set about the task of defeating evil by planting good in the same soil. The superior vigour of the good things He planted in human lives gradually had the effect of withering up the bad things at the roots. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree."

OLD MEMBERS CONGRATULATED.

The preacher then congratulated the older members of the congregation for their fidelity to the Church throughout many years, and assured them that their faith would be instrumental in the years to come of planting firs and myrtles to battle with and overcome the thorns and briers of life.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At a pleasant Sunday afternoon there were fifty-two present, the soloists being Mr. N. V. Martin and Mrs. C. Dougall, of Miriam Vale. Favourite hymns were sung, and enjoyed by all. The Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A., presided. The Rev. D. A. Brown offered up a prayer, and the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland (Mr. R. S. Byrnes, B.A.), delivered an interesting lecture entitled "With the A.I.F. in the Middle East."

"CRACKER BLOKE."

Mr. Byrnes said he had seen 27 days' service in the old A.I.F. in Australia during the last war, and had two sons serving in the present war. After the fall of France and the evacuation from Dunkirk he began to take this war seriously, and although a middle-aged man, he obtained his wife's consent to enlist. He was accepted as a Y.M.C.A. welfare officer, and saw active service in the Middle East for two years. Most of his time, he said, was spent in Palestine and the borders of Syria, but he also visited and served in Egypt and the Western Desert. To the mothers present he said they should not worry about their boys, the truth being they were more worried about us. He described the voyages across the Indian Ocean, and paid a high tribute to the magnificent service of the Navy and the Merchant Marine. Comradeship, expressed in the phrase "cracker bloke" was still the greatest weapon of the A.I.F. as it was in the last war. He was proud of the way the boys of this generation had proved the falsity of the enemy's claim that the British race was decadent.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

There was a large congregation at the commemoration service at night, when the preacher was the Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders. The soloist was Mrs. C. N. Joseph. A profuse collection of beautiful flowers adorned the platform and pulpit.

HOLY COMMUNION.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders and the Kirk Session, assisted by the Rev. D. A. Brown, Mr. B. G. Patterson, the Deputy Clerk of the Presbytery, and Mr. R. S. Byrnes, B.A.

PROFESSION OF FAITH.

Four members were received into full fellowship upon public profession of faith. The charge to the new members was given by Mr. R. S. Byrnes, B.A., while the post-communion address was delivered by the Rev. D. A. Brown.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE.

An eloquent and inspiring commemoration sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A., based on the text, "This day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye sorry for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

CELEBRATE THE OCCASION.

"The text records the advice given to the people of Jerusalem, when the walls had been rebuilt," said the Rev. Saunders in his opening remarks. Their ardous and perilous labours were ended, and it was time now to keep a day holy to God to celebrate the occasion. There were to be no regrets, for their strength lay in the Devine pleasure which rested upon them.

RUINS REBUILT.

The Rev. Saunders went on to say that the rebuilding of Jerusalem was one of the grand pages of history. Without this indomitable achievement it was conceivable that the Christian Church might never have come into existence in the way that we know, as they built better and deeper than they knew. There was, however, reason for a melancholy undertone in their jubilations—they were rebuilding ruins; they were rescuing the domicile of their society and the shrine of their spiritual life from the despoliation of barbarism.

STAND FOREVER.

In the new Testament they had the Divine triumph over the despoiler. "He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree." It was building rather than rebuilding. "I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." "Christ, with His nail-pierced hands," said the Rev. Saunders, "had laid a foundation upon which progress, or if you will, the Divine purpose, shall stand forever."

MILESTONES COUNTED.

Rev. Saunders went on to say that the Bible was full of memorials and commemorations. It would be impossible without them. Likewise the Church, in her onward journey, counted the milestones one by one, and in her spirit relives the great moments of her past experienc.

A PROUD HOUR.

"This is a proud hour for us," continued the Rev. Saunders. "We have reached to-day three-quarters of a century as a single congregation of God's believing people. Our country itself is scarcely more than one and a half centuries old, and this community of Gladstone is lacking three years of its century, and St. Andrew's has stood already for 75 years of these periods." He had carefully compiled the historical details of St. Andrew's Church in the souvenir brochure, which he hoped every member of the congregation will procure and read with care.

THREE ENQUIRIES.

In this solemn worship it was his task to direct their minds to the deeplying principles of the commemoration, and there were three enquiries—Why? When? and How? Dealing with "Why we commemorate," Rev. Saunders said a popular and a learned objection might be raised against this query. "Leave the past to itself, we live in the present." A philosopher would regard the question as an ultimate one, and hence out of place here. However, the reply to these objections was swift and irrefutable. "We cannot leave the past to itself," said the Rev. Saunders, "and more than a tree can detach itself from its roots, and what is ultimate is primary, and must be understood at the outset."

GEOGRAPHY SECONDARY CONSIDERATION.

The preacher went on to say that he began with Why? in order to show a satisfactory reason. What sort of creatures would we be if we allowed this occasion to pass into oblivion? Consider for a moment the lost pages of history, and the ensuing tragedy of that loss—the ruins of Crete and the burnt library of Alexandria. This war had been thrust upon the world by a monster who burnt the Reichstag to obliterate history and yelled for geography. However, the Church began and continues with history. Geography was a secondary consideration in the mind of Christ—"blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." The Church was not mere history, the Church was History—the body of Christ.

RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

Continuing, the Rev. Saunders said he could not do better than sum up the answer to the question Why? than quote the following words "Therefore with all this host of witnesses encircling us we must strip off every handicap, strip off sin with its clinging folds, to run an appointed course steadily, our eyes fixed upon Jesus as the pioneer and the perfection of faith—upon Jesus, who in order to reach His own appointed joy, steadily endured the cross, thinking nothing of its shame, and is now exalted at the right hand of the Throne of God."

WHAT WE COMMEMORATE

Passing on to "What we commemorate," the Rev. Saunders said a satisfying reason demanded a satisfactory thesis, and this brought him to the core of the whole matter. The august convictions and traditions of the Reformed Catholic faith (a) The sovereignty of God, shown first in the covenant of life and of grace: (b) The Catholic Church, revealing Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and gospel, ministry and grace; (c) The Civil Magistrate.

NAMES IN BOOK OF LIFE.

The Rev. Saunders then dealt with hallowed influences, the union between the Church and the home. It was not so much the work of the ministry as the faith and piety of the people. He had memories of an old gentleman attending service at Mt. Larcom, and there was the work of Messrs. A. H. Wilson, W. Marley, W. H. Neilson, P. G. Knyvett, and others whose names were in the book of life.

COMMEMORATION ONE OF ACTION.

In referring to "How we commemorate" Rev. Saunders said this was the principle issue that was demanded of them all, and if they were to escape hollow display and the blowing of trumpets, the commemoration must be one of action—their faith interpreted by their life, and added "Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it," and that must be the principle and aim of their action."

PUBLIC MEETING.

At the public meeting, held in the Watt Memorial Hall on Monday night, a bright and interesting programme was submitted, which was enjoyed and appreciated. The Rev. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A., presided, and he was assisted on the platform by the Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), the Moderator-elect, Rev. D. A. Brown, Rev. W. Hoog, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, Rev. Father Cullen, the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland (Mr. R. S. Byrnes, B.A.), and Adj. Stewart (Salvation Army).

Rev. Saunders, in a few well chosen words, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

GOOD WISHES.

Short but appropriate reference to the 15th anniversary was made by the Mayor (Ald. G G. Dennis), Rev. W. Hoog, Rev. Father Cullen, Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, and Messrs. H. Jansen, W. J. Garrett, R.G S. Byrnes, B.A., and they wished the Church everything that was best in the coming years.

"GOD BLESS YOU."

The Moderator-elect (Rev. D. A. Brown) said it was with great pleasure he attended the celebration of th 75th anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He had known the Rev. Saunders and his good wife for a long time, and added, "I admire them extremely." The Church in Gladstone was going to flourish in the future, and in the Rev. Saunders they had a man with many outstanding gifts. They were looing forward with promise to the work of Mr. Janson, son of Mr. H. Janson, in the ministry. The Presbyterian Church in Gladstone had done good work in the past, and he felt sure it would continue to advance in the service of God. "God bless you in your work, and I am sure you will build more gloriously in the future—the welfare of your town and district," concluded the Rev. Brown.

EXTRACTS FROM GREETINGS.

The Rt. Revd. N. H. Jouglin, M.A. B.D., Moderator of Assembly:—

"Would you offer my apology to your congregation for my absence from your anniversary, and would you convey to the members my feelings for the congregation's 75th birthday. My prayer for you is that God will richly bless your work in the days to come."

Mr. T. L. Williams, Minister for Agriculture and Stock:—

"I should be pleased if you would convey to all present my sincere wish that every meeting will be blessed with success, spiritually, socially, and financially, and that through many more years St. Andrew's may continue to be a tower of strength to the spiritual well-being of the people of Gladstone."

The Revd. A. M. MacAllister:—

"Congratulations on having attained your seventy-fifth anniversary."

The Revd. W. Harrison:—

"My sincere wish and fervent prayer is that your meetings may have a large measure of success, and that the blessing of God may crown all your efforts."

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

ANNUAL SALE OF WORK

Successful Function

The annual Church of England sale of work was held in the Town Hall on Friday, and the function proved most successful, both socially and financially, reflecting much credit on the President (Mrs. C. T. Smith) and the Secretary (Mrs. Brawn), and their band of enthusiastic workers.

The business of buying and selling proceeded briskly, and all goods were sold out at an early hour.

Bishop Ash, who was accompanied by Mrs. Ash, in officially opening the function, congratulated the ladies on the splendid display, and felt sure their efforts would be rewarded with success.

Boquets were presented to Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Smith by the Secretary of the Guild (Mrs. Brawn).

The annual effort was brought to a close with a most enjoyable dance.

STALLS AND STALLHOLDERS.

Sweets: Mesdames C. Chapman, J. M. Stanfield, G. Gordon, C. Barker.

Jumble: Mesdames C. Butterworth, E. M. Grant, Miss M. Butterworth.

Produce: Mesdames E. W. Barker, H. V. Loveday, A. E. Worthington, E. Muir.

Ice cream and soft drinks: Mesdames H. Hando, A. V. Worthington, Miss M. Hando.

Shilling table: Mesdames R. Langton, A. E. Ambrose, F. Spork, A. A. Pring.

Cakes: J. W. Rigby, G. T. Clark.

Flowers: Mesdames W. R. Golding Jnr., Brawn, Misses R. Hadgraft, D. Welsh.

Refreshments: Mesdames L. S. Johnston, R. Barker, Woodrow, W. Chapman, A. E. Taylor, J. Taylor, A. Greasley, Waterson, H. Hallam, C. Davidson, R. Fenton, C. Dicker, V. Smith, P. Duff, W. Collins, P. Friend, A. Friend, H. Hando, A. Worthington, J. Worthington, N. Worthington, Powell, A. Gollnick, E. Burnham, and Misses G. Ward, and M. Hando.

COMPETITIONS.

Sponge cake, Mrs. W. S. Gill.

Chocolate sandwich, Miss Peggy Rigby.

Orange cake, Miss Gladys Chapman.

Plate of pikelets, Mrs. H. J. Barker.

Plate of scones, Mrs. Menzies.

Plate of pumpkin scones, Mrs. J. Lyons.

Apple tart, Miss Joan Chapman.

Plate of sausage rolls, Mrs. C. Barker.

Bowl of white flowers, Mrs. R. Barker.

Bowl of mixed flowers, Mrs. R. Liddicoat.

Bowl of yellow flowers, Mrs. Prizeman.

Bowl of blue flowers, Mrs. McKenna.

Bowl of red flowers, Mrs. Lyons.

The Revd. J. B. Thorn, B.D:—

"It is about 19 years ago since I left the parish of Gladstone. To your minister, office-bearers, and other members of the congregation I send greetings. May your 75th anniversary be a happy one."

The Revd. J. Gillespie:—

"The Gladstone district is a strong Presbyterian district. I trust that the minister will have the co-operation of all, so that no matter what the charge has been able to do in the past it will be able to go still further as one of the main elevating influences in that part of our State."

Mr. H. R. Carter:—

"From my camp in Victoria I am thinking of the days spent in Gladstone, and on the celebration of the 75th anniversary I send you greetings."

Other greetings were received from the Revd. R. Bardon, B.A., Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clarke, and Mr. P. G. Knyvett, S.M., of Brisbane.

LANTERN VIEWS.

Interesting and fascinating lantern views, "With the A.I.F. in the Middle East," were then shown, each view being described by Mr. Byrnes, B.A. The machine was efficiently worked by Master Max Garrett.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

During the evening a musical programme was contributed to by the Sunday School children, Mrs. C. N. Joseph, Miss E. McTaggart, and Mrs. A. Dougall (Miriam Vale), and Mrs. N. Martin.

VOTE OF THANKS.

After Mr. C. W. Macfarlan had proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had assisted, a dainty supper was partaken of.

SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY.

This brought to a close the commemoration and celebration of the 75th anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and all who were associated with it are to be congratulated on its success.

SERIOUS OFFENCE

STEALING FROM A SHIP

Warning Issued

In the Police Court on Tuesday afternoon, before the Acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan), Leo Funk, waterside worker, was charged with stealing seven packets of American cigarettes, six tubes of Colgate's shaving cream, and 18 packets of cigarette papers, valued at 7/4, the property of the United States Army.

Sergeant Gill prosecuted.

In answer to the charge Funk pleaded guilty, and elected to be dealt with summarily.

The Acting S.M. (Mr. Donovan), in fining Funk £2, in default 14 days in the Gladstone Lockup, stated he took a serious view of the offence in view of the trust imposed in workmen in this calling. However, as this was the first occasion in which the offender had been before the court, he had inflicted a small penalty, but should a similar offence be committed the matter would be viewed in a most serious light. He gave this as a warning, and it should be noted.

About 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday it was reported that goods were being stolen from the hold of a ship, and Sergt. Sjostedt, Constable Gregg, and Constable Flink, of the U.S.A. military police, proceeded to the jetty and made inquiries.

Funk, on being questioned, admitted stealing cigarettes, shaving cream, and cigarette papers from a case in the hold of a ship. He was immediately brought before the court and charged with stealing, and dealt with as stated above.

The property was ordered to be returned to the United States Army.

AT CALLIOPE

PATRIOTIC RODEO

Receipts Totalled £375

The patriotic rodeo held at Calliope attracted a record crowd of visitors from the Burnett, Miriam Vale, Callide Valley, and Raglan districts, the receipts totalling £375.

It is estimated that 1000 people attended the function, and the Calliope Comforts Fund, Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund, Calliope Send-off Fund, Gladstone District Patriotic Fund, and Gladstone Red Shield Mobile Canteen Fund will benefit by about £54 each.

The number of entries for the camp drafts and bullock riding competitions also constituted a record, there being as many as 50 entries for a single event. The committee ran a publican's booth, which was well patronised.

The rodeo was held in Mr. A. Hulme's paddock, and a ball at night in the Diggers' Arms Hall was well attended.

The rodeo judge was Mr. F. G. Knight, "Moorlands," Bundaberg. A loud speaker system, installed by Mr. Snell, of Biloela, was of great assistance to the committee and public.

Principal results were:—

Pony camp draft for Mr. John Campbell's trophy: F. Owbridge's Tommy (59 points) 1, P. Streeter's Glenroy (58) 2, Mick Norris' Steelrod (52) 3; 22 entries.

Maiden camp draft for Miss D. Streeter's cup: W. Devin's Bobbing (57) 1, J. Martin's Glitter (56) 2, H. Lewis' Bean and J. Bruce's Bonny Boy (54), tie 3; 48 entries.

Open camp draft: J. Martin's Quicksilver and Terry Vickers' The Joker (110 points) tie, W. Devine's Bobbing (107) 3; 19 entries.

The novice camp draft, in which there were 30 entries, had to be abandoned on account of lack of time.

Bullock riding: K. Evers (Mt. Larcom), 31 points, 1; M. Bills (Raglan Station), 30 points, 2. Six other competitors tied for third with 29 points each; 31 entries.

First pony flutter: E. Lindley's Playmaid 1, C. Ibbotson's Skeeter 2.

Second flutter: W. Wright's Daphne 1, J. Milner's Pet 2.

Bending race: Dorothy Chapman 1, C. McKean 2.

Flag race: Ken Ballantine 1, Percy Streeter 2.

Cr. Geo. Potter's trophy for the tug o' war was won by the Calliope men.

In thanking stockowners for the loan of stock, donors, and all who had assisted, the President (Mr. D. Small), the Treasurer (Mr. D. B. Aldous), and the Secretary (Mr. Jack Mylne) said the success of the function was most encouraging.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

GLADSTONE COMMITTEE MEETING

House To House Canvas

A meeting of the Gladstone War Loans Committee was held in the Town Council Chambers on Tuesday night. Present: Messrs. G. G. Dennis (chairman), H. Hall, A. E. Taylor, A. E. Ambrose, W. Bentley, F. Hart, J. Vallis, Rev. Father McSherry, E. G. Fordham, V. Summers, and J. Burrows.

SLOGAN COMPETITION.

It was decided to extend the closing date for the entries to Wednesday, October 6, at 6 p.m., as two of the schools eligible had not sent in any entries.

SWIFTS LTD.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by J. Burrows, Mr. A. E. Ambrose, who was present, was added to the committee as a representative of Messr. Swifts Ltd.

PRESENTATION OF PENNANTS.

The Chairman stated he had already visited Parson's Point School, and would be visiting the Gladstone School on the following day, for the purpose of congratulating the scholars on their efforts in connection with war savings.

SWIFTS LTD. GROUP.

Messrs. Swifts Ltd.'s representative stated that to date two subscribers, through their group, had completed payment. It was decided to ask Messrs. Swifts Ltd. to make application through the Commonwealth Bank for the release of these bonds, which had been fully paid up.

CANVASSERS.

Delegates made verbal reports of their efforts to secure canvassers from within various unions and organisations. The reports were all favourable.

On the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Bentley, it was decided to make a house to house canvas of the town for the purpose of obtaining subscribers to the Loan, and to ask Mr. V. P. Breslin to assist in arranging zones.

NOVEL ART UNION

Aroused Keen Interest

The novel art union inaugurated by the Red Cross Prisoners of War Committee has aroused keen interest, and many people have already taken advantage of this unique opportunity to assist the new War Loan.

In the Art Union sales camp there is much speculation as to whether the town or country will top the list of ticket sales.

The branch Secretary (Mr. Vic. Summers) is of the opinion that Casket agents, Percy Jones, Jack Comino, and Albert Burrows, will put the town so far ahead that the country will not be in the race.

On the other hand, the Publicity Officer (Mr. D. J. Connellan) has a strong country combination, including the Red Cross sub-branches at Many Peaks-Builyan, Littlemore, Benaraby, etc., appealing to all their supporters.

Miss Dickinson (Calliope Valley P.O.W.) and Mr. Jack Mylne, Calliope, have also agreed to push the sales of tickets.

The Publicity Officer's trump card is expected to be the strong graziers' support, and a large team of enthusiasts in the Shaw brothers, Gordon Menzies, Don Cameron, Ken Ballantine, etc., it is claimed, will put the country first.

The next few weeks should see the solution of this interesting competition.

TARGINNIE STATE SCHOOL

Presentation of Honour Pennant

On Friday, October 1, Councillor W. Beak (chairman of the Calliope Shire Council) visited the Targinnie State School to present the honour pennant won by that school in 1942-1943 War Savings competition.

In presenting this beautiful blue pennant Cr. Beak congratulated the pupils on their splendid effort, not only in coming first in the shire, but on their excellent performance of an average of £14/2/2 for each pupil. During the nine months of the competition this small school had contributed over £250 in War Savings Certificates.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal For Donations

The packing of Christmas hampers is proceeding smoothly, and it is anticipated that by the end of this month the bulk of the work will have been accomplished.

Gladstone and district are responding well to this appeal. Donations are still well below the quota mark, so send your subscriptions to either Mr. F. Peardon or Mrs. W. J. Garrett, and it will be acknowledged through these columns.

Your name and address will be placed on a card in the hamper.

The local branch of the A.C.F. is hoping that the quota will be filled by the end of the month.

The following goods are included in the hamper:—

One tin fruit, tin cream, pkt. chocolate, 2 ozs. tobacco, pkt. papers, writing pad, envelopes, cake, 2 air-mail letter cards, shaving stick, tube toothpaste, 3 pkts. chewing gum, handkerchief, washer, hussif, pkt. mixed fruit, tin pudding.

The amount of donations previously acknowledged, £66/12/.

	£	s	d
Mr. and Mrs. R. Barker and Joan	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. F. Axelsen and Mrs. White	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkwood and family	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. T. Dore and Mr. G. Dore	1	0	0
Members W.N.E.L., Gladstone branch	15	0	
Sister Walker	7	6	
Maurice Mills	7	6	
Kevin Mills	7	6	
Flora Mills	7	6	
Mavis Barker	7	6	
Sybal Barker	7	6	
Mrs. F. Butler (Targinnie)	7	6	
Miss M. Hixon	7	6	

MONTHLY STREET STALL

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, October 15.

The energetic convenors (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlane and J. W. Garrett) would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at the ladstoGne Cash and Carry.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—It has been brought to the notice of my Council that various people in this town have referred to the Trades and Labour Council as "a bunch of Communists."

Some of those people are alleged Labour stalwarts.

I would like the opportunity of refuting these statements.

The Trades and Labour Council is not a Communist organisation. The Council is composed of delegates from affiliated urions, who gather in council with the motive of furthering the interests of the workers generally. To prevent their exploitation and keep a watchful eye on all the rights and privileges that the unions have fought for so long and bitterly to obtain.

There are those in our community who are always ready to raise the the "red bogey." To these individuals I would point out that the "great red bogey." Russia, who for years was slandered and subject to all the vilest abuse the capitalistic press could rake up, is at the present moment pouring the blood of her nation in an unparalleled effort to throw back the Nazi hordes.

To our Council it matters not if a man is red, white, or blue, if his ideals are the deliverance of humanity from the appalling morass into which it has fallen, then we welcome him.

We may not be infallible. Who is? But at least we are sincere, which is more than can be said of those who seek to cry us down.

Thanking you for publishing this letter, yours, etc.,

J. GOSSCHALK.

Hon. Sec. Gladstone Trades and Labour Council.

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GLADSTONE ELECTRIC AUTHORITY.

CUTTING OFF ELECTRICITY.

NOTICE is hereby given to Consumers that owing to repairs to mains the supply of Electricity will be cut off on Saturday, 9th October, 1943, from 1 p.m., for approximately three hours, in the area south of Tank St.

V. P. BRESLIN,
Acting Town Clerk.

Gladstone, 29th September, 1943.

TREWHELLA

LAND CLEARING TOOLS — GRUBBERS AND JACKS — Obtainable from your local hardware store

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the Estate of KENNETH ALLAN STEWART CURRIE (in the Will called Kenneth Allan Currie) formerly of Gladstone and recently a Private in the Australian Imperial Forces, deceased, who died on the ninth day of February, 1943, are hereby required to send in in writing, and in duplicate, not later than four weeks from the publication hereof particulars of their claims to THE UNION TRUSTEE COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED of 400 Queen Street, Brisbane, the sole Executor of the Will of the Testator.

After the expiration of such period the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to the claims of which it shall then have had notice.

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SEEDS to Plant.—Sudan 3½d, White Pannicum 3½d, Jap Millet 2½d (20 lb. and over), Yates' Lucerne 2/6½, Green Feast Pea 8½d,. Brown Beauty Beans 1/7 lb. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

TO LET.—A large Double Room, in Auckland Street. Suit two business men. Apply "X.Y.Z.," this Office.

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WANTED Purchase.—House handy to Auckland Creek. Particulars and price to "Boatman," c/o this Office.

WANTED.—Kitchen Icebox. Kindly forward particulars to "Observer" Office.

WILL the Person who took a Basket by mistake from the Church of England Sale of Work please return same to Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

WANTED to Buy.—A fairly Modern House, or Modern House, walk-in walk-out, or House only. Will pay about 75 per cent cash, or good deposit. Apply "Modern House," this Office.

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YATES' SEEDS.—A New Stock just to hand. Friends, Local Agents.

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WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, October 15th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the convenors, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and J. W. Garrett.

BYTE, the False Teeth Immersion Powder, now in stock. Only a limited amount on hand. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

COUNTRY Pensioner, own home, wishes correspond with Woman Pensioner, view matrimony. Write "Pensioner," c/o "Gladstone Observer."

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COME to Griffiths' Cafe for your Ice Cream, Cakes, and Fruit.

COUNTRY Clients are reminded that a completed "C" Form must accompany all Tyres for Re-treading and Repairs. Procure these Forms from us before forwarding work.—Busteed's (the Tyre People), opposite P.O., Gladstone.

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CARS, UTILITIES.—We have a 1929 De Soto Utility in very fair order at a reasonable figure. Good Tyres and Tubes. Very good performer. Also Sedans and a small Roadster. See Port Curtis Motors To-day.

DRESS GOOODS.—Floral Cambric, 26in., 1/7½ yd, White Mercerised Shirting, 30in., 3/3 (2½C.), Floral English Taffeta Silk, 36in., 4/6 3C. At Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

FOR SALE.—Fordson Tractor, Cork Model, in good order, with Athens 2-Disc Side Plough. Trial, £190. Please apply Lance R. Weiske.

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FRIENDS have Stocks at present of Feed Barley, Wheat, Bran, Pollard, Maize, Molasses, Cracked Maize, Potatoes and Onions.

FOR SALE.—At Weiske's, 4ft. 6in. Iron Beds with Wire Mattresses. Inspect at Weiske's.

FERTILIZERS.—Under Government restrictions each householder is allowed 7lb. per month. We can offer Superphosphate, Bone ust, Beanup, No. 5, No. Q5, No. 8, and Bone Dust.—Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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GROW More Vegetables.—Friends have just opened up a fresh supply of Yates' Seets and Fertilizer in 7 lb. bags. Assist the War Effort by extra planting this year. Friends Ltd.

HORLICKS MALTED MILK. Don't go short while stocks are available. Plenty on hand. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

LOST.—Horse Shoeing Hammer, on road between Calliope and Galloway. Reward on return Mylne's Store, Calliope.

MILLER'S GUIDE for 1943.—New stocks. Buy your copy early. All the winners are there. You pick them. Price 2/3 copy. P. M. Jones, the newsagent.

MEN.—Try the new "Ampliphone" Razor Blade Sharpener. It solves the "scarcity of Blades" problem. Price 7/6, Dressing 1/6 per bottle. The two, post free, for 9/-. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

NEOZONE, the great Antiseptic and Germicide (non-poisonous). Can be used with perfect safety in the home. Get your bottle early and don't miss out. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

NEW Joke and Cartoon Books.—Splashes 1/3, Frontline Fact, Fun and Fiction 1/3, Foo Says, 2nd A.I.F. Abroad 1/6, Sporting Weekly 2d. Also big lot of all types of Books from 4/6 to 25/- each. P. M. Jones, Bookseller.

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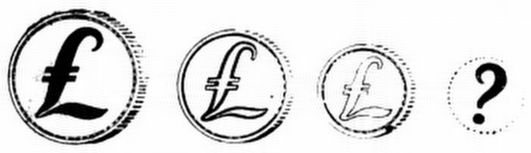

INFLATION
makes the £ smaller

A CONDITION of inflation may give a pretence of prosperity but, unless checked, it leads inevitably to suffering.

From the day when the spendable money in the hands of the people began to exceed the volume of goods and services they could spend it on, inflation began, that is to say, prices began to rise (despite control) and the purchasing power of the £ became smaller and smaller.

All the people suffer under inflation, and particularly—

(1) The thrifty, i.e., those who have their savings in cash, Savings Banks, War Savings Certificates, War Bonds, and Life Assurance.

(2) Civil Servants, clerks, teachers, and all on fixed salaries and wages.

(3) The aged who are living on the proceeds of investments or on pensions.

(4) Owners of houses who rely on the income from them for their livelihood.

The only way to check the suffering, the only way to maintain the purchasing power of the £, is for everyone to spend less, and to put more money into War Loans and Life Assurance. It may seem a contradiction, but it is the cold truth.

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"I AM AN AUSTRALIAN"

Development of National Consciousness

One of the outstanding impressions of the Australian Press Delegation, recently returned from a visit to England and the United States, was the strong and deep personal sense of freedom and patriotism which every American feels and is not ashamed to demonstrate.

"While we were in New York," said Mr. Eric Kennedy, one of the delegates, speaking at an Australian-American Co-operation Movement luncheon in Sydney, "we were awakened one morning by bands marching to Central Park to take part in the 'I Am An American" Day celebrations. Some 750,000 people took part in that celebration in Central Park. We might think it rather an extraordinary demonstration. We can't imagine ourselves going round saying 'I Am An Australian,' or 'I Am An Englishman,' but in America it is a demonstration of their great sense of personal freedom, developed from their feeling of equality and opportunity in a new environment in a new land. So much of America's population is only one generation removed from Europe, and in 'I Am An American' celebrations they find an expression of their strong feeling of unity.

There is nothing offensive, nor anything to be alarmed at in their attitude of 'I am as good as you are.' It is merely the growth of an American national feeling, and the 'I Am An American' Day celebrations part of a continual educative system by which European immigrants are turned into good American citizens. American flags displayed at every street corner are part of the same continuing educative system.

"Patriotism has been instilled in America's European immigrants to a degree which should make us ashamed," Mr. Kennedy continued. "Take, for instance, our administration of the Italians in Queensland. We brought them out to work in the cane fields—work for which they are eminently suited—and we made absolutely no attempt to absorb them into our way of life or to show them any better way of living than they had been accustomed to. They became a self-contained community, with their own vendettas, their own newspapers, schools, and language. We should take a lesson from the Americans.

"If our children's children are to own Australia we must build up our population, and we must build it up from European stock. We are not a nation yet, and we will not become one until we can take care of ourselves. And to take care of ourselves we must increase our population.

At present 95 per cent of the people living in Australia are of British stock, but I doubt very much whether we will be able to get the necessary immigrants from Britain. In a few years' time, thanks to the ravages of two wars, over half the population of Britain will be over 60 years of age.

"Australia will have big responsibilities after the war. She understands Britain better than America does, and she understands America better than Britain does, and she can play a big part in knitting the two nations together. Australia must teach her immigrants to become Australianised just as America has taught her immigrants to become Americanised, for Australia's job will not end with peace. It will only begin then."

WARNING TO PRODUCERS

Overloading of Pig Trucks

"With the approach of hot weather it is of the utmost importance to call the attention of producers and agents to the very heavy losses which are likely to occur during transit by overloading pig trucks," said the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams).

"I would point out that the raising of first-grade top weight pigs to 200 lbs. dressed weight makes it essential to revise the number previously accepted as proper loading for various waggons, because of the heavier average weight of all pigs.

It is therefore suggested that the loadings be limited as follows:—FP truck, no more than 24 to 26 pigs; L truck, 48 to 52 (24 to 26 on each deck); MGP truck, 80 to 86 (40 to 43 on each deck).

Should any extra heavy baconers be included, however, i.e., pigs dressing 180 lbs. or more, the numbers need to be further reduced. Also, if choppers, the allowance should be on the basis of one chopper being equal to two average baconer.

Bacon factories naturally prefer to have pigs held back for a later trucking, rather than run the serious risk of losses through overloading. Moreover, pigs should never be allowed to become overheated, and they should always be unloaded by means of a race. Feeding pigs, prior to loading, must be avoided, as it has been found by experience that this causes sickness in transit which frequently results in death.

It will be realised that owing to the greatly increased demand for all classes of meat, it is imperative to prevent avoidable economic losses of animals through overloading or any other cause. I urge that the greatest care be exercised by everyone concerned, as such losses cannot be afforded in view of the prevailing shortage of meat," said Mr. Williams.

CRICKET

WIN FOR VALLEYS.

At the Show Grounds on Sunday last a match was played between the Valleys and Pastimes, and resulted in a win for the former by 50 runs.

Scores:—

PASTIMES.—1st Innings.

Allenby 4, Lyons 5, Tanner 24, Condon 17, Wickham 5, Beale 0, Joyce 81, Costello 31, Smith 3, Edwards 21, Campbell 7, sundries 3, total 201.

Bowling: Griffiths 1 for 13, Walsh 4 for 49, Schmidt 5 for 60, Ryalls 0 for 47, Hoy 0 for 16, Stitt 0 for 13.

VALLEYS.—1st Innings.

Schmidt 22, B. Ryalls 33, C. Stitt 53, Griffiths 31, P. Ryalls 17, McKenzie 12, Hoy 21, Jefferis 1, Soppa 11, D. Walsh 1, Morgan 21, sundries 28, total 251.

Bowling: Smith 1 for 37, Campbell 0 for 5, Costello 0 for 42, Tanner 3 for 34, Lyons 1 for 42, Joyce 1 for 13, Beale 1 for 19, Condon 2 for 18, Edwards 0 for 4, Allenby 1 for 9.

POULTRY AT HOME.

The Commonwealth Government will investigate the possibility of having the number of fowls which may be kept by householders without coming under the control of egg marketing boards increased from 20 to 50. The Director General of Agriculture (Mr. Bulcock) said that raising of poultry at home would mean a substantial contribution to the Commonwealth's food target.

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OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
9	5.26	6.01	.....	11.27	——
10	6.36	7.03	.....	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	.....	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	.....	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	.....	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	.....	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	.....	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	.....	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	.....	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	.....	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	.....	6.56	8.13
20	1.38	2.12	.....	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	.....	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	.....	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	.....	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	.....	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	.....	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	.....	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	.....	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	.....	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	.....	3.18	3.45
30	10.12	10.15	.....	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	.....	4.20	5.14

THE MOON.

First Quarter	October 7
Full Moon	October 13
Last Quarter	October 21
New Moon	October 29

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One side of the Frame is held upright against a fence by a latch, while the other side moves freely on its hinges under the control of a ratchet. The Calf passes from a crush or race into the Frame, which is then closed as far as necessary, leaving the head and hind parts free. The latch is raised and the Frame turned on its side. The Branding and Castrating can then be done with the greatest ease.

One man can perform the work with Speed and Certainty, thus saving the expense of extra labour and ropes. The rough usage attending the ordinary method of performing these operations, which is a fruitful cause of cancer and lumpy jaw in cattle, and consequently a loss to owners, is thus entirely avoided, and on the score of both economy and humanity the Patent Branding Frame must commend itself to all Cattle Breeders. The Machine is portable, and weights 1½ cwt.

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PORT OF GLADSTONE

LARGE REPRESENTATIVE PUBLIC MEETING

STEPS TAKEN TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE INTERESTS

The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) presided over one of the largest and most representative public meetings ever held in Gladstone on Thursday night last, the object being to further the interests of Gladstone, its port and district, through the formation of a public committee representative of all sections of the community.

"WAKE UP, GLADSTONE!"

Mayor Dennis, in his opening remarks, made fitting reference to the large and representative attendance, and added his congratulations, and reminded his listeners of the old slogan, "Wake up, Gladstone!" A good road, he said, was being built to Biloela, and the people of Rockhampton were working hard to get the trade of that district. They had a wonderful harbour, but it lacked shipping, and they had to face up to the fact that Gladstone residents, waterside workers, had to go to other ports to get work. As everybody knew, they had the finest harbour on the Queensland coast, and added, "there must be something wrong when we have no ships." The meeting represented all sections of the community, and action must be taken—a united body—to further the interests of Gladstone, its port, and district.

PAST DIFFERENCES FORGOTTEN.

Mr. C. N. Joseph said the idea was to form a representative body, something like the Central Queensland Advancement League, all working unitedly with a view to bringing trade to the port. Some time ago a Vigilance Committee was formed, but unfortunately it fell flat and ceased to exist to-day. He hoped, as a result of this public meeting, a body would be formed, non-political in the fullest meaning of the word, and all working together to advance the interests of Gladstone. This, he claimed, could be achieved if the problems confronting them were attacked through a spirit of co-operation and all past differences forgotten in a united effort to get the port utilised. The object should be: work together for the advancement of the port and district. He suggested the formation of an organisation embracing all public and semi-public bodies, with considerable representation from the various unions. It would be a large body, but in his opinion it would be necessary to have such representation in furthering their interests.

AN EMPHATICAL DENIAL.

Ald. W. R. Golding said it was most gratifying to see such a large and representative gathering. He emphatically refuted a rumour put into circulation that he was using this meeting for political purposes. He had no politics in the matter, and had no political aspiration. The reason why he had brought the matter up at a Town Council meeting was simply because the trade of the port was languishing, and waterside workers were leaving the town to obtain work at other ports, and added they were getting nowhere at present.

PROGRESSIVE BODY.

Ald. Golding went on to say that he was a member of a progressive body—the Harbour Board—and it had a most progressive works policy, but the putting of this policy into full operation for the benefit of Gladstone and the trade of the port would depend on what revenue was received, and that meant ships.

WOOL AND SUGAR TRADE.

They had lost the wool trade until after the war, and the Harbour Board had again made a determined effort to secure the sugar trade, but the difficulty was to get the Railway Department to supply the necessary trucks.

LACK OF SHIPPING.

Mr. Roach, an official of the Waterside Workers' Union, Sydney, who recently visited Gladstone, was astounded at the lack of shipping entering the port of Gladstone, while a high-ranked Allied engineer had recommended the port for the fullest development.

FORMATION OF COMMITTEE ADVOCATED.

Continuing, Alderman Golding said that the formation of a committee representing all sections of the community, with the one object of advancing the interests of Gladstone, its magnificent port, and the district, would do an immense amount of good. The Central Queensland Advancement League was doing everything possible to secure the trade of Biloela district, which rightly belonged to Gladstone. Gladstone, as in the past, had an uphill fight to protect and advance its interests, and every effort should be made to have its claims recognised.

FORM ONE BIG BODY.

Mr. A. H. Friend said he felt they would not get anywhere unless they got together as one united body. The Chamber of Commerce had worked hard to get the Biloela Road completed to Gladstone, but as everyone knew, this important highway had been delayed, men being taken off last year at a minute's notice. However, the work of construction was now going on again. There were certain interests and powers that were retarding the progress of Gladstone and its port. It was political, and with a view to overcoming this opposition they should form one big body, and thus present a united front. He hoped the meeting would forget past differences, "and let us have a live body, and we will get somewhere." The Chamber of Commerce, he added, would give the movement every support.

MUST HAVE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC.

Mr. J. Burrows said the reason that previous committees fell down was through apathy; they did not have the support of the public. However, recriminations would not get them anywhere. He considered that a committee should be formed, and he moved "that a committee be formed representing all bodies in Gladstone." This committee, he said, would derive its power from this meeting, and a sub-committee should be formed to draw up a constitution so that the movement could be started on proper lines.

READY TO CO-OPERATE.

Mr. J. Gosschalk said that his body, the Trades and Labour Council, was always ready to co-operate. However, co-operation was a two-sided agreement, and if it was to be a success the industrialists must have large representation, and they were strongly in favour of a committee being formed.

STOCKTAKING NECESSARY.

Mr. A. W. Drewe said the formation of a committee would not meet their present needs. Rockhampton had its Central Queensland Advancement League, and he thought a league or some association should be formed in Gladstone. He considered Gladstone had reached the stage of stocktaking, with a view to ascertaining, "why we were in the position to-day that we were? What were they going to offer the people of Biloela that was better than Rockhampton? Why was the harbour empty?" Some of the reasons, he said, were local, but most of them were away from Gladstone. At this stage they should consider forming a sub-committee to go into the matter.

BACK UP DEPUTATIONS.

Mr. C. Cooper said when deputations went away from Gladstone they got rebuffs, but it was up to the people of Gladstone to back up all deputations, and to keep on pressing their representations in the interests of the port.

"THE ONLY LANGUAGE."

Mr. Leo Funk, in briefly referring to the sugar trade, stated the port of Bowen was going to get the sugar from the Ayr district, and he considered that parliamentarians should be told "in the only language they understand—the ballot box—to go to hell."

"GET WATER FIRST."

Mr. L. Wolff said that shipping must have water, and if they got water everything would take care of itself. He added, "Get the water first."

WOULD STOP AT "NATURAL."

Mr. J. Vallis thought it was the biggest representative meeting he had attended in Gladstone. Gladstone, he said, possessed the best natural harbour in Australia, but he would stop at "natural." They were up against the ports of Brisbane and Townsville, which had better facilities. Rockhampton and Mackay had been developed, and men were not leaving those ports to get work.

GLADSTONE-BILOELA.

Mr. H. V. Loveday said the whole trouble was that the people of Gladstone were too apathetic. They threw cold water on every new move, and did not get behind the Council in its work. Referring to Biloela, the speaker pointed out that when the highway was completed and the mail service inaugurated, the people of that town would benefit considerably by getting their mail much earlier than by the present long route via Rockhampton and Mt. Morgan, and that was only one of the benefits that would result from the Gladstone-Biloela Highway.

ON A WIDE BASIS.

Mr. J. McCabe strongly favoured the formation of a committee on a wide basis.

ASSIST DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. W. Buettel said Gladstone had a good harbour, the second in Australia after Sydney, which had all the facilities, and while he was stationed at Gladstone he would do everything to assist in its development.

WHAT HAVE WE TO OFFER?

Mayor Dennis: What have we got to offer the people of Biloela?. He went on to say they had to show them that we can handle their goods cheaply and expeditiously, and also put into operation a passenger service. If such a service was in operation to-day the people of Biloela could visit Gladstone, but at present they had to make the long journey to Rockhampton by train via Mount Morgan, and this occupied the best best part of a day. However, to-day we have little to offer the people of Biloela, both in regard to passenger and goods traffic.

ENGINE ALLOWED TO WHISTLE.

They might have had some apathy in the past, but it must be remembered there has been a strong undercurrent against Gladstone, and he wondered sometimes when the train passed through Gladstone that the engine was allowed to whistle. (Laughter.)

"COULD NOT ASSIST."

Recently the Minister for Railways had informed the Council that he could not assist with the Boyne River water supply scheme, and that the the department was paying too much for water now. He hoped when the committee was formed it would do good work, and not die in a few weeks.

DO A LOT OF GOOD.

Mr. J. Burrows: I think a committee representing all sections will do a lot of good.

LAPSED.

Mr. L. Wolff moved an amendment that all persons attending the meeting be eligible for the committee.

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

REPRESENTATIVE BODIES.

Mr. C. N. Joseph moved as an amendment that the committee consist of delegates from representative bodies, with power to elect any outside person to its membership.

The amendment was seconded by Mr. A. W. Young.

Mr. J. Daly considered that the amendment was not necessary, as each individual present was eligible for the committee.

BIG LEAGUE BODY.

Mr. A. W. Drewe: The Central Queensland Advancement League is open to all, and he would prefer the Gladstone movement to go out as a big league body.

The amendment was carried, and then became the motion.

CONSTITUTION.

Mr. A. Hopper then moved an amendment, that this meeting form a league, and that a sub-committee be elected to draft the constitution, and submit same to a further public meeting to be called.

The amendment was seconded by Mr. L. Wolff, and on becoming the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Carron, it was decided that seven members form the sub-committee, and that four constitute a quorum.

SUB-COMMITTEE ELECTED.

A ballot resulted in the following sub-committee being elected: Messrs. W. R. Golding, J. Gosschalk, C. N. Joseph, C. Cooper, A. W. Drewe, H. Anderson and J. Burrows, who tied with Mayor Dennis for seventh place.

GENERAL.

It was decided that the sub-committee wait on the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) in reference to sugar shipments through the port of Gladstone.

The meeting terminated at 11 p.m.

Subsequently the sub-committee met, when Ald. W. R. Golding was elected chairman, with Mr. C. N. Joseph as secretary.

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Food issued by the Germans did not include fats, but it was supplemented by Red Cross parcels, which were distributed regularly, she said.

Mrs. Wilshire left London at the end of 1940 for Australia, but the ship was sunk in the Western Atlantic. The crew and seven women passengers were picked up and taken to Bordeaux, and then to Germany. Early this year the women were exchanged for German women taken prisoner in Palestine. They now are working for the Red Cross as a tribute to the work done for prisoners or war.

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In Memoriam

PATERSON.—In loving memory of Maurice O. Paterson, who met his death by accident on October 12, 1939.

Of all words spoken by tongue or pen
The saddest are these, "What might have been."

(Inserted by his loving wife and sons.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

MONTO-MANY PEAKS TRAIN

Passengers using the Monto and Many Peaks train are advised to note an advertisement on page 3 of this issue regarding alterations to the timetable on this line.

CRICKET MEETING.

Cricket enthusiasts are advised by advertisement in this issue that a meeting will be held in the Empire Hall on Thursday, October 14, at 8 p.m.

STREET STALLS.

The ladies of St. Saviour's Church of England Guild announce in our advertising columns that there will be no further street stalls this year on behalf of the guild, but will commence again on the last Friday in March next year. The members of the guild wish to convey thanks and appreciation to town and country residents for their splendid support during the year.

FOR OUTSIZE CHILDREN.

Outsize children not attending school, but who are entitled to an issue of extra clothing coupons, must not apply for them before October 15th, said the Acting Director of Rationing (Mr. J. B. Cumming). From this date the new forms R.G. 21, which they must fill in, will be available at all post offices and the office of the State Deputy Director of Rationing.

LIBERTY LOAN ART UNION.

The committee of the Fourth Liberty Loan Art Union reports satisfactory progress in ticket sales. The V.A.D's. of the local Red Cross, under the leadership of Miss Alma Joyner, have sold most, with the Casket agents second, and individual sellers doing well.

GUNNER DARCY WALTERS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters, of Auckland Hill, have been advised through the International Red Cross that their son, Gunner Darcy Walters, is a prisoner of war at Barai camp, French Indo China. His address is Gunner D. S. Walters, 20th Battery, 2/10 Field Regiment, A.I.F., now confirmed prisoner of war Barai camp, Indo China. Recently Darcy sent a card through the Red Cross staying that he was well and in good spirits. His many friends will wish him good fortune and a safe return to Gladstone.

INVESTMENTS COMING IN SLOWLY.

Investments in the Fourth Liberty Loan are coming in slowly. The quota for Gladstone is £32,000, and progress figures will be announced this week. Winners of the slogan competition will be announced to-day (Wednesday). Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., who was unable to visit Gladstone last Friday, has arranged to visit Gladstone this coming Friday, 15th October, and will present pennants and prizes in the slogan competition at the Embassy Theatre on Friday evening. Have you invested the maximum amount you can manage? If not, do so now, and help yourself, your town, and Australia.

AN APPEAL.

An appeal is now made to supporters with a view to raising the ten War Savings Certificates needed to complete the prize list by donation. The prizes in the Art Union are:—First prize £100 bond, second prize £20 bond, third prize £10 bond, and five prizes of £2 each face value in War Savings Certificates. If donors come forward with the ten certificates under the present appeal it will make the prizes 100 per cent by donation. Should more than the required number come to hand arrangements have been made for the taking over of same at the cash value for the benefit of the prisoners of war. Help a worthy cause.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

PROPOSED AERODROME SITE NEAR BEECHER

"NOT POSSIBLE TO UNDERTAKE NEW CONSTRUCTION"

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin).

BOYNE WATER SCHEME.

The Treasury Department, Brisbane, advised the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) as follows:—"With reference to your personal representations relative to the debenture loan of £90,000, which is being obtained by the Council of the town of Gladstone in connection with the Boyne River water supply scheme for Gladstone, and to the request by the Council for a further loan of £26.136/6/8, being the amount by which the previous estimate has been exceeded, I have to inform you that in accordance with the practice approved by the Australian Loan Council, the request has been referred to the Co-ordinator General of Public Works for consideration. On receipt of his reply you will be further communicated with in the matter."—Received.

PUMPING PLANT.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, acknowledged letter advising of the Council's decision to adopt a suction gas power plant at the Boyne River instead of generating power in Gladstone and transmitting it to the river as recommended. He had instructed Mr. Axon to prepare plans and specification for the suction gas plant, and would amend the estimates of cost accordingly.—Received.

SUCTION GAS PLANT.

Director of Local Government, Brisbane, wrote in reference to the visit of Mr. Engineer Peak to Gladstone regarding the Boyne River water supply scheme, and more particularly the question of power generation for the pumping plant, and the department noted that the Council had decided to adopt a suction gas plant for pumping purposes.—Received.

SALES TAX.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) notified that he had noted from the correspondence in connection with the Boyne River water supply scheme that the Council had applied to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation for a remission of sales tax and a rebate of the amount already paid on pipes to be used in the construction of the water scheme. He had written to the Treasurer, asking that most sympathetic consideration be given to the Council's request on this matter.—Received.

REQUEST BEING CONSIDERED.

The Treasurer (Mr. J. B. Chifley) has informed the Army Minister (Mr. Forde), relative to his representations on behalf of the Council regarding the application made for remission of sales tax on spun pipes to be used in the construction of the Boyne River water supply scheme, and he was giving consideration to the request.—Received.

ENTER PRIVATE LANDS.

Director of Local Government, Brisbane, advised that Local Government law enabled the Council to carry out works on roads and on private lands, and to enter upon private lands for the purpose of carrying out works.—Received.

SANITARY DEPOT PURPOSES.

Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams) wrote relative to the acquisition of an area of land in the Calliope Shire Council area for sanitary depot purposes, and advisced he was approaching the Minister for Lands (Mr. E. J. Walsh) in support of the request.—Received.

VISIBILITY DISCS.

District Engineer, Main Roads Commission, advised that during a recent visit by the Commission, it was noted that a number of visibility discs had been knocked off their posts, and also damaged in other ways. The Commissioner desired that all damaged discs be replaced.

Ald. Golding said it was shameful to see the number of discs that had been knocked off their posts, which was pure vandalism.

It was decided to replace the discs within the Council's area, and that a warning be advertised in the "Observer."

AERODROME SITE.

Following is a copy of a letter sent by the Shire Clerk (Mr. H. H. Whittle) to the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) regarding an aerodrome site at Beecher:—

"With reference to your letter of the 15th ult. and letter of the 8th idem from the Minister for Air (Mr. A. S. Drakeford), forwarded therewith advising that owing to extensive commitments in the war operational areas it is at present not possible to undertake the construction of further landing grounds outside such areas.

"I am directed to ask whether an investigation by departmental experts has been made of the proposed site, and if so, whether it is considered suitable.

"If such an investigation has not been made the bodies forming the deputation, which waited on you at Gladstone on July 20 last, now desire that such an investigation be made, and this Council advised of the result.

"As the proposed site is situated in the area controlled by my Council an investigation at the very earliest date possible will be appreciated, for the reason that repairs to the roads through the site are urgently needed, and if the site is suitable the proposed repairs could be of a very temporary nature, or consideration could be given to repairing alternate roads which serve the residents near the site.

"A very early investigation and decision thereon will be appreciated."

The Mayor: It took them a long time to tell us that.

Ald. Golding: We can't do anything further until we know whether an investigation and inspection has been made.

The letter was received.

AT BARNEY POINT.

South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association advised that the sanitary conveniences at Barney Point beach were in a shocking condition, and required immediate attention. One service at present was completely out of order, and with the hot weather approaching it was an ever increasing evil. The Association recommended that the caretaker be housed in this area for the purpose of attending to these matters.

Ald. Golding stated that Mr. Gunders would shortly be starting on the sheds on the Meatworks 'bus route, and when this work was completed he could carry out the necessary repairs to the buildings at Barney Point, and he moved a motion accordingly, which was seconded by Ald. Deveney and carried.

WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

Mr. A. E. Robertson, Gladstone, brought under notice the state of the drain in front of his premises, and he claimed that something should be done to this nuisance for health reasons. He asked that the matter be treated as urgent.

Ald. Golding said this was one of the next jobs to be carried out—concrete and kerb channelling, and added, "the Works Committee had not overlooked the matter."

SEPTIC SYSTEM.

Mr. P. Vock, Gladstone, made application for permission to erect and instal a septic system at his residence.

The application was granted, subject to a plan being submitted, and the work carried out to the approval of the Health Inspector.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Engineer (Mr. E. W. Phillips) reported that since last meeting he had pumped for 485 hours, using 8874 units. He removed the 30 h.p. burnt out motor, and replaced it with a borrowed 35 h.p. motor. He turned up the coupling to fit the new motor, and also reconditioned the starter for same. The report was adopted.

MR. F. M. FORDE THANKED.

On the motion of the Mayor it was decided to forward a letter of thanks to the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) for his work in obtaining a grant of £10,000 for the Boyne Water supply scheme.

NEW ISOLATION WARD.

The Mayor reported that Ald. Golding and himself had met the delegates from the Calliope and Miriam Vale Shire Councils in regard to the erection of a new isolation ward at the Gladstone Hospital, when it was decided to write to the Works Department asking if it was prepared to submit plans and specifications for the construction of a building of four wards of two beds each, the building to be of concrete, and to be constructed so as to allow of its extension when necessary.

Ald. Golding said that unless there was an alarming outbreak of infectious cases the building in the opinion of the local authorities would be ample for all requirements.

TOWN HALL.

A sub-committee, consisting of Ald. Busteed, Smith and Anderson, was appointed to go into the question of the future letting of the Town Hall.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £672/4/- were passed for payment.

Electric Light Authority

PORCELAIN INSULATORS.

The State Electricity Commission advised that the Ministry of Munitions had now assumed control of porcelain insulators of all types.—Received.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Mr. J. V. Vallis, Gladstone, asked to be supplied with the following information:—

(1) The full valuation of the town; (2) the loan indebtedness of the electric light undertaking, (3) the electric light loan rate, the charges for electricity for domestic (light), domestic (power), industrial (light), industrial (power), (5) the approximate cost of generating per unit at the Power House.

It was decided to answer the first four questions, and that Mr. Phillips be asked to go into the matter of costs of generating per unit for the information of the Council.

COSTS PER UNIT.

In general business Ald. Anderson said every endeavour should be made to have the costs of generating per unit investigated and tabled. If a month was allowed the figures could be obtained, and he moved a motion accordingly, which was seconded by Ald. Smith and carried.

Ald. Anderson also asked that Mr. Phillips table a report showing whether the production costs could be reduced, and it was agreed that this be embodied in the motion.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £750/19/9 were passed for payment.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Gladstone visitors to Brisbane for the Curtis-Farnsworth wedding included Mrs. George Curtis, Miss Dorothy and Master Eric Curtis, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Farnsworth.

PRE-WEDDING TEA.

A very nice pre-wedding tea was recently tendered to Miss Constance Farnsworth, whose marriage to Sergeant Claude Curtis, A.I.F., late of Gladstone, took place on October 9. It was given by Mrs. Keith Gesler at the Hotel Canberra. Bowls of roses and gladioli adorned the reception rooms, and a dainty afternoon tea was enjoyed.

WEDDING BELLS

CURTIS-FARNSWORTH.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated on the ninth of October by the Rev. C. B. Watts at the Park Presbyterian Church, when the marriage of Sergeant Claude Curtis, A.I.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis, of Gladstone, and Miss Constance Farnsworth, daughter of Mr. Norman Farnsworth and the late Mrs. Farnsworth, of Dutton Park, was celebrated.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, wore a dainty beige street frock, with a white swathed cap and veil. She carried white accessories, and beautiful golden roses ornamented her handbag.

The sister of the bride, Miss Vera Farnsworth, wore an apple green street frock, and a tiny hat of white marguerites, with gold centres and pleated ribbons. She also had white accessories, and golden roses also adorned her handbag.

The wedding reception was held at the Portland Lounge, where the wedding guests were received by Mrs. E. Farnsworth, grandmother of the bride, who wore a black beaded sheer frock with a shoulder spray of red rosebuds.

Mrs. Curtis, mother of the bridegroom, wore a street frock of ashes of roses hue, and a dainty shoulder spray was added.

The bride's travelling dress was a penciled striped nile green jumper suit, with brown accessories.

The honeymoon will be spent on the South Coast.

RED CROSS PARCELS.

In Friends (Pty.) Ltd.'s advertisement on Saturday last, it should have read that parcels are delivered weekly to prisoners of war through the Geneva Red Cross organisation.

PLEASE NOTE.

Sportsmen are asked to note that in connection with the conditions for the patriotic race meeting, to be held next Saturday, under the auspices of the Gladston Turf Club, that only approved amateur riders will be allowed to ride in the Militia Maiden Hack and the Spitfire Hack Handicaps.

SOUTH GLADSTONE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Many Matters Dealt With

Mr. E. T. Daley presided over a record attendance of members of the South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association at the last monthly meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Mr. T. L. Williams) forwarded two letters received from the Liquid Fuel Board regarding the Association's request for a taxi service for the suburb, and a letter received from the Minister for Public Instruction (Mr. Jones), advising that due to personal representations by Mr. Williams approval had now been granted for the acquisition of 3¼ acres of land, section 97, parish of Gladstone, as a new site for the Barney Point School.

HOUSING A CARETAKER.

The Town Council forwarded a letter advising that the request for the housing of a caretaker at Barney Point had been deferred pending an estimate of cost of alterations to the present accommodation in that area.

NEW MEMBERS.

Several new members were admitted to the Association.

CREDIT BALANCE.

The Treasurer's statement showed donations and membership fees, leaving a credit balance.

LETTER DELIVERY.

The Secretary reported that in company with the President (Mr. Daley) and Vice-president (Mr. P. Vock), he waited on Mr. Stewart (superintendent) and Mr. Edwards (district postal inspector) relative to a letter delivery to Barney Point. The deputation was successful, and residents would now enjoy a convenience they had previously been denied.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE.

A public telephone will be installed at Eggstein's corner as supplies become available.

WAITING SHEDS.

The Secretary stated that labour was now available and the Council had promised to proceed with the erection of the two waiting sheds in Tooloora Street.

GENERAL.

A further deputation waited on the Chairman and Manager of the Electric Light Authority, with the result that the Town Council had advised that Mr. Judd's residence will now be connected with electricity, and that a light would be erected at the old Fertiliser culvert in Tooloora Street.

Several matters were discussed, resulting in a decision to forward one request to the Town Council.

Mr. L. Short, on behalf of the School Committee, thanked the Association for its efforts in regard to pressing for the removal of the Parson's Point School.

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL

Fortnightly Meeting

The fortnightly meeting of the Trades and Labour Council was held on Friday. Eleven delegates were present.

Among the correspondence were letters from the Harbour Board, requesting support in matters concerning the port.

A motion was put and carried "That this Council give its fullest support to these questions, and that letters be written to Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., and Mr. F. Forde, Minister for the Army, in regard to same.

The main business of the meeting was the election of a delegate to the Trade Union Congress to be held in Brisbane in November.

The Secretary (Mr. Gosschalk) was elected.

Six items were sent from the Gladstone Trades and Labour Council for the agenda for the Congress.

Notice was given by one member of statements made regarding the Trades and Labour Council. One in particular from a so-called Labour man, who classed us as a "bunch of Communists."

It was moved that a letter be sent to the press dealing with such statements.

The motion was carried unanimously.

An interesting report was given by one member on the recent Waterside Workers' Union Congress in Brisbane.

ATE AND HIGH SCHOOL

HONOUR CERTIFICATE PRESENTED

otal Collected £770/9/-

n Wednesday last the Mayor (Ald. G. Dennis) attended the Gladstone te and High School to present the our certificate awarded the school having contributed over £1 for child in attendance (average). e Mayor was itnroduced by the ipal (Mr. F. C. Thompson), who l that the teachers, by collecting ey and distributing stamps and tificates, had saved the children, ir parents, and the Post Office coun- officers a great deal of trouble. welcome Mr. Dennis to the school.

THANKS FOR FINE EFFORT.

The Mayor, in his address said:— have come along this morning to nk you for the very fine effort you e made in regard to War Savings tificates and stamps. Now, we ow what these stamps are being lected for. It is to help your bro- rs and sisters far away fighting ur battles. It is better than just tting your money in the Savings nk. It is something in the way of saving effort that will be to your vantage, and remember this, every nny you put in is going to a most rthy cause in providing for your ture heritage. Now, you have a nderful country in Australia, and u can make it still better. The nderful deeds of the Australian sol- ers on the field of battle are secur- g a heritage that will be yours, and your little way you are doing your rt, and doing it very well.

WONDERFUL JOB.

"Now, in connection with this com- etition, the school children have done wonderful job. Up to June 30 no ss than £100,000 has been contribut- d; and I can assure you that the ommonwealth Government has been ry pleased with the splendid show- g that has been made.

AN AVERAGE OF £1/3/2.

"I shall give you boys and girls ome idea of your own effort. From he 1st September, 1942, to 31st July, 943, during which time the competi- on was held, you contributed £512/8/- hich averages £1/3/2 per child for he year. Before the competition com- enced—from 7th May to 31st Aug- se, 1942, £159/9/6 had been collect- d, and with £98/11/6 having been col- ected since 31st July this year, the otal amount collected from this school ince May 1942 is £770/9/. That is very splendid effort, and I can see hat you will soon reach the £1000 mark; and that will show what an ffort you yourselves and your teach- rs have made.

"You must remember that it is omething like the saying, 'Look after he pennies, and pennies will look after the shillings, and the shillings will look after the pounds; but to- day it is not quite that. The stamps will buy you certificates, and the cer- ificates will buy you bonds, and the bonds will look after themselves and you too. Now, that is something that you have to remember. A few bonds will be something to help you along in life, and it will be a very fine thing for you to be able to look back in life and be able to say truthfully that by self-denial you have assisted your country, and at the same time helped to provide for your own future.

"I am going to present you, through Mr. Thompson, an honour certificate that has been awarded you for your very fine effort.

"Mr. Thompson, I have very much pleasure, on behalf of the Common- wealth Government, in giving you this honour certificate for the obtaining of a merit by the State and High School in the recent Loan War Saving com- petition. Boys and girls, I thank you."

The function concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, October 15.

The energetic convenors (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlane and J. W. Garrett) would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the con- venors, or at the ladstoGne Cash and Carry.

TAXATION

"PAY AS YOU GO"

System Explained

There is considerable interest in the proposed adoption of a "pay as you go" tax scheme in Australia. The following points, explained on a ques- tion and answer basis, may help un- derstanding of the system.

What does the system mean?

It means paying your taxes on the income you earn at the same time as you get the income. For a wage earner it means that so much is de- ducted from his envelope each week to pay the tax on that week's earn- ings.

Isn't that what the Australian Gov- ernment does now under the tax in- stalment scheme?

No; what taxes are deducted from your pay each week are totalled at the end of the year and are applied to paying your tax account on the money you earned in the previous year. For instance, the weekly deductions you pay now are on account of 1942- 1943 income. You are a year behind in your payments; that is what it amounts to.

"FORGIVE" SOME TAXES.

How would the Government bring it up to date?

Under "pay as go" the Government would forgive you your income tax for a whole year, or part of a year, and so bring you up to date for pay- ing tax on current income.

That means the Government would lose a whole lot of money, doesn't it?

Yes, the Government would, on paper, although it would not forgive everyone a whole year. It may be different for deceased estates of com- panies, and there may be a sliding scal of "forgiveness" for big incomes.

But the loss of revenue would be serious, all the same?

No; the loss is largely theoretical. Current year's taxes would immedi- ately take the place of the previous year's, so that actual collections would not be lower now, nor would they be in succeeding years. The Government would lose only—if you can imagine it—the world came to an end and everybody was dead or had stopped paying taxes. Under "pay as you go" the people would be up to date in tax payments; under the old system they would still owe for a year. But you can't imagine that debt being col- lected at the end of the world.

MANY MORE WOULD PAY.

Why do they want to change, any- way?

First, because it would increase the Government's revenue at once. The present taxpayers would still be paying about the same amount, but in addition, the Government would rope in many new taxpayers—young girls and boys who this year got into taxable money.

Under the present system these young people, and there are many of them in wartime—get exemption from tax deduction this year because they didn't earn a taxable income last year. The new system would bring them in at once as taxpayers.

There is a second reason: Many people now are earning much bigger money than they will earn after the war. They may find themselves after the war with smaller wages but still a big tax bill on their previous high wages. That may cause hardship, and the Government may lose some of this tax debt. Such a lag would not happen under "pay as you go."

CAMOUFLAGE NETS

SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES

Nation Saved £437,900

The manufacture of further camou- flage nets for the Army by voluntary workers will not be required after those which are now partly completed have been finished. Instructions con- cerning the cessation of work will be issued soon by military authorities in the various States.

Announcing this, the Army Minister (Mr. Forde) said that because of the efforts of voluntary workers the Army had ample camouflage nets to meet immediate requirements, and also had a substantial reserve.

It was estimated that in one year voluntary workers making camouflage nets saved the nation at least £437,900. In the same period they had manu- factured 509,200 nets.

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING

RECORD NOMINATIONS

Next Saturday, October 16

All roads should lead to the Glad- stone Racecourse on Saturday, when the patriotic programme set down for decision by the Gladstone Turf Club will be decided.

The nominations received by the committee at a meeting on Monday night constitute a record, there being approximately 80 horses entered for the various events.

Members of the committee, assisted by union members and enthusiastic supporters, have worked hard during the past month to get the course and appointments in order, and Mr. Jef- feris said that it never looked better.

In addition to the donation of £5/5/- from President (Mr. Goddy Crow) other donations of £5 each from Messrs. W. Jackson, Teddy Ericksen, Ludy Jessen, Alf Fry; £2/2/- from Jim Nash and A. J. Jenkinson, and £1/1/- from Viv Jenkinson, were handed in.

Other donations will be received up to the date of the meeting.

At the meeting considerable en- thusiasm was shown by a large num- ber of members, and there is every prospect of another meeting being staged in the very near future. This, it is claimed, will tend to confirm the revival in racing, and assist owners and trainers to keep their horses in condition.

Supporters of Red Cross, Comforts and Patriotic Funds, Red Shield, and Calliope patriotic bodies, are urged by their officials to make a point of at- tending Saturday's fixture, and thus help these worthy objects, and at the same time give the Turf Club a little encouragement.

Messrs. M. J. Clarris, V. Fry, V. Jenkinson and T. Leach were added to the committee.

THE WEIGHTS.

MILITIA HACK HANDICAP.
4 Furlongs.
To start at 2 p.m.

Rowforce	10	7
Century	10	3
Mr. Winston	10	3
Sleepy Bill	10	3
Brown Lock	10	3
Skeeter	10	3
All Waves	10	3
Narvik	10	0
Moonshine	10	0
Lee One	10	0
Dale Arden	10	0
Beaudesert Beauty	10	0

TANKS HACK HANDICAP.
5 Furlongs.
To start at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Lugi	10	3
Some Eagle	10	2
Beverly	10	0
Bristol Gull	10	0
Swagger	9	10
Clever Lady	9	10
Hughies Hope	9	7
Narvik	9	7

OPEN PACIFIC HANDICAP.
5 Furlongs.
To start at 3 p.m.

Master Globe	11	7
Master Lin	9	10
Windsor Girl	9	10
Mr. Luigi	9	7
Hughies Hope	9	0

SPITFIRE HANDICAP.
4 Furlongs.
To start at 3.30 p.m.

Myrtle	10	10
Mr. Winston	10	3
Sleepy Bill	10	3
Heather Lad	10	3
Call Boy	10	3
Brown Lock	10	3
Sleepy	10	3
All Waves	10	3
Skeeter	10	3
Moonshine	10	0
Lee One	10	0
Beaudesert Beauty	10	0

NEW GUINEA HACK HANDICAP.
To start at 4.15 p.m.
4 Furlongs.

Myrtle	10	4
Clever Lady	10	4
Row Force	9	11
Mr. Winston	9	7
Sleepy Bill	9	7
Heather Lad	9	7
Century	9	7

NAVAL GUNNERS' HANDICAP.
5 Furlongs.
To start at 4.45 p.m.

Master Globe	11	10
Master Lin	9	13
Windsor Girl	9	13
Mr. Luigi	9	10
Some Eagle	9	9
Beverly	9	7
Bristol Gull	9	7
Swagger	9	3
Hughies Hope	9	0
Dale Arden	9	0

WORKING SHIRT

NEW DEFINITION

Coupon Scale

Wtih the assistance of traders, the Rationing Commission has agreed to a new definition of a working shirt in the coupon scale.

The Rationing Deputy Director (Mr. Cochran) said that in future no shirt would be rated as a working shirt at five coupons unless it conformed with the following specifications:—

Square shoulders with single laid on yoks; laid on or inserted front; no pleat or fullness at the back; one but- ton and buttonhole at the neck, and two on the front; unlined collar and collar band; one pocket; if long sleeves, to be made with a laid on cuff and one button and buttonhole, sizes S.M., M., O.S., and X.O.S; no neck sizes to be shown.

Working shirts made or being made on or before October 1 last and con- forming to the old ruling could be sold at their present rating until De- cember 31.

Under the present coupon scale working shirts of grey, natural, or navy blue flannel were rated at four cou- pons.

From January 1 next shirts of these materials conforming to the new specification would be rated at five coupons.

Those which resemble the flannel undershirt in style would be classed as undershirts and rated at four cou- pons.

POLICE COURT

SERIOUS CHARGE.

In the Police Court on Monday after- noon, before the Acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan), an allied sailor was charged with "that without lawful oc- casion he went around in public in such a manner as to cause fear to divers of the subjects of our Majesty the King."

Sergt. Gill prosecuted, and stated the man was a member of the United States Military Forces.

Lieut. Lumpkin asked that the man be handed over to the United States Military Forces.

Mr. Donovan directed that the de- fendant be handed over to Lieut. Lumpkin, as agent, for the United States Military Forces.

No evidence was taken, and no facts were disclosed.

COMFORTS FUND

Toy and Gift Stall

The Gladstone branch of the A.C.F. will conduct a toy and gift stall about the end of November. The convenor (Mrs. C. Chapman) and an energetic committee are working hard to make this a success, and would appreciate donations of cash, remnants of ma- terial, and wool suitable for making toys and gifts, or any used toys in fairly good condition that could be renovated for sale.

Orders will be taken and donations received by the convenor (Mrs. C. Chapman), the hon. secretary (Mrs. Garrett), or call at the A.C.F. rooms, Grand Hotel buildings on Tuesday or Friday afternoons.

LOAN QUIZ

What are the essential differences between Loan Bonds and inscribed stock?

Bonds are bearer instruments on which the terms of the Loan are set out. They are issued in denomina- tions of £10, £50, £100, £500, and £1000. Each bond has interest coupons for each complete half-year attached. In- terest is paid half-yearly.

Inscribed stock is written up to the credit of the owner in the inscribed stock registry at Commonwealth Bank capital city branches and at Launces- ton (Tasmania). The owner is given a receipt, but hold no other document. The minimum amount that can be in- vested in inscribed stock is £100. Mul- tiples of £10 over the first £100 may be subscribed.

HELP THE LOAN.

The Fourth Liberty Loan Art Union is being conducted to promote interest in the loan with war bonds and certi- ficates as prizes, and profits to the prisoners of war through the Glad- stone Red Cross. Support the loan down to "your last zac," then have a ticket and "back the attack."

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

5/- National Savings Stamps

An important addition to the facili- ties provided for War Loan subscrib- ers is the 5/- National Savings Stamp. These stamps are now on sale at all Money Order Post Offices and Savings Banks and through War Loans Organ- isation representatives.

Throughout the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign large numbers of picture theatres in all States, by arrangement with the Government, will concentrate on the sale of the 5/- National Sav- ings stamps.

A booklet containing 40 stamps will pay outright for one £10 bond. Single sheets of the booklet, each carrying eight stamps, may be used to make deposits on £10 bonds and to pay sub- sequent monthly instalments, or to make deposits in a Savings Bank ac- count in the ordinary way.

All money so deposited in Savings Bank accounts will be invested by the Savings Banks in War Loans.

Stamps can be negotiated only in full booklets or in full pages. It is not possible to redeem them for cash or for the purchase of War Savings Certificates.

DEHYDRATION WONDERS

MILK IN SOLID BLOCKS

Many wonders in dehydration de- velopment are on show at the Low Temperature Research Station at Cam- bridge (Eng.), where scientists aim to produce dried food as near as pos- sible to the original minus only water.

"Mashed potato" is produced by simply adding hot water to a yellow- ish powder. Fresh looking carrots, beetroot, cabbage and other vegetables were produced from dried shrivelled shreds dropped into cold water.

A quart of milk was reduced to a small solid block about three-quarters of an inch thick.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 tons of water reaches the country every year in the guise of food. Its importation means the loss of valuable tonnage and cargo space in refrigerated holds, and the use of special ships in peace.

Dr. Lee, one of the scientists at- tached to the station, mentioned that a quart of fresh milk contained seven- eighths water. When dried this full cream milk would keep for several years. As soon as it was reconsti- tuted, however, it became a perish- able article.

CRICKET MEETING.

A MEETING will be held of all inter- ested in Cricket on Thursday, 14th October, 1943, at 8 p.m., in the Em- pire Hall.

B. RYALLS, Hon. Sec. P.C.C.A.

QUEENSLAND RAILWAYS.—On Fri- day, 22nd October, the usual 4.5 p.m. train to Monto and 5.15 p.m. train to Many Peaks will be deferred to leave Gladstone at 6.0 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. respectively.

On Saturday, 23rd October, the usual 9.35 p.m. train leaves Many Peaks at 10.50 a.m. and arrives Gladstone 3.25 p.m.—J. L. E. Lingard, secretary.

LESLIE LORRAINE CLARKSON, for- merly of Herbert Street, Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, clerk, but lately a members of the Aus- tralian Imperial Forces on active service deceased.

AFTER fourteen clear days from to- day, WILLIAM LESLIE CLARK- SON of Wowan in the State of Queens- land, salesman, the lawful father of the abovenamed deceased, the sole ex- ecutor appointed by the deceased's will dated the seventeenth day of July, 1940, will apply to the Supreme Court, Rockhampton, for probate of this will.

Any person interested who desires to object to the application or to be heard upon it may file a caveat in the Registry at any time before the grant is made.

GRANT & SIMPSON,
Solicitors for the said William Les- lie Clarkson, 114 East Street, Rock- hampton.

W. HENDERSON
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FORMERLY of Blackall and Rock- hampton, has commenced Busi- ness. Counterlining a speciality.

Sufficient Address:
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NEW MUSIC AND RECORDS

Say A Prayer
You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To
There Are Such Things
Don't Let's Be Beastly To The Germans
Men Of The A.I.F.
What'll We Do When This Is Over?
One Dozen Roses
Boa Noite
They Started Something
Three Little Sisters
A Lazy Lack-a-Daisy Melody
Moonlight Cocktail
We'll Smile Again
Praise Lord and Pass The Am- munition
Whisper That You Love Me
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CHURCH OF ENGLAND GUILD.

THE LADIES of St. Saviour's Church of England Guild wish to notify that there will be no further Street Stalls held this year, but will com- mence on the last Friday in March, 1944. Thanking both town and coun- try residents for their splendid sup- port during the year.

SECOND World War in Map and Pic- tures, vol. 3, 2/3; East of Malta- West of Suez (Naval war 1939-41) 2/3, Gestapo at Work in Norway 2/6, Jap- an's Heart of Wood 1/-, Australians in Malaya 2/6. P. M. Jones, News- agent and Bookseller.

TO LET.—A large Double Room, in Auckland Street. Suit two busi- ness men. Apply "X.Y.Z.," this Office.

TEASPOONS, Nickel Silver on Steel, "Old English Pattern." Limited stock. In half dozen lots for 4/6; posted 4/9. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

TYRES.—If you have a genuine claim for Tyres they will be supplied. Deliveries are made within few days after permit, and the price is import- ant, 16 x 600 6-ply £5/12/-, 17 x 550 6-ply £5/0/6, 32 x 6 10-ply H.D. £13/5/- landed and delivered Gladstone, in Dunlop or Goodyear. Hand your Form A into us to-day. See Port Curtis Mo- tors first.

USHERS STOP RUST.—A Samson- ize Product for all Ironwork and Piping above and below the ground. A heavy bodied Bituminous Paint. 6 gal. tins 17/6 gallon; 1 gal. tins 18/6 gallon; ½ gal. tins 9/6 tin; 1 pint tins 3/- tin. Stocks can be obtained at Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

WANTED.—1000 Catseyes, approxi- mate size of sixpence, 10/- per 100. Gladstone Cash and Carry.

WANTED Purchase Sewing Machine, any make, not necessary in good order. Particulars to P.O. Box 74, Gladstone.

WANTED.—Man for two or three days, sinking fence post holes. Apply Knudsen, Gondoon Street.

WANTED.—Cigarette Lighter, in good order, for Soldier in New Guinea. Will pay reasonable price. Sergt Gill, Police Station, Gladstone.

WANTED Purchase.—House handy to Auckland Creek. Particulars and price to "Boatman," c/o this Office.

WANTED.—Kitchen Icebox. Kindly forward particulars to "Observer" Office.

WANTED to Purchase.—Large Resi- dence suitable for Guest House or conversion to same. Kindly send par- ticulars and price to "Guest House," Box 80, G.P.O., Gladstone.

WHEAT for Stock and Poultry Feed- ing, at specially reduced price, in bag lots 4/8 bush., Pollard 1/11, Bran 1/9; also good stocks of Lucerne and Oaten Chaff, Crushed Oats, Maize, at Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

WHEAT.—Friends advise having just received fresh stocks of Wheat for Fowl Feed; also choice line Chaff from N.S.W.

WEARSTOP, the Leather Sole pre- server, extends the life of your Soles. ½ pts. 1/6, ¼ pts. 2/6 Flints for Cigarette Lighters, 1/9 dozen.— Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

XMAS Hampers for Troops on active service are being booked at Friends (Pty.) Ltd. now. Only a limited number available. Hampers will include a Xmas Cake, Pudding and Muscatels, etc., up to the value of £1 (including postage). Order early. No Hampers for civilians this Xmas.

YATES' SEEDS.—A New Stock just to hand. Friends, Local Agents.

YOU can now obtain First-class Fruit from Griffiths' Cafe, Gladstone, at reasonable prices.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, October 15th. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the convenors, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and J. W. Garrett.

BYTE, the False Teeth Immersion Powder, now in stock. Only a lim- ited amount on hand. E. J. Master- son, Chemist, Gladstone.

CYCLE Tyres and Tubes, Parts and Accessories at ruling prices plus freight margin only. Large stocks to arrive next week. Saddles (3 spring), spokes, ball bearings, and you can buy repair outfits, patching, solution, etc., cycle lamps, batteries. See Port Cur- tis Motors first.

COME to Griffiths' Cafe for your Ice Cream, Cakes, and Fruit.

COUNTRY Clients are reminded that a completed "C" Form must ac- company all Tyres for Re-treading and Repairs. Procure these Forms from us before forwarding work.— Busteed's (the Tyre People), opposite P.O., Gladstone.

CANVAS Water Bags, Screw Top, Wire Handle, 12-inch 4/6, 14 to 18-inch 5/6. Now obtainable at Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

CARS, UTILITIES.—We have a 1929 De Soto Utility in very fair order at a reasonable figure. Good Tyres and Tubes. Very good performer. Also Sedans and a small Roadster. See Port Curtis Motors To-day.

DRESS GOOODS.—Floral Cambric, 26in., 1/7½ yd, White Mercerised Shirting, 30in., 3/3 (2½C.), Floral Eng- lish Taffeta Silk, 36in., 4/6 3C. At Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

FOR SALE.—Fordson Tractor, Cork Model, in good order, with Athens 2-Disc Side Plough. Trial, £190. Please apply Lance R. Weiske.

FLANNELETTE.—At Friends. White Flannelette, 36in., 3/-, Striped 2/2 yard (3 Coupons).

FOR SALE.—Ladies' Freewheel Bike, Gents' Freewheel Bike, and Gents' Bike, fixed wheel with ratchet. Inspect at Weiske's.

FOR SALE.—10 gallon Copper, Novo Boiler, and two Tubs. Apply to "Boiler," Box 101, Gladstone.

FRIENDS have Stocks at present of Feed Barley, Wheat, Bran, Pollard, Maize, Molasses, Cracked Maize, Pota- toes and Onions.

FOR SALE.—At Weiske's, 4ft. 6in. Iron Beds with Wire Mattresses. Inspect at Weiske's.

FERTILIZERS.—Under Government restrictions each householder is allowed 7lb. per month. We can offer Superphosphate, Bone ust, Beanup, No. 5, No. Q5, No. 8, and Bone Dust.— Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

FOR SALE.—Used Lawn Mower, Taps, Bike Lamp, Steel Tape, and Crosscut Saws. Inspect at Weiske's.

FOR SALE.—Farm and Dairying Pro- perties in all parts Gladstone dis- trict. Particulars from Lance R. Weiske, Agent, Gladstone.

GROW More Vegetables.— Friends have just opened up a fresh sup- ply of Yates' Seets and Fertilizer in 7 lb. bags. Assist the War Effort by extra planting this year. Friends Ltd.

HORLICKS MALTED MILK. Don't go short while stocks are available. Plenty on hand. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

MILLER'S GUIDE for 1943.—New stocks. Buy your copy early. All the winners are there. You pick them. Price 2/3 copy. P. M. Jones, the news- agent.

MEN.— Try the new "Ampliphone" Razor Blade Sharpener. It solves the "scarcity of Blades" problem. Price 7/6, Dressing 1/6 per bottle. The two, post free, for 9/-. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

NEOZONE, the great Antiseptic and Germicide (non-poisonous). Can be used with perfect safety in the home. Get your bottle early and don't miss out. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

NEW Joke and Cartoon Books.— Splashes 1/3, Frontline Fact, Fun and Fiction 1/3, Foo Says, 2nd A.I.F. Abroad 1/6, Sporting Weekly 2d. Also big lot of all types of Books from 4/6 to 25/- each. P. M. Jones, Bookseller.

SPRING SEASON opened at Friends. Nice range of Frocks, Ready to Wears, Dress Materials, Ladies' Un- derwear, now available.

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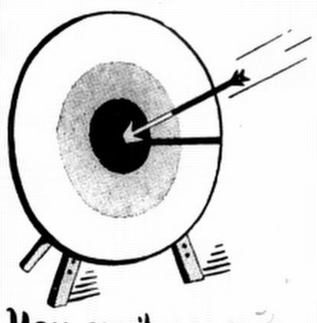

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Now, in the fifth year of war, our armies are advancing on all fronts, and a movement has begun that will end only in the complete overthrowing of our enemies.

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10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.18
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	3.18	3.45
30	19.12	10.15	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	4.20	5.14

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"WHY WE WAIT"

OPENING A SECOND FRONT

"Miserable Communist Howlers"

(By "Old Digger.")

Last week, from Italy, came a story which struck a sombre note in the midst of our rejoicing in victory.

It was the story of the Salerno landing. It told of how the British Commandos, American Rangers, and other troops first ashore, were literally cut to pieces by the point blank blast of German 88mm. tanks which literally overwhelmed the men as they tried to consolidate their pitifully exposed positions on the beach.

This story should be sent to every one of the stay-at-homes who, at the moment are in the middle of another campaign for the second front which they are prepared to urge other people to undertake, but in which they themselves are anything but eager to participate.

For it shows, as did Dieppe, that landings from the sea against an enemy in prepared positions, and an enemy who knows how to make the most of his defences, is the bloodiest of all warfare.

Yet, apparently the only thing that will satisfy the rip-snorting boys here is a mass attempt to storm the beaches and cliffs of France and the Lowlands, a mass suicide which would have the English Channel running red.

No. There are other ways. Ways which offer a thousand per cent better chance of success than any attempt to land in France and the Lowlands.

Those ways are being followed, and followed successfully, as practically every bit of news from the war zone tells us.

One stay-at-home of military age gibes that it "is not necessary to sew the last button on the last doughboy's pants before undertaking the second front."

I say that if, by waiting that long, we can be sure that the said dough boy will live to enjoy the fruits of his victory, then the delay would be more than justifiable. It would be God-like.

These miserable Communist howlers forget that in Britain they have the one nation to whom desperate forays, and successful forays, are a tradition.

They forget that the British conceived Gallipoli; were responsible for Zeebrugge in the last war. They forget the ill-starred but glorious attempt of the British Antwerp Expedition in 1914.

And they forget the Commando raids which have been going on constantly, at terrific cost, raids which began at a time when Britain herself hourly expected invasion.

This nation needs no urging to undertake desperate adventures. Therefore, the fact that she has refrained from mounting a full scale attack on the French coast, would in itself be sufficient proof of its impossibility to anybody less boneheaded than the Communists.

At the Sydney Town Hall last week the Comrades held a meeting to demand a second front.

At the meeting they sold badges; they sold "The Moscow News;" they sold "The Tribune," and they sold innumerable pamphlets, those badly written things which are turned out without regard to paper restrictions.

Finally, they took up a collection which realised over £300. So, even if the second front is not opened, the Communist officials are sure of eating money for the next few weeks!

FOOD SITUATION.

The war is not yet won. Moreover, even if it were to end in Europe sooner than we expect, the food situation, far from becoming easier, may well become more difficult owing to the urgent necessity of feeding the starving peoples of Europe. Indeed, in many ways it would be true to say that our real difficulties and our real task will only then begin.

RUSSIAN MILITARY MIRACLE

"Will To Win"

Two years ago this week an announcement came from the German military commander in Russia that the Red Army had evacuated Bryansk and that the annihilation of the Russian forces at Viazma was imminent. At the same time the Russians themselves announced that women and children were being evacuated from Moscow.

Still a year later the Germans were edging their way into Stallingrad under a hail of steel, and the greater part of Russia in Europe was in their hands.

What has happened in Russia in the ensuing twelve months almost defies analysis. To-day Bryansk and Viazma are well inside the Russian lines, and the only guns heard in Moscow now are those that signal each new Russian victory.

Students of military history point to vital battles and particular manifestations of strategy as the basic cause of this amazing change, and it would be idle to dismiss their reasoned conclusions as wisdom following the event.

At the same time, little emphasis has been placed upon the personal contribution of each Russian in relation to the organised national effort and the directing genius of their leaders.

No army could have won such victories as the Red Army unless it were imbued throughout with a victory spirit. No people could have suffered such calamities without breaking if they had not kept faith in ultimate recovery and belief in eventual triumph.

Writings now coming from Russia give some indication of the deep impassioned feelings that have given the Russians such a store of strength in their time of adversity; that has given them the courage to suffer incredible reverses without despair, and strengthened their will to win, even in the grimmest moments of retreat.

In a book recently written by a soldier writer of the Red Army there are many passages significant of this. The writer speaks of the brutal devastation inflicted upon his homeland by the Germans, and he tells how his blood ran cold at the thought that these "inhuman beasts" might stay and batten on his own native soil if they were not driven out.

The Red Army and the Russian people have performed a military miracle that cannot be explained by force or arms alone. They have been inspired by something greater than belief in their weapons, their fighting ability, and their brilliant leadership. We would do well to remember, when we read of their continued victories, that their "will to win" is the way to win.

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A noted ex-cricketer, whose name is a household word in Australia, and who now is an administrator, said: "I don't see why the great test sequence should be interrupted for what might be a second rate Empire side.

"It will take both the British and Australian sides some time to recover from the war. Cricket must be allowed to settle down for at least a year after the war before a really worthy side can be sent to Australia."

Jack Hobbs comments: "The idea is premature. Nearly all the top-notchers are either fighting or doing some form of war service."

The "Evening Standard's cricket correspondent says: "I believe that Britain after the war will be able to pick a side strong enough to give Australia a run for its money. I suggest an immediate resumption of tests after the war, with an English team visiting Australia."

Meanwhile R.A.A.F. cricketers in Britain are unofficially planning, like the A.I.F. team after the last war, to tour England, South Africa, and Australia immediately after this war. This scheme, of course, would be cancelled if the R.A.A.F. men were transferred to the Pacific when the European war ends. These R.A.A.F. men say that this team might be expanded into an Empire servicemen's touring side.

OVER STANLEY RANGE

Native Boys' Loyalty

When a South Australian battalion was split up near Efogi during the initial push over the Owen Stanley Range the worth of the native boys was apparent from the manner in which they assisted small lost parties to safety.

Lieut. Robert Paine, of Adelaide, tells how a party of 110 officers and men beat starvation and the jungle with the help of about 30 natives.

They came upon the native carriers when the supply line had been cut at Naoro. Immediately the natives took over the carrying of the dozen or so sick and wounded stretcher cases, and they undoubtedly saved the lives of those men.

While the troops received from the only rations remaining one tin of bully beef among seven men, the natives got one tin among five.

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RED CROSS PARCELS SUSTAIN PRISONERS

EXTRACT FROM "COURIER":—"The Red Cross parcels we received kept up in perfect health during our internment in Germany," said Mrs. I. C. Wilshire (Sydney), who is touring Queensland giving lectures on her experiences for the Red Cross. Mrs. Wilshire was a German prisoner at Liebenau internment camp, South Germany, for 18 months.

Food issued by the Germans did not include fats, but it was supplemented by Red Cross parcels, which were distributed regularly, she said.

Mrs. Wilshire left London at the end of 1940 for Australia, but the ship was sunk in the Western Atlantic. The crew and seven women passengers were picked up and taken to Bordeaux, and then to Germany. Early this year the women were exchanged for German women taken prisoner in Palestine. They now are working for the Red Cross as a tribute to the work done for prisoners or war.

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GLADSTONE WAR LOANS COMMITTEE

In order to assist the Committee in its canvass of the Town, Householders are asked to consider the question of their investment immediately

The Canvassers are doing a big job gratuitously, and any assistance given them will be appreciated

(Sgd.) J. BURROWS

Hon. Secretary

This space has kindly been donated by—

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Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, established 1867, Sunday October 17th: 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., preacher Mr. R. W. Lodder, Minister, Revd. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, October 17th: 11 a.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson, 3 p.m. Sunday School, 7.15 p.m. Praise Service, 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Thanks

ON behalf of my Family and myself, I wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of sympathy when the passing of "Digger" became known. I also wish to thank my thoughtful friends who showed their sympathy without expressing it.

GODDY CROW.

MR. R. W. HUNT, of Boles Street, Gladstone, desires to thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron, and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to him while he was an inmate of the institution.

MRS. E. M. PARSLOE and Family wish to thank most sincerely all those who sent wreaths, cards, letters and telegrams in their recent sad bereavement. They very much appreciate the kindness and sympathy shown to them, and ask all friends to kindly accept this as their personal thanks.

Roll of Honour

STOCKBRIDGE.—In loving memory of my dear husband, A.C.I. Eric Francis Stockbridge, R.A.A.F., who died of illness on 18th October, 1942, in his 27th year.

A painful shock, a blow severe.
To part with one I loved so dear.
My loss is great, I'll not complain,
But trust in God to meet again'

"His Duty Nobly Done."

(Inserted by his loving wife, Lucy.)

STOCKBRIDGE, No. 78628.—In loving memory of my dear son and our brother, A.C.I. Eric Francis Stockbridge, who died of illness in a military Hospital in Sydney, October 18th, 1942.

Loved in life, honoured in death—
A beautiful memory is all we have left.

(Inserted by his loving mother(sister and brothers.)

In Memoriam

ROEBUCK.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, Paul Samuel Roebuck, who departed this life on 14th October, 1942.

Calm and peaceful he is sleeping;
Sweetest rest has followed pain.
We who loved him sadly miss him,
But trust in God to meet again.

(Inserted by Dulcie, Jack, and grandchildren.)

ROEBUCK.—In loving memory of my dear father, Paul Samuel Roebuck, who passed away on 14th October, 1942.

Only a grave, but still it needs care.
For the one we loved is resting there.
Sweet flowers we lay across his breast.
Placed there by those who loved him best.

(Inserted by his loving daughter Edith.)

ROEBUCK.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Paul Samuel Roebuck, who passed away on 14th October, 1942.

With tears we saw you sinking;
We watched you pass away.
We tended you with every care,
But could not make you stay.
We watched beside your bedside
As the lonely minutes passed,
And our hearts were breaking
As we saw you breathe your last.

(Inserted by his loving wife.)

KELLY.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret Kelly, who passed away at the Bundaberg General Hospital on 17th October, 1942.

"Sadly Missed."

(Inserted by her loving daughter, Iris.)

TAPPENDEN.—In loving memory of our dear husband, father, and grandfather, Edward John, who passed away on October 17th, 1939.

A beautiful memory left behind
Of a loving one so good and kind.
We have lost, but heaven has gained
One of the best the world contained.

(Inserted by his loving wife, son (Ted), Mary and Tom, and grandchildren.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

AT THE RACECOURSE.

Mrs. E. W. Phillips, President of the Red Cross, assisted by ladies from the Red Shield, 2nd Calliope patriotic bodies, will be in charge of the afternoon tea at the Gladstone Racecourse to-day (Saturday). All arrangements have been made, and patrons can rely on good service during the afternoon. Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan, President of the Gladstone Comforts Fund, and ladies of her committee, are looking after the sale of soft drinks, etc., so that visitors to the meeting will be well catered for.

GLADSTONE TURF CLUB

RACES AND DANCE.

A large attendance, including country residents from all parts of the district and centres as far as Biloela and Thangool, is promised for the patriotic race meeting this afternoon.

The committee, in view of the record nominations, have made complete arrangements for the comfort of patrons.

These include booth, afternoon tea and refreshments, the provision of a broadcast system for relaying of the Epsom and other southern races, the operation of the tote, and the attendance of several registered bookmakers.

At night Mrs. Phillips will have charge of the race dance to be held in the Trocadero, when a bumper house is expected.

An orchestra has been engaged, and Mr. Bert Norris will act as master of ceremonies. Soft drinks, refreshments and ice creams will be sold.

Proceeds go to the Prisoner of War Fund, and this worthy object should gain wide support.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

Gladstone Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Gladstone War Loans Committee was held in the Town Hall chambers on Tuesday night. Present: Messrs. G. G. Dennis (chairman), V. Summers, H. Peters, M. Clarris, A. E. Ambrose, H. Hall, G. McCabe, A. Bentley, and J. Burrows.

CANVASS OF TOWN.

The Secretary submitted a map of the town, which had been divided into nine zones for the purpose of carrying out a house to house canvass, and canvassers were appointed for each zone.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES.

The Secretary was instructed to arrange with speakers to address theatre and other audiences wherever possible.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. R. W. Hunt, of Boles Street, who recently underwent an operation at the General Hospital, has sufficiently recovered to leave the institution, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he is making excellent progress.

Mr and Mrs. W. H. Shapland, of Calliope, has received a letter card from their son, Lance Corporal C. W. Shapland, to say he is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands at "Moulmein," Burma. He is in hospital, and his health is poor. One of his friends is C. Bland, of Calliope.

Mr. J. W. Rigby and his daughter, Miss Nancy Rigby, have been spending their annual vacation at Montville. Another daughter, Mrs. C. Ryalls, has also left to spend a holiday at the mountain resort.

Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., made his postponed visit to Gladstone this week-end, arriving by the Townsville mail yesterday morning. An invitation has been extended Mr. Williams to be present at the patriotic race meeting this afternoon (Saturday).

AUCTION SALE.

Gladstone Agencies have been instructed to offer for sale by public auction, a perpetual country lease, parish and town of Gladstone, containing 9 acres 1 rood 7 perches. The sale takes place at their rooms on Saturday, October 30, at 10 a.m. Particulars are advertised in to-day's "Observer."

AT THE RACES.

Secretary Vic Summers is losing no time in pushing the organisation of the War Loan Art Union in aid of the Prisoner of War Fund. His "Back the Attack" offensive has already penetrated well into the country centres, and he has stimulated energetic competition between the town and country agnts. To-day (Saturday) the popular Red Cross Secretary will be seen in an unusual role at the Gladstone races, where he will urge all sections to remember the boys in the P.O.W. camps overseas.

MR. H. C. MOORE.

The appeal by the committee of the War Loan Art Union for ten War Savings Certificates to complete the prizes by donation was met immediately by a well-known supporter of the Red Cross, in the person of Mr. Harry Moore, who contacted the secretary and gave the lot. This generous act was much appreciated. The Art Union, which is to promote interest in the Fourth Liberty Loan, with war bonds and certificates as prizes, and profits to the Prisoners of War Fund, has found favour in all sections, and this will help the Art Union Committee in its big job. At the moment the town is running a good first, but the country has not had sufficient time to get their sales results into the Secretary (Mr. V. A. Summers). Support the loan down to "your last zac," then have a ticket and "back the attack."

CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL

OBJECTION LODGED OVER ROAD APPORTIONMENTS

TENDERS TO BE CALLED FOR NEW FERRY SERVICE

At the monthly meeting of the Calliope Shire Council there were present: The Chairman (Cr. W. Beak), and Councillors J. H. Cummings, W. Hansen, J. Schafer, H. Neill-Ballantine, J. M. Campbell, G. H. Potter, W. C. Dickinson, J. F. Drynan, and E. H. C. Steel. The Shire Clerk (Mr. H. H. Whittle) and the Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne) were also present.

PATROL GRADER.

The Co-ordinator General (Mr. J. R. Kemp) advised that the release of the Division 1 patrol grader would be reviewed as soon as the re-allocation of machines for constructional work permitted. It was decided to again press the urgency for the release of the machine.

MAINTENANCE WORK.

The District Engineer advised, in reply to the Shire Clerk's letter, that he hoped to be able to make available one of the Commission's patrol graders in about two week's time to carry out maintenance work on the Maryborough-Gladstone, Calliope-Mt. Larcom, and Hut Creek-Raglan sections of the Northern Highway.

It was resolved to thank the District Engineer and to inform him the Council had no driver available for the Commission's grader.

MAINTENANCE ALLOCATIONS.

The District Engineer advised that the maintenance allocations for the year ended June 30 last were expected at an early date, which he considered would be not lower than the amount expended during the previous year.—Received.

VISIBILITY DISCS.

The District Engineer advised that the Commissioner, after his recent visit to the shire, had requested that the damaged or missing visibility discs be repaired or replaced.

The matter was left in the hands of the Chairman for attention.

The District Engineer is to be asked to forward as soon as possible the discs required for erection on the Gentle Annie section of the Hut Creek-Raglan Highway.

PERCENTAGE OF REPAYMENTS.

The Secretary, Main Roads Commission, forwarded proposed apportionment of maintenance for the year ended June 30. The total expended was £2863/11/5, of which it was proposed to apportion £825/18/- to be repaid by the shire, representing 28.81 per cent of the total expended.

The percentage of the proposed repayments by the shire were:—

	£	s	d
Mt. Larcom-Bracewell, 50 per cent	93	11	8
Yarwun-Targinne, 50 per cent	93	1	3
Mt. Larcom-Mt. Alma, 50 per cent	36	8	4
Ambrose-Bracewell, 50 per cent	32	4	11
Hut Creek-Raglan Highway, 30 per cent	90	15	4
Calliope-Mt. Larcom Highway, 20 per cent	89	15	10
Gladstone-Calliope Main Road, 17½ per cent	87	0	0
Maryborough-Gladstone Highway, 30 per cent	125	16	8
Pt. Curtis-Callide Highway, 23 per cent	137	0	0
Calliope-Glassford Creek, 50 per cent	40	4	0
Total	£825	18	0

OBJECTION LODGED.

On the motion of the Chairman and Councillor Schafer, it was decided to lodge an objection to the proposed apportionments, and to ask that they be reduced as hereunder:—

Hut Creek-Raglan section, Calliope-Mt. Larcom, and Maryborough-Gladstone section, 10 per cent; Pt. Curtis-Callide, including all Gladstone-Calliope Main Road, 20 per cent.

The section of the Mt. Larcom-Bracewell main road, from the Mt. Larcom township to the Machine Creek Hall, and the Ambrose-Bracewell main road, from Ambrose to the Machine Creek Hall, be reduced to 20 per cent. The reduction asked for on highways would reduced the apportionment to the same percentage as it is understood charged the Fitzroy Shire on the Toonda-Bajool section of the Northern Highway.

FERRY SERVICE.

Mr. H. B. Randall stated he was agreeable to carry out the amended timetable for an additional weekly payment of £1/12/9, representing £85/3/- per annum.

Mr. Randall, in reply to the Shire Clerk's letter, stated he had not charged any person who desired to return on the Friday; that the ferry service timetable does not provide for the return service, a fare higher than that provided in the contract.

It was decided that Mr. Randall be informed that the offer submitted was too high, and that tenders would be called for a service to include a fresh timetable.

The preparation of the fresh timetable, the calling of tenders for a fresh service, and the termination of the existing contract with Mr. Randall, was left in the hands of the Chairman, Cr. Cummings, and the Shire Clerk, with power to act in the best interest of the Council and those served by the present service.

FOR TRAVELLING STOCK.

The Secretary, Land Administration Board, advised it was the intention of the department to make available under perpetual lease tenure, portion 42, parish of Boyne, but before doing so it had been agreed to ask whether it proposed to proceed with its intention to widen the road by five chains abutting on the Northern Highway through the portion, so as to afford improved access for travelling stock.

On the motion of Crs. Ballantine and Campbell it was decided to advise that the Council still desired the road widened as previously suggested, and in view of the alignment in question appearing to be designed instead of surveyed the department be asked to widen the road by design without cost to the Council.

SHEEP STATION CREEK BRIDGE.

The District Engineer advised that the timber in the Sheep Station Creek bridge, after being demolished, could be purchased by the Council at an estimated cost, and that Mr. Pitter would advise when the timber was available.

On the motion of Crs. Schafer and Hansen the action of the Chairman and Clerk in advising Mr. Pitter that the Council would purchase the material when available was endorsed.

DECK PLANKS.

From the District Engineer, advising, in reply to the Shire Clerk's letter, that application should be made to Mr. Pitter for the 120 discarded deck planks from the toll bridge at the Boyne River, Benaraby.

Mr. Pitter advised, under date of 29th September, 1943, that the Council could have the planks without payment.—Received.

AERODROME SITE.

Mr. F. M. Forde, Minister for the Army, forwarded a letter from Mr. A. S. Drakeford, Minister for Air, stating that in view of extensive commitments in operational areas, it was not possible at present to undertake the construction of further landing grounds outside such areas unless it could be shown that such were of an urgent operational requiremtnt.

The Shire Clerk's letter to Mr. Forde was read, asking that an inspection be made of the proposed site, and the Council advised if considered suitable.

The action of the Shire Clerk was endorsed.

A COMPLAINT.

The Secretary, Dairymen's Organisation, Ubobo, complained of sawdust being deposited in the watershed of Deception Creek at Builyan, which was carried by storm waters into the creek and polluted the waterholes.

It was decided that unless the party responsible remedied the cause of the complaint the matter be referred to th Department of Irrigation and Water Supply.

SCHEDULE OF PRICES.

The schedule of prices for the removal and disposal of nightsoil and garbage as entered into between the Council and Mr. V. A. Davis, is as follows:—

Nagoorin and Ubobo: Nightsoil, increase from 10d to 1/2, and garbage from 1d to 2d.

Littlemore, Builyan and Many Peaks: Nightsoil only, increase from 11d to 1/3.

APPLICATION APPROVED.

Mrs. A. E. Callanan, Grand Hotel, Many Peaks, asked that the Council approve of her application to the State Electricity Commission for a renewal of the license to supply electric energy from the Grand Hotel to the entertainment hall, Many Peaks.—The application was approved.

LEFT TO CR. CUMMINGS.

Mr. R. R. Nothling, secretary Hut Creek School Committee, asked that the road near the school be brushed so as to permit of better visibility for traffic. The request was left in the hands of Cr. Cummings for attention.

APPROACHES TO CALLIOPE POST OFFICE.

The Secretary Dairymen's Organisation, Calliope, asked that the approaches to the Post Office, Calliope, be repaired.—It was decided to refer the request to Mr. Pitter for attention as part of the maintenance work.

REPAIRS EFFECTED.

The Secretary Dairymen's Organisation, Calliope, asked that repairs be effected to the road from the Taragoola Railway Station to the Taragoola Post Office.

Cr. Potter stated repairs had already been effected.

CHARTER'S CROSSING.

Cr Potter moved that Mr. R. E. Brown give further attention to the repairs recently effected to Charter's Crossing.—Seconded by Cr. Ballantine and carried.

FOURTEEN DAYS' NOTICE.

On the motion of Cr. Steel it was decided that Messrs. Bond and Trihy and Mr. Walter Ferris be given fourteen days' notice to complete the licensed gate and grid up to standard specification on the Calliope-Many Many Peaks Road, on the boundary separating portion 60 from portion 18v, parish Wietalaba. Failing that the existing licensed gate, fence and grid be removed by them without cost to the Council within three days after the expiration of the foregoing fourteen days' notice; that Mr. Walter Ferris be given fourteen days' notice to effect suitable repairs to the approaches on either side of the grid separating his property from that owned by Mr. W. A. F. McDonald; that Mr. McDonald be given fourteen days' notice to effect suitable repairs to the approaches on either side of the grid near Morris' cultivation; that the Manager of Milton Station be given fourteen days' notice to effect suitable repairs to the approaches of the grid on the Milton Station side of the boundary between the Milton Station property and Camping Reserve R-45, parish Wietalaba.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £966/6/4 were passed for payment.

CAR MILEAGE APPROVED.

The Chairman's claim for £16/8/- car mileage under by-law No. 28, was approved.

GENERAL.

The employment of Mr. J. G. Lawson by Cr. Steel to effect road repairs was endorsed.

Cr. Campbell reported that satisfactory arrangements had been made with representatives of the graziers to enclose the small area of land in portion 55, parish of Booroom, owned by Miss A. B. Davies, for a camping ground for travelling stock.

It was decided to purchase an iron gate for the sanitary depot, Builyan, and Mr. Davies to be asked to furnish the width between the gate posts.

It was decided to write to the Forester, Kalpowar, asking if the department's tractor, grader and operator could be made available for about a month to effect road repairs in the vicinity of Ubobo.

The Shire Clerk stated that Mr. P. A. Friend had made a verbal complaint of the dangerous turn in the approach to the Calliope River crossing bridge.

It was resolved that the complaint be referred to the District Engineer.

The members for Division 2 agreed to its patrol grader operating for a month on shire roads in Division 1, and the Chairman to arrange for the work to be carried out.

It was decided to apply to the National Service Officer for two suitable men for maintenance work on main and shire roads.

On the motion of Crs. Campbell and Schafer, Cr. Potter was authorised to examine and certify in terms of section 42, subsection 20, of the "Local Government Acts 1936-1943," all stock impounded at Calliope before being sold.

In reply to the Shire Clerk, stating the difficulty experienced in procuring spare parts for the Council's road plant, Cr. Hansen moved that he communicate with Mr. F. M. Forde, asking him to be good enough to make representations to the Federal Minister controlling the importation of spare parts from overseas, with the object of procuring an increased supply of parts.

The motion was carried.

GLADSTONE LOAN FIGURES.

Gladstone subscriptions to the 4th Liberty War Loan amount to £14,520, representing 78 applications. The amount includes Swifts allocation of £5000 and the State Government Insurance £2500. Gladstone's quota is £32,000.

GRAZING PROPERTY SALES.

Mr. Lance R. Weiske, agent, Gladstone, advises having received quite a good demand for grazing properties, and recently he sold two well-known properties in the Gladstone district. In conjunction with Messrs. Winchcombe Carson Ltd., "Stowe," previously owned by the estate of the late F. F. Menzies, has been sold to Mr. Harold Burnham, of Wooroolin (Kingaroy district). "Stowe" is a well improved freehold property, beautifully watered, and was sold on a stocked basis. "Woodstock" has also been sold to Mr. H. R. Boys. This property is also well known, and is situated only a few miles from Gladstone.

CORRESPONDENCE

(To the Editor.)

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

AMATEUR RIDERS.

Sir,—I wish to clear up the anomaly which appears to exist in connection with conditions obtaining as to amateur riders at our race meeting to be held to-day (Saturday).

Only approved amateur riders can ride in the Militia Maiden Hack Handicap and the Spitfire Hack Handicap.

Approved amateurs may ride in any of the other events, subject to R.J.C. rules. Your, etc.,

A. W. F. G. CROW,
President Gladstone Turf Club.

SUCTION GAS PLANT.

Sir,—You will agree with me that the Gladstone public has suffered many hardships and knockbacks during the many years those who have settled and made home here have been struggling for the realisation of the Boyne River water scheme.

To the people throughout the district the project, when completed, represents itself in security, industry, health, and last but not least, the comfort they have been forced to do without, resulting from a Mr. Nobody's shortsightedness many years ago.

Others see the presentation of the scheme as a project of national importance, which will be of the greatest assistance in promoting Central Queensland to a par with the flourishing efficiency of other parts of Australia, and also of vital bearing on Australia's post war economy.

With this in mind, I feel it my privilege to query the wisdom of the Gladstone Town Council, as reported in your journal in two recent issues.

September 15 reports the rescinding of a minute referring to electric pumping from the Gladstone Power House. Now, it is obvious to anyone that such a minute would only be placed on the book after some engineer's report had given reason for its adoption. The fact that the decision to rescind the portion of the minute was not by any means a unanimous one also gives one the impression that more could have been reported on the matter.

In a later issue of your paper, September 29, the Council is reported to have received a report submitted by Mr. J. S. Just, consulting engineer, Brisbane, which showed to the satisfaction of the Council, that a suction gas plant was the cheapest form of pumping water. I have noted, however, that you do not report Mr. Just as stating that suction gas was the most economical. On this you have reported that the Council then carried a motion favouring pumping by suction gas.

I do not question the fact that suction gas may be cheaper, as the report shows this very clearly. I do question it being the most economical over a period. Wood is quoted at 15/- per ton, but wood at times has a happy knack of not remaining at the desired price, or even being easy to get.

We are also moving into a period where suction gas plants for these purposes appear to me to be becoming somewhat antiquated. Towards a post-war period in which efficiency will demand electric power in as many places as it can be used. Why ask the people who have and will continue to fight for this most necessary water, to have erected a pumping plant which will become an antique a year or two after being installed? I for one, Mr. Editor, would certainly like to see reported more fully the reasons of the Council in making the decision to substitute a suction gas plant for what was at first quite obviously intended to be an electrical pumping plant for the water.—Yours, etc.,

MERV THOMPSON.

Little Bramston Street, Gladstone.

PORT OF GLADSTONE.

Sir,—Your paper, under heading Wednesday, October 13, Port of Gladstone. . . . Large Representative Public Meeting. . . . "Wake Up, Gladstone! says the Mayor." As a seafarer I would say the same. What about your lines of communication? Have you taken any steps to augment your lines since National Security has prevented wireless messages being sent from ship to shore? I will answer that for you in capital letters—NO!

Just think what the view of a foreign going master is, arriving off your port, and no means of communicating with you.

It is true you have some sort of a laughable radio-telephone, whereby some person on each end calls the other up, and in their own prearranged code try to tell each other what is doing in the departments which you are all moaning about.

You may be annoyed at this being called laughable, but if you will only stop and think. Except for your ordinary peace time routine calls, "nobody can talk to anybody" in between, and if a ship arrives at any of these in-between times (22 hrs. out of 24) a mere trifle of 22 hours in every day, he thinks Gladstone the most godforsaken place he has ever seen from the fairway.

As an advocate for the port of Gladstone as against Rockhampton, I think you should look to your lines of communication between ship and shore.

Undoubtedly, vessels bound in to your port will eventually come in, but the trouble and delay occasioned by your faulty communications stick to you like mud thrown at a brick wall.

Yours, etc.,

G.R.B.

(Steps have at last been taken by the powers that be, and certain lines of communication should be in operation in the very near future.—Ed "Observer.")

SOUTH END TRIP OFF.

Captain W. Hodge, of Gladstone, is at present indisposed, and the Lyola will not make its usual trip to South End to-morrow (Sunday).

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Plan (4) provides for your bond purchase by five equal payments. The deposit is 20% and the instalments four of 20% of your subscription on 1st December, January, February and March.

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AT CALLIOPE

Ambulance Dance

The usual monthly Ambulance dance was held at Calliope last Saturday night, and, as usual, a large crowd assembled. Dancing was kept going in full swing, being in charge of Hon. Bearer G. Curran, and the music was supplied by Miss M. Archay and Mr. F. Moran, while extras were played by Miss Brown and Mr. Ken Rooney. The Monte Carlo was won by Miss B. Brown and Mr. S. O. Henney, and the spot one-step by Mrs. V. Gunston and Mr. Hauston.

The parcel of groceries (raffled) was won by Mr. J. McMahon (Calliope) with ticket No. 2586D, and the 1d raffle by Des Day (Calliope), with ticket No. 1010.

Ticket selling was in the hands of Mr. Frank Farmer, assisted by Messrs. Sam Dickinson and Stan and Ritchie Brown.

Euchre was again in the capable hands of Mr. S. Dickinson, and the lady's prize was won by Mrs. Sam Dickinson, and the gent's by Mr. Dave Small.

The next Ambulance dance will be held at Calliope on Saturday night, November 13. Come along and assist the Brigade.

PRESBYTERIAN STREET STALL.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Guild will conduct a street stall next Thursday, October 21, in the Valley, next to the Niagara Cafe. Donations of jams, cakes, produce, sweets, etc., will be appreciated, and all goods can be left at the Manse.

P.O.W. FUND.

Red Cross and P.O.W. supporters are reminded that the funds will benefit from the race meeting to be held to-day (Saturday) by the Gladstone Turf Club, and all are asked to assist the committee by patronising the fixture.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ALTERATION of Conditions applying to Amateur Riders at To-day's Race Meeting to be held under the auspices of the Gladstone Turf Club: "Approved Amateur Riders only, etc." should read, "Only Approved Amateur Riders, etc.

A. W. F. G. CROW,
President.

PROBATE NOTICES.

AFTER Fourteen clear days from to-day, applications will be made to the Supreme Court, Brisbane, for GRANTS OF PROBATE of the following WILLS. Any person interested who desires to object to any application or to be heard upon it may file a Caveat in the Registry at any time before the relevant grant is made.

Deceased: KENNETH ALLAN STEWART CURRIE (in the Will called Kenneth Allan Currie), formerly of Gladstone, and recently a private in the Australian Imperial Forces.

Applicant: THE UNION TRUSTEE COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED, of 400 Queen Street, Brisbane, the sole executor appointed by the Will, dated 18th August, 1942.

Solicitors: CHAMBERS, McNAB & CO., 33 Queen Street, Brisbane.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the undermentioned deceased persons are hereby required to send their claims to the Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton, on or before the eleventh day of December, 1943. And that after the expiration of the last-mentioned date the Local Deputy Public Curator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Name: KEEN, Samuel George.
Address: Gladstone.
Occupation: Engine driver.
Date of Death: 23/9/43.
Place: Brisbane.
Name: BOASE, Gerald Bernard.
Address: Gladstone.
Occupation: Wharf labourer.
Date of Death: 29/9/43.
Place: Rockhampton.
Dated this twelfth day of October, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON.
Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

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"The Public Curator Acts, 1915 to 1943"
(Section 49)
NOTICE OF ORDERS TO ADMINISTER

THE Public Curator hereby gives notice that on the eleventh day of October, 1943, Orders to Administer in Intestacy the real and personal Estates of the undermentioned deceased persons were granted to him by the Supreme Court of Queensland, Rockhampton:—

(1) GERALD BERNARD BOASE, late of Gladstone, wharf labourer.
(2) SAMUEL JAMES KEEN, late of Gladstone, engine driver.

Dated this twelfth day of October, 1943.

M. J. McMAHON.
Local Deputy Public Curator, Rockhampton.

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OWING to sickness of Mr. W. Hodge the Lyola will not make its usual trip to-morrow (Sunday) to South End.

PRESBYTERIAN Ladies' Guild Street Stall, October 21, in Valley, next to Niagara Cafe. Donations, goods, etc., gratefully accepted. Leave at the Manse.

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Work Appreciated

Gratitude for the ready manner in which employers and shop stewards are co-operating with his organisation in the drive for Fourth Liberty Loan subscriptions in industrial organisations was expressed recently by the Commonwealth Loans Director (Mr. C. R. Banfield).

Employers had been asked by the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) to form internal loan committees representing managements and employees, said Mr. Banfield. Many hundreds of these are functioning. They facilitated the work of visiting Service units and War Loans representatives, and in every way gave practical support to the Government's drive to obtain 750,000 loan subscribers—an all-time record.

Mr. Banfield also expressed appreciation of the enthusiasm with which country loan committees had got early into the job of raising their local loan quotas.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

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The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) paid a worthy tribute to our fighting forces at the official opening of the Fourth Liberty Loan in the Sydney Town Hall this week.

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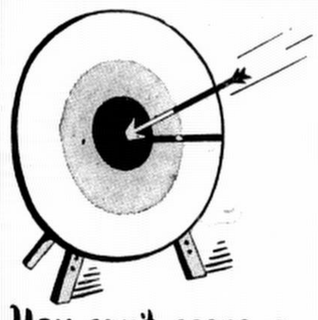

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10	6.36	7.03	12.39	12.33
11	7.33	7.55	1.31	1.31
12	8.22	8.41	2.20	2.26
13	9.07	9.25	3.02	3.17
14	9.50	10.06	3.44	4.06
15	10.32	10.46	4.22	4.55
16	11.13	11.26	5.00	5.43
17	11.55	——	5.36	6.32
18	12.05	12.37	6.15	7.24
19	12.50	1.21	6.56	8.19
20	1.38	2.12	7.47	9.16
21	2.42	3.13	8.46	10.16
22	4.00	4.21	9.52	11.14
23	5.18	5.29	10.57	——
24	6.21	6.27	11.56	——
25	7.10	7.13	12.53	12.49
26	7.52	7.54	1.35	1.38
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	3.18	3.45
30	19.12	10.15	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	4.20	5.14

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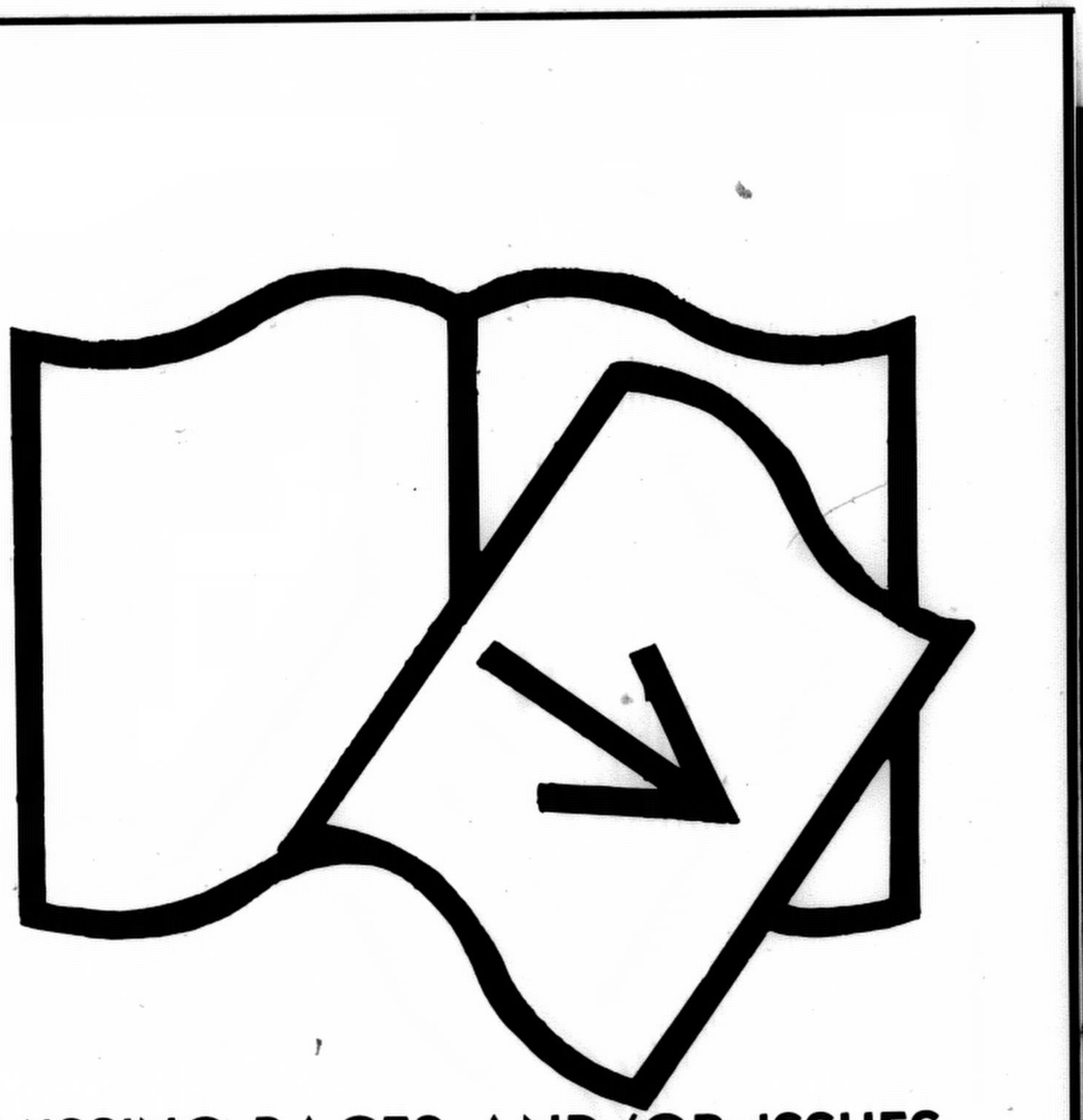

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NEW ZEALAND'S CONTRIBUTION

A Wonderful Effort

At the outbreak of the war New Zealand, one of the smallest of the Allied Nations, had a population of 1,632,000—only a little more than the population of Sydney. One man out of two—approximately a quarter of the adult population—has seen full time military service. But in spite of this production of equipment and food has been on the increase ever since the first day of war.

When the war began there were practically no heavy industries in New Zealand. To-day the Dominion is manufacturing Bren gun carriers, mortars and mortar bombs, shells, grenades, aeroplane and tank parts, and thousands of other items of war equipment. The steel necessary for these manufactures was sent from Australia, for the high-grade Newcastle steel is still the cheapest in the world.

Employers and employees tackled the problems of new production necessities and methods in a fine spirit of co-operation, and in a recent booklet, "New Zealand at War," issued by the New Zealand Government Publicity Directory, a tribute is paid to the enterprise and initiative of these men. The value of factory production in New Zealand has increased by 35 per cent since the outbreak of war. Most of the output is for military purposes. In 1942, for instance, 84 per cent of engineering products, 84 per cent of the sawmilling; 81 per cent of biscuits, and 71 per cent of clothing, were all for the armed forces.

New Zealand has also been fighting on the home front to keep up supplies to Great Britain. Before the war New Zealand was the United Kingdom's chief supplier of butter, cheese, mutton and lamb, and on the outbreak of war Britain's need was even more pressing.

In spite of the large number of men and women in the services and essential industries, New Zealand's agricultural and pastoral production has been maintained above pre-war figures in almost all commodities. More than 2,000,000 tons of food have been shipped to Great Britain since the war, as well as 3,250,000 bales of wool.

New Zealand was also asked by the British Government to cultivate linen flax fibre. This was a crop new to New Zealand, but 17 processing factories are now in operation. For home consumption the farmers were also asked to grow more wheat, and last year they increased the yield by 55 per cent to 8,500,000 bushels.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

EMPLOYMENT AFTER WAR

Improved Living Standards

Full employment after the war is one of the aims for which we are fighting. Full employment, like any other convenient label for a basic policy, can mean several things. It is the task of Australia's leaders and planners to see that it means more than a job for the individual, to see that it is not merely an unreal attempt to build Utopia in Australia without regard to the rest of the world.

Our approach to the problem of full employment must be that we have to provide an environment into which the individual can fit, in which his job is useful to the community as well as satisfying to himself. This realisation that the individual and his environment are the two halves of the reconstruction problem aroused the need for planning the full use of our material and financial resources as well as our rsources in man power.

The war has taught us how we can direct our monetary policy and the use of our resources towards achieving victory. These war-time lessons can be used to win the peace if we are determined to make the same sacrifices for reconstruction as we are to free ourselves from Axis domination.

Plans for training and re-training our servicemen and war workers for peace-time production are well advanced.

The short-term reconstruction problem of swinging our national economy from war to peace is being faced and the first step, a listing of the things Australia will need as soon as victory is won, is being compiled by the investigatory commissions in the rural, housing and public works fields.

Shortly there will be set up a body to investigate the problems of secondary industry. These are among the essential short-term reconstruction tasks that we have to face now.

The long-term tasks of providing improved living standards in a stable and secure economy would depend to a large extent on how well we carry out this immediate transition from war to peace. They will depend also on the men who frame the conditions of world peace in London, Washington, Moscow and Chungking.

Seen against this international background it is apparent that our domestic goal of full employment is a policy that must be followed by every nation. It cannot succeed in one country if the rest of the world is reverting to the restrictive trends we experienced before the war.

Full employment at home and abroad means planning just as winning the war has meant planning, but democratic planning need not mean regimentation. Indeed, it is the only way to a greater individual freedom through improved facilities for living.

It can mean the realisation of things people want—better communications, education, health, and social services—but cannot achieve as individuals.

It has been said that the plain people of this world know what they want after the war—they want to be wanted; they want a choice of work and to be useful. This is what our policy of full employment can achieve if we are as determined to win the peace as we are to win the war. Both goals entail sacrifices, but both are worth the cost of attaining them.

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POST-WAR TRADE

Basic Factor in Farming

Farmers as a whole are now too closely engaged with day to day wartime demands to give full consideration to post-war problems, and if they had the time it is doubtful whether they could accurately forecast the trend of trade. Nevertheless, they possess one means of fortifying themselves against the future by improving the quality of their live stock.

Live stock improvement can be begun without seriously dislocating the ordinary routine of farm operations.

Better sires can be introduced into flocks and herds in substitution of the nondescript rams and "scrub" bulls that are all too commonly used.

While Australia can boast some of the world's highest yielding dairy cows, and the heaviest cutting sheep, there is nevertheless a wide disparity between the higher and the lower levels of production.

Average yields can be substantially increased, but the basis of improvement must be the wider infusion of good blood into the lower grade live stock.

Accompanied, as circumstances permit, by adequate and appropriate feeding, marked results will quickly follow. Breeding, however, is the foundation of economic production.

Remarkable progress has been made in the development of Australia's wool industry.

Natural advantages, such as climate and the excellence of much of our native grass and herbage have played an important part in building up the framework of the merino, but these factors have been exploited by the stud-breeders in moulding the form of the animal and increasing the density and the quality of the fleece.

Throughout Australia, in all departments of live stock—merino and British breeds of sheep, dairy and beef cattle, pigs and poultry—stud farms have been established, and they are the reservoir from which blood lines can be drawn to grade up Australia's animal industries.

Breeding should not be a haphazard process, but should be based on careful study and the adoption of a systematic basis of improvement.

For a few years, no doubt, all our surplus foodstuffs will find eager demand in the famished countries of Europe and Asia. But after rehabilitation has been achieved, and with contracting markets, quality, as in pre-war days, will become a vital factor.

Shortly before the war, when Australia was expanding her fat lamb exports, the Australian Meat Board issued the definite warning that the British market was rapidly reaching saturation point, and that quality carcases were more than ever necessary. Suppliers who cater for specific demands of taste and fashion fare better than those who followe their own devices.

EXPANDED PRODUCTION.

During the war period Britain has so expanded production that she now provides more than 60 per cent., as against 40 per cent., of her own requirements.

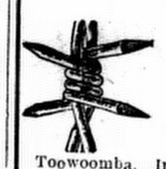
Much of that increase has been based on the improvement of farm technique—the improvement of large areas of country for permanent pasture, and the mechanisation of arable farming.

British farmers naturally want preference on their home market.

If new markets are to open up in Europe, those countries that establish a reputation for quality products will stand a much better chance, after the immediate post-war needs have been met, of retaining a foothold, than those which do not. It is well, therefore, to make the fundamental readjustments in the light of those factors.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ... BARB WIRE



SEVERAL THOUSAND COILS of slightly rusted Black BARB WIRE, in 28lb. coils, which have been left out exposed to the weather, have now been made available for Farmers and Pastoralists throughout Queensland. The price arranged at is 4/5 per coil (28 lbs.) ex the Dump, which is a considerable distance from the city. To cart this into our warehouse and re-rail in small lots will make the price about 4/9 per 28 lb. coil, f.o.r. Brisbane, Wallangarra, Townsville, Cairns, or Toowoomba. Immediate delivery. Ton lots could be done slightly cheaper. The rust on the Barb Wire is only surface rust, but no special selection of the coils can be made. The buyer has to take his chance, and is allotted the Wire that happens to be nearest to the cart when it is being loaded. The terms are cash with order, and it is necessary to get a permit from the Chairman of the Local War Agricultural Committee.

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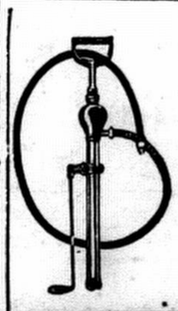

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GLADSTONE WAR LOANS COMMITTEE

In order to assist the Committee in its canvass of the Town, Householders are asked to consider the question of their investment immediately

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(Sgd.) J. BURROWS
Hon. Secretary

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CURRENT TOPICS

GLADSTONE FIGURES.

At the close of banking business yesterday subscriptions in the 4th Liberty War Loan amounted to £16,800, representing 149 applicants. Gladstone's quota is £32,000, with 431 subscribers.

MEAT RATION.

The new Australian meat ration, which begins early in January, will be 2¼ lbs. of butcher's meat per week for every person aged nine and over on June 13 last, and half that amount for children then aged less than nine.

VISIT OF MR. F. M. FORDE.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) will arrive in in Gladstone on Friday next, October 29, and will depart the following day for Brisbane. On Friday evening the Deputy Prime Minister will address the audience at local picture theatres in support of the 4th Liberty Loan.

TOWNSVILLE LABOUR.

At a conference of Australian Labour Party branches in Townsville and district, the question of the Hermit Park breakaway was discussed, and a resolution carried unanimously inviting those who had been members of the deregistered branch to apply for membership in the registerd branch at Hermit Park.

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING.

The gross receipts of the patriotic race meeting amounted to £262/4/7, and the nett profit was £207/16/9 (not £226 as stated in the report of the function). Of the £207 the sum of £203 has been distributed in cheques of £29 each to seven Gladstone and Calliope patriotic organisations. The small balance of £4/16/9 was applied to the costs of tickets, tote, etc., supplied by the club. The club has applied for Saturday, November 27, as the next date for the proposed patriotic meeting.

NEW PARTY.

The Lord Mayor of Brisbane (Ald. Chandler) stated it was unlikely that any assurance would be given to any present parliamentarian of selection as a People's Party candidate for next election as a condition of his joining the new organisation. The Secretary (Mr. Mitchell) said that offers to join the party and organise branches had come from as far north as Townsville.

BUTTER MANUFACTURED

1/7 PER LB. CHOICE

Total Pay £68,831/11/6

Particulars of butter manufactured by the Port Curtis Dairy Association and payments made to suppliers for the month of September are as follows:—

MANUFACTURE.

Choice quality 270,960 lbs., first 524,139 lbs., second 85,862 lbs, pastry 50 lbs., total 881,011 lbs.

PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS.

Choice quality 258,799 lbs, first grade 534,222 lbs., second 77,060 lbs., pastry 45 lbs., total 890,136 lbs.

The rate of pay was 1/7 per lb. for choice, 1/6½ first, and 1/5½ second grade qualities, the total pay being £68,831/11/6. This rate of payment included Government subsidy payment of 3½d per lb.

A total of 45,618 lbs. cheese was manufactured at Bracewell and Theodore cheese factories, and payment to suppliers was at the rate of 1/11½ per lb. butter fat, including Government subsidy of 2½d per lb., the total distribution being £2878/13/3.

Payment to Mackay and Rockhampton suppliers on account of pasteurised milk amounted to £3523/3/10.

In addition to the above payments a distribution of one half penny per pound on commercial butter and butterfat supplied during the period 1st January to 30th June, 1943, was made. The Association was enabled to make this payment owing to increased receipts from the Commonwealth Equalisation Committee due to a stepping-up of the interim equalisation values for the period mentioned.

The total amount distributed to dairymen for the month was £94.181/16/4.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

PT. CURTIS DAIRY ASSN.

WORK FOR YEAR CHECKED

Auditor Summers' Report

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd., the auditor (Mr. V. A. Summers) presented the following annual report:—

I desire to advise having completed the audit of the Association's books and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1943, and now take pleasure in presenting my report to the shareholders as follows:—

During the year a continuous audit has been conducted in terms of my appointment, and I have furnished quarterly reports to the directors.

As apart from matters of a minor nature, all referred to in my reports to the Board, all moneys received appear to have been properly accounted for, and all payments have been supported by vouchers or other satisfactory evidence of payment.

All known liabilities accrued and outstanding at the 30th June, 1943, have been provided for in the accounts.

BOOK DEBTS.

I carefully inspected all balances as at the 30th June, 1943, and found it necessary to direct attention to some matters for adjustment.

The bad debts reserve of £2251 appeared ample, while it is possible to maintain the present supervision.

Included in the debtors was an amount of £277/17/1, representing an over payment on account of cheese subsidy to suppliers. In my opinion, when cheese subsidy is over paid at balance date, provision should be made by debiting milk purchases and crediting the over payment in the debtors, otherwise the future is mortgaged for the benefit of the accounts just closed. A reversing entry may be necessary after balance date.

STOCKS ON HAND.

I have accepted the certificate of the general manager as to stocks on hand at June 30, 1943, after having performed the usual duties of audit. It would appear that the value placed on butter stocks properly safeguards the Association, but in respect of the £2872 cheese stocks on hand the position is not so sound, as due allowance has not been made to cover full selling costs. The amount in question, however, is not serious, and I mention it with a view to correction in the future. Other stocks were tested and values appeared in order.

EXPORTS.

Consignments not finalised at balance date have been treated as sold for the amounts actually received.

FACTORY PROPERTIES.

I have inspected the deeds and leases of the various properties, and they are correctly controlled.

DEPRECIATION.

The usual rates to cover depreciation through use were written off the various assets, and your present directors are watching the position in regard to obsolescence at every opportunity. Taxation, however, precludes the building up of reserves from current profits.

INTEREST.

Interest paid amounted to £2847, as compared with £5628 for the previous year, a decrease of £2781, and further reductions should follow.

DIRECTORS' FEES AND EXPENSES.

The vote of £1700 more than covered an expenditure of £1485.

PROVISION FOR TAXATION.

Taxation provision amounted to £4000. This is to cover taxes based on income derived during the years ended 30th June 1942 and 30th June 1943, two years.

LOANS ON MORTGAGE.

The Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd. loan (£65,000) remained steady, while the Bureau of Rural Development reduced £828 to £1757. At the present rate of reduction the loan from the Rural Development should be liquidated within two years.

LOANS ON CHEESE FACTORIES.

The £24.952 from the Cheese Production Expansion Sub-committee covered Bracewell £12.497 and Theodore £12.465. Interest £786 accrued at the 30th June, 1943, is additional, and was included with the ordinary trade creditors.

FORFEITED SHARES ACCOUNT.

Voluntary surrenders resulted in a gain to Forfeited Shares Ac. of £237 on 172 shares.

CAPITAL.

New capital issued over and above surrenders re-issued totalled 985 shares, with receipts of share capital £1166, but dry shares numbering 6193 were purchased by the Association from dry holders, and the paid-up value of £6186/13/1 refunded.

The directors' report of 1942 set aside £6000 for the purchase of dry shares, and it is trusted the increase to £6186/13/1 to purchase all offers will meet with the approval of shareholders.

ADDITIONS AT FACTORIES.

Capital expenditure in the nature of buildings and plant at the various branches is detailed in the schedules to the balance sheet, and may be set out as follows:—

Gladstone factory £2657, laboratory £45; Biloela £471, Bundaberg £2199, Mackay £1972, Monto £1029, Rockhampton £3149, Wowan £473, Bracewell £2502, Theodore £4478, various centres to cover pig purchasing scheme £469, total £19,444.

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The published accounts set out the trading and profit and loss results for your consideration, and you are referred to same for the detail.

The following information will assist you:—

Sale of goods and retinning cans, £1355/10/3, is a net item after a retinning loss of £59/4/5. The retinning loss is most satisfactory when compared with previous years.

Net loss cheese and milk, £2347/1/8, as per the profit and loss account, must be considered in the light of the following additional information:—

(a) The loss is net after a profit from milk, i.e., cheese loss £2797/17/10, milk profit £450/16/2.

(b) Subsidy has ben overpaid £277/17/1 without any adjusting entry.

(c) Cheese stocks, £2872, were taken very little below selling price, and certainly do not allow for selling costs and losses.

(d) The overhead in the milk and cheese profit and loss account, with the exception of levies and insurance, has been taken from general accounts covering butter, cheese and milk, the apportionment being on a commercial butter basis.

In my opinion this is favourable to cheese, as items such as interest in the milk and cheese profit and loss account was £110/13/7 only.

(e) Cheese in considerable quantities has been marketed through the Association's various butter factory branches without any charge for handling against the cheese accounts. I would have expected some allowance.

After providing £16 566/6/7 for deferred pay the accounts closed without disclosing any net profit.

RESERVES.

The reserves remained the same throughout and closed as per the opening balances.

COSTS.

The production and costs per pound of butter manufactured have been checked. The costs are exclusive of war damage insurance and pay roll tax in addition to the other items stated.

CREAM PRICES.

The average all-grade pay to suppliers was 1/3'951d per pound commercial butter (say 1/4), including deferred pay.

REVOLVING FUND.

The revolving fund increased £17,772 on the year's production to £33,558. The fund is reflected in the improved position of the accounts, and if the rules governing same are not interfered with smooth working must result. It may not be many years before the fund commences to revolve.

INSURANCES.

I have reported, from time to time, on the Association's insurance cover, and it would appear that the policy of the Board is being maintained.

CONCLUSION.

The books of account and records of the Association have been well kept, under most trying war-time conditions, and reflect credit on the responsible officers.

The Board of Directors has at all times offered me co-operation and assistance, for which I am grateful. Also, I desire to thank the Association's officers and staff for courtesy and assistance in the conduct of the audit.

I have received all the information and explanations required.

Assuring you that any further information is at your command.

RAILWAY DISPUTE.

A mass meeting of Australian Railway Union members, held on Monday morning at Townsville, and attended by about 600 men, carried a resolution supporting the enginemen's demand for one Sunday off in three; also insisting on a refund of fines imposed by the General Manager on the men for not working on Sunday. The meeting decided that unless these demands were acceded to within 10 days action would be taken to call a general strike throughout the northern division.

TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

Straying Dogs Be Destroyed

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin).

12IN. CAST IRON PIPES.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, forwarded a quotation from the Australian Iron and Steel Ltd. for 12-inch centrifugally cast iron pipes, cement lined, for the Boyne River water supply scheme. Production could not be started before January, and deliveries were estimated to be at the rate of 250 tons a month, which would take eight months to complete the contract. However, it was quite likely that this rate of manufacture might be exceeded. He recommended the Council to pass a motion accepting the quotation for pipes for rubber ring joints, if available, and otherwise for pipes for lead jointing, and forward the quotation to the Local Government Department, asking for its approval.

It was decided that the matter be gone into with Engineer Fenwick before asking for the approval of the Department of Local Government.

ESTIMATE £63,000.

Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, Brisbane, forwarded copies of the proposed drafts of documents required for the arranging of a contract under the cost plus fixed fee system between the Council and the General Constructions Ltd. for the construction of the water supply main from the Boyne River to Gladstone. This company has been selected by officers of the Allied Works Council as a suitable company to do this work. The total estimate was approximately £63,000 with a fixed fee of £2415. This rate is adopted by the Allied Works Council on jobs costing from £60,000 to £70,000. If the arrangement has the Council's approval the Local Government Department should also be asked for its approval.

It was decided that before asking for the approval of the Department of Local Government that the matter be gone into with Engineer Fenwick.

SALES TAX.

The Treasurer (Mr. J. B. Chiefly) notified the Council, through the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) that he was unable to accede to the request to waive the payment of sales tax in respect to spun pipes to be used in the construction of the Boyne River water supply scheme.—Received.

ISOLATION WARD.

Department of Local Government, Brisbane, acknowledged letter in reference to the Department of Public Works undertaking the preparation of plans and specifications, and an estimate of cost for an isolation ward to be erected at Gladstone by the Town Council and the Calliope and Miriam Vale Shire Councils, and advised that the matter had been referred to the department concerned.—Received.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS.

Main Roads Commission, Brisbane, advised that the Commissioner had decided to make £250 available during the current financial year for the maintenance of roads within the Council area.—Received.

CONCRETE GUTTER.

S. Corones, Orion Cafe, made application for permission to erect a wood crossing over the concrete gutter at the side of the shop.—To be advised that only a concrete gutter could be permitted.

A PETITION.

A petition signed by 12 ratepayers asked the Council to give consideration to the question of providing a cement drain down the full length of Oaka Lane. "We feel," said the petitioners, "that the Council would save money in the long run by providing this drain, as the Works Committee had to inspect this roadway after every heavy storm. We feel we can claim to have the roughest surface of any street in Gladstone, and this should be given attention."

To be advised that the work would be included in next year's budget, and temporary repairs would be carried out in the meantime.

CEMENTING FOOTPATH.

Mr. F. Williams, Port Curtis Motors, advised that they were considering cementing the footpath in front of the premises occupied by Mr. H. P. Tweed, the approximate distance being 78 feet, and asked if the Council was prepared to do the work on the usual share basis.

To be advised that the Council had not budgeted for the cementing of footpaths on a 50-50 basis, but it was prepared to accept the responsibility for the work to be carried out on a share basis, and have it included in next year's budget.

NO OBJECTION.

Mr. Eric E. Barker, Gladstone, asked permission to place over the concrete gutter in front of his residence a small footbridge and a large one, the latter to be in front of the big gate to enable vehicles to enter. There would be adequate clearance in each case. He also requested permission to plant small shrubs along the edge of the footpath, which would not interfere with the proper use of the footpath.

It was decided that Mr. Barker be informed that the Council offered no objection.

TO BE ATTENDED TO.

A.M.I.E. Union (Gladstone branch) complained of the state of the road between the Meatworks turn-off and the railway crossing, and asked that it be attended to.

The matter was referred to the Works Committee for attention.

SANITARY DEPOT.

The Chairman of the Health Committee (Ald. Smith) reported that since last meeting he had sent the following telegram to the Sanitary Contractor (Mr. R. Hunter): "Position at depot not satisfactory; complaints from various sources; additional man reqflired immediately; expect you to treat the matter as urgent."

Ald. Smith said he had recently visited the depot, and it was in a bad condition, with millions of flies about.

Mayor Dennis said when he visited the depot recently it was in a clean condition.

Mr. Hunter replied by telegram as follows:—"Applied for suitable man, both Manpower Officer at Gladstone and Brisbane three weeks ago."

It was decided that Mr. Hunter be asked to meet the Council.

TO PROSECUTE.

The water inspector (Mr. D. D. Jackson) reported that a ratepayer in Auckland Street had permitted a hose to run unattended.

The Council instructed Mr. Jackson to prosecute.

6 DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED.

The Mayor stated that the registration of dogs had fallen away, and action would have to be taken immediately to have all dogs registered.

Ald. Busteed said that no other town in Queensland had so many straying dogs, and the time had arrived to take definite action in regard to this nuisance.

The Mayor said he would issue instructions to the poundkeeper to see that all dogs were registered, and those found straying without the necessary registration tag would be destroyed.

Electric Light Authority

ELECTRIC POLE.

Mr. J. A. Prizeman, Gladstone, offered 5/- for a condemned electric light pole which was lying in Eden Street. He claimed it was only fit for firewood.—To be informed that the Authority required the pole.

CLAIM NOT RECOGNISED.

Mr. Jack Hopper, Gladstone, asked the Authority to reconsider the matter of his claim for damage sustained to his wireless on account of high voltage.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hopper that his claim could not be recognised.

NATIONAL FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Mr. Harris to Visit Gladstone

Mr. Eric Harris, Queensland organiser of National Fitness activities, will be in Gladstone from Friday afternoon, October 29, to the following Monday morning.

Mr. Harris is well known to sporting enthusiasts as an ex-international footballer and a skilled physical culturist. He has already organised many fitness activities throughout the State. Grants of money are made by the Commonwealth Government and expended by the Queensland Department of Public Instruction.

Local control is in the hands of a National Fitness Committee. At present there is no such committee in Gladstone. There was a committee for over a year, and physical fitness classes for men and women were in operation. However, the response was not good on the part of those who would benefit; and the project came to an end.

The purpose of Mr. Harris's visit is to stimulate interest among all people (not attending school) up to 21 years of age in all out-of-door and indoor fitness activities.

He hopes to get in touch with those interested in the promotion and success of such activities.

DAIRY ASSOCIATION

£1146/19/3 PAID TO SUPPLIERS

Deferred Pay £16,566/6/7

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd., held on Friday last, the Chairman of Directors (Mr. G. B. Mouatt) presented the following annual report:—

On behalf of the Board I have pleasure in presenting for your approval the Directors' annual report, balance sheet, and statement of accounts for the period July 1st, 1942, to June 30th, 1943.

PRODUCTION.

The season was good until March, when production fell rapidly owing to dry weather. Winter conditions were not good, and production was low. However, the amount of butter manufactured for the year was 7284 tons, an increase of 458 tons over the previous year. If we take into account the amount of milk diverted to the manufacture of cheese, and pasteurised milk sold, equal to about 249 tons 13 cwt. of commercial butter, the output would have been 7618 tons of butter.

The output of each Branch is shown with a comparison of the previous year:—

	BUTTER. 1943 Tons	Cwt.	Increase Tons	Cwt.	Decrease Tons	Cwt.
Biloela	1449	11	40	4		
Bundaberg	747	19	170	5		
Gladstone	799	10			46	9
Mackay	356	14	39	1		
Monto	1518	18	327			
Rockhampton	751	9	64	4		
Wowan	1102	5	52	4		

CHEESE.			
Bracewell	301 tons	Theodore	141 tons

CREAM PRICE.

The average price paid for choice cream was 16.517 pence per lb. for commercial butter, the average for all grades being 15.95 pence. The total amount paid to suppliers was £1,146,193.

BUTTER SALES.

The British Government increased the price for export butter by 5/7, and cheese by 3/9 per cwt, Australian currency. The quantity of butter sold locally and interstate reached the high level of 3137 tons, an increase of 1122 tons over the previous year. Butter rationing is now in force, and will affect local sales.

CHEESE FACTORIES.

The loss on the two factories is £1909/19/10, deferred pay not included. The average pay for butterfat was 21.843 pence.

PASTEURISED MILK.

During the year pasteurising of milk was commenced at Rockhampton and Mackay, mainly to supply Milk to the troops, 428,451 gallons of milk being diverted for this purpose. The profit was £450/16/2.

SUBSIDY.

Representations made to the Prices Commissioner for an increase in the price of butter did not bring about the increase that the industry considered it was entitled to. However, in October the Commonwealth Government decided to subsidise dairy products to the extent of £2,000,000 per annum, to commence from the 1st of July, 1942. After further consideration this amount was increased to £6,500,000, dating from 1st of April, 1943. Subsidy payments have been made regularly each month to suppliers.

EQUALISATION SCHEME.

This has been of great assistance to the dairying industry in maintaining a stabilised price throughout Australia.

FACTORY BUILDINGS AND PLANT.

Factory buildings are in good order. Owing to two iceworks closing in Mackay and our own works becoming over loaded, we erected a cold store and iceworks, three extra ice tanks being installed. We anticipate that these will cope with the demand.

Plants generally are in good order, despite the difficulty of securing labour and material. "Vacreator" pasteurising units have been installed at Bundaberg and Gladstone, and these are doing excellent work. Another unit will shortly be installed at Rockhampton.

COLD STORES.

We must consider ourselves fortunate in having so much cold storage space at Gladstone. Without this we would have been in danger at one period of having to close down owing to shortage of refrigerated ships to take the butter away.

MANUFACTURING COSTS.

These have increased slightly, being 1.272 pence as against 1.212 pence last year.

PIGGERIES.

These show a profit of £1180/9/4; Biloela £1091/1/8, and Monto £89/7/8.

DIRECTORS.

The regulation suspending elections of directors lapsed in April, and it is anticipated that regular elections for directors will now be held.

The following directors retire by effluxion of time:—

Bundaberg zone: Graham, Robert Finley; Thiele, Charles William.

Monto zone: Bulow, August Herman; Mouatt, Graham Buchanan.

All the above gentlemen are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly.

GLADSTONE ZONE.

An election will be held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. H. Robinson.

We regret to record the death of the late Mr. W. D. Moore, who represented the Bundaberg area for six years. His genial nature endeared him to all.

An election was held to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Moore's death, and Mr. R. F. Graham was elected.

Mr. J. C. Galletly, who represented the Mackay factory so ably since the factory opened, resigned, as he had accepted a business appointment which prevented him attending Board meetings regularly.

An election was held to fill this vacancy, and Mr. H. E. Hewitt was elected.

AUDITOR.

Your auditor, Mr. V. A. Summers, has carried out a continuous audit, and submitted quarterly reports to the Board. His certificate as to the correctness of the accounts is attached, and a detailed report will be made available prior to the commencement of the meeting.

DRY SHAREHOLDERS.

£5000 has been set aside for the purchase of "dry" shares from those who offer to surrender them. Shareholders whose shares were "dry" prior to June 30, 1939, will receive first consideration. If more than 5000 shares are offered for surrender, then selection will be made by ballot in a manner to be decided by the directors. Those shareholders who desire to surrender "dry" shares must notify the Secretary in writing at the registered office of the Association, Gladstone, not later than October 31, 1943.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

After making provision for expenditure, as shown by the various statement of accounts, no profit is shown

DEFERRED PAY.

A deferred pay, amounting to £16,566/6/7, will be paid out within the next few months to suppliers as follows:—To suppliers of milk for pasteurising purposes, one halfpenny a gallon; to suppliers of milk for cheese making, halfpenny per lb. butterfat. The balance will be paid to cream suppliers.

STAFF.

We are pleased to record the fine spirit of co-operation between the directors, management and staff.

The past year has not been an easy one, as a very severe strain has been thrown on the staff due to war conditions. On behalf of the Board I wish to express our appreciation of their loyal and efficient service during a very trying time.

We trust that we may meet next year with the world at peace.

COMFORTS FUND

Toy and Gift Stall

The Gladstone branch of the A.C.F. will conduct a toy and gift stall about the end of November.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and W. Keller) and an energetic committee are working hard to make this a success, and would appreciate donations of cash, remnants of material, and wool suitable for making toys and gifts, or any used toys in fairly good condition that could be renovated for sale.

Orders will be taken and donations received by the convenors (Mesdames Chapman and Keller), hon. sec. (Mrs. Garrett), or call at the A.C.F. rooms, Grand Hotel buildings, on Tuesday or Friday afternoons.

BOYNE VALLEY

C.W. ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

The usual monthly meeting of the Boyne Valley branch of the C.W. Association was held in the Ubobo Hall on Thursday, October 14. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. F. G. Mossman, and those present were: Mrs. Russell (vice-president), and Mesdames Birchley, Davies, Steel, Metten, Pownall, Sister Hudson, and Mrs. Wedge (secretary-treasurer).

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with all present reciting "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Muspratt senr., W. Streeter, McLachlan, and Wagner.

DENTAL INSPECTOR.

As the result of inquiries the branch has been notified that the school dental inspector would be unable to visit schools in the Boyne Valley this year, but all Boyne Valley schools would be visited by the dental inspector next year.

GROW HERBS.

The President asked members if they would grow herbs for the Australian Forces Herbs Auxiliary.

Several members offered to do so, and are exchanging plant roots.

GENERAL.

As all members are unable to get away, the branch will not be represented at the forthcoming annual meeting to be held in Bundaberg.

It was decided to postpone the branch birthday dance from November to some time during the Xmas vacation.

PATRIOTIC FUND

SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

The Bayne Valley Patriotic Fund held its usual monthly dance on Saturday, October 16, in the Ubobo Hall. Music was supplied by the popular trio, Mrs. Dougall (piano), Mr. L. Pownall (cornet), and Master Brian Pownall (drums). The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. R. Waite.

SWEET STALL.

A sweet stall run by the ladies of the committee did a roaring trade till the sweets were all sold. The variety and quantity of sweets were a credit to the local ladies, who make them for each dance.

A case of oranges (donated by Mr. W. E. Muspratt) was raffled, and Mr. M. Jacobsen proved to be the winner.

Monte Carlo prizes were donated by Mrs. A. E. Edey, the winners being Miss Dot McKee and Mr. Ron Hayward.

The chocolate waltz was won by Mr. R. Lindley, the donor of the prize being Mrs. W. West.

The spot waltz was won by Miss R. Punter and Mr. H. McDougall. The prize was donated by Mrs. E. Steel.

Result of the dance was as follows: Door takings £10, raffle £4/9/-, chocolate waltz £1/13/-, Monte Carlo £2/1/-, spot waltz 11/6, sweet stall £2/14/-, donations: The people of Nagoorin £9, Ubobo State School children £1/15/6, W. H. Smith 10/-, Mrs. Duffey 6/- Miss J. Davies 2/-, Miss M. Gray 2/-, making a grand total for the month of £32/4/.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Chief Inspector C. J. Perrin, who will be remembered locally when he was in charge of the Gladstone Police Station, is spending a day in town en route to Brisbane.

The President of the C.W. Association (Mrs. E. W. Phillips), Mrs. Baynton, Mrs. W. Chapman, and Mrs. G. Hughes left for Bundaberg to attend the Central Executive conference of the C.W.A., as delegates representing the Gladstone branch.

Another old Gladstonite who spent a day in town was Mr. J. D. McLean, now Stipendary Magistrate at Townsville. Mr. McLean was police magistrate and warden here for many years, and his son Max, who was posted missing on an overseas flight, enlisted from Gladstone.

The District Inspector of Schools (Mr. G. C. Pestorious) will be in town, staying at the Bluebell Hotel, as the guest of Mr. A. W. F. G. Crow, during the visit of Mr. Harris, physical fitness activities organiser. The District Inspector represents the Department of Public Instruction in physical fitness plans in the Bundaberg-Rockhampton district.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal For Donations

The packing of Christmas hampers is proceeding smoothly, and it is anticipated that by the end of this month the bulk of the work will have been accomplished.

Gladstone and district are responding well to this appeal. Donations are still well below the quota mark, so send your subscriptions to either Mr. F. Peardon or Mrs. W. J. Garrett, and it will be acknowledged through these columns.

Your name and address will be placed on a card in the hamper.

The local branch of the A.C.F. is hoping that the quota will be filled by the end of the month.

The following goods are included in the hamper:—

One tin fruit, tin cream, pkt. chocolate, 2 ozs. tobacco, pkt. papers, writing pad, envelopes, cake, 2 air-mail letter cards, shaving stick, tube toothpaste, 3 pkts. chewing gum, handkerchief, washer, hussif, pkt. mixed fruit, tin pudding.

The amount of donations previously acknowledged, £66/12/.

	£	s	d
Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Sing	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shaw, Ian, Pat and Sally	2	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stirrat	2	0	0
A. W. Chandler, Barmundu	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Waddell, Taragoola	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. R. Barker and Joan	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. F. Axelsen and Mrs. White	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkwood and family	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. T. Dore and Mr. G. Dore	1	0	0
Mrs. R. A. Streeter	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Bycroft and Gavan	1	0	0
Mrs. G. J. Byrne	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Easton and family	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ballantine	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. N. Worthington and Brian	1	0	0
Mrs. L. Farmer	1	0	0
G. B. Rideout	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. L. Pownall and Brian	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Rudder and Lawrence and Miss R. Rudder	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Roulston	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. McLeod and Barbara	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. V. K. Smith (Burua)	1	0	0
Mrs. R. Wilson, Calliope Station	1	0	0
"Bushwacker"	1	0	0
Pam, Janice and Cedric Cooper	1	0	0
Marist Fathers	1	0	0
Mr and Mrs. A. S. Fry		15	0
Members W.N.E.L., Gladstone branch		15	0
Mrs. R. E. Lee		10	0
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ware (Calliope)		15	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. Cooper		15	0
Miss Alma Smith (Burua)		10	0
Sister Walker		7	6
Maurice Mills		7	6
Kevin Mills		7	6
Flora Mills		7	6
Mavis Barker		7	6
Sybal Barker		7	6
Mrs. F. Butler (Targinnie)		7	6
Miss M. Hixon		7	6
Miss E. M. Mills		7	6
Miss M. Liddicoat		7	6
Miss G. Turich		7	6
Mrs. Carmichael		7	6
Mrs. R. Jones		7	6
Mrs. Treseder		7	6
Mrs. C. H. Turich		7	6
Mrs. W. C. Jeffery		7	6
Miss M. Doss		7	6
Mrs. Alan Brown		7	6
Pat. Myers		7	6
Clarence McLeod		7	6
Mrs. A. J. Pashley		7	6
Keith Wood		7	6
W. J. Cross		7	6
T. B. Cross		7	6
Mrs. E. Jones		7	6
Mrs. A. M. Gardner		7	6
Celia Barker		7	6
Mrs. E. Hooley		7	6
Alfred McLeod		7	6

UNION RIGHTS.

Questions relating to the validity of National Security Regulations as well as other important points relating to the rights of union secretaries will be raised in the Central Summons Court before proceedings against Patrick McHenry (union president) for allegedly inciting men to strike are disposed of.

LAND COURT.

ATTENTION is directed to a notification in the Government Gazette of the 9th October, 1943, that a Sittings of the Land Court will be held at the Court House, Gladstone, on Saturday, 6th November, 1943, at nine-thirty o'clock a.m.

By order,
A. N. BOLTON, Registrar.
Office of the Land Court, Brisbane, 19th October, 1943.

EDWARD THOMAS STAGG, late of Gladstone, in the State of Queensland, labourer (but lately on active service with the Australian Imperial Force), deceased.

AFTER Fourteen clear days from today PHYLLIS IVY JOAN MADDEN, of Byron Bay, in the State of New South Wales, widow, the sole executrix appointed by the deceased's will, dated 2nd July, 1942, will apply to the Supreme Court Brisbane for Probate of this Will. Any person interested who desires to object to the application or to be heard upon it may file a caveat in the Registry at any time before the Grant is made.

HENDERSON & LAHEY,
Solicitors for the Sole Executrix, 163 Adelaide Street, Brisbane.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Town Hall, Gladstone, on Thursday, 4th November, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, adopting the Report of the Committee on the drafting of a Constitution for the newly formed League for the Development of the District.

Any person desiring a copy of the draft Constitution should apply to Mr. C. N. Joseph, Gondoon Street, Gladstone.

G. G. DENNIS, Mayor.

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MILLER'S GUIDE for 1943.—New stocks. Buy your copy early. All the winners are there. You pick them. Price 2/3 copy. P. M. Jones, the newsagent.

THE METHODIST Ladies' Guild will hold a Street Stall in Grand Hotel Buildings on Thursday, 28th October. Donations of cakes, sweets, jam, produce, etc., will be gratefully received.

MEN.—Try the new "Ampliphone" Razor Blade Sharpener. It solves the "scarcity of Blades" problem. Price 7/6, Dressing 1/6 per bottle. The two, post free, for 9/-. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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SHODDY HOMES

Government Bungling

Permits to build "temporary" homes costing not more than £400 are being favourably considered by the Department of War Organisation of Industry, the Minister for Local Government (Mr. McGirr) announced in the N.S. Wales Legislative Assembly last week.

After the war, when housing shortage will be even more acute than now, those occupying "temporary" homes will at least have a roof over their heads, and will no doubt be told to be content while others ever less fortunate are catered for. That is one reason why these "temporary" homes being built to accommodate Government factory workers, such as in Lithgow, are not designed for disassembly and reassembly at Government projects elsewhere. They are made of ferro-concrete, so even if they are disassembled their salvage value will be practically nil.

"The Government housing scheme at Lithgow is the best example of what we may expect from sub-standard homes," said Mr. J. H. Tonkin, M.L.C., A.M.I.E., a Council member of the Town and Country Planning Institute of N.S.W. to "Industrial News."

"During the last few months," he continued, "the Government has built hundreds of these £400 homes at Tweed Mills, just out of Lithgow. When I saw them last week the roofs were so red with rust that I thought they had been newly painted. Deterioration of the cheap roofing material has set in so quickly that it will be only a matter of months—not years—before leaking roofs will add to the general discomfort of these homes. Already the area is developing into a slum.

"A decent home could be built at present for £650, but for £400 you could build little decent except four walls," Mr. Tonkin said emphatically.

"These Lithgow homes are built on private property, for which the Government pays a rental. They are of fibro cement—a very permanent building material. Had the Government been sincere in its suggestion of 'temporary' homes they would have built them in sections so that they could be removed and set up to house men working on big post-war construction jobs, such as the Snowy River Hydro scheme.

"The best sites in Lithgow have been ruined with the building of these shoddy places, and now the Government announces that between now and Christmas 1000 men will be taken away from the district'"

MEAT RATION.

It has been announced that a system of meat rationing for civilians will be introduced next January. Details of the working of the scheme will be announced later.

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SUBMARINE SUBMERGED

No Cooking Allowed

The conditions under which the cook has to work in a submarine were described, during a spell of leave, by Petty Officer Cook Joe Lawrence, D.S.M., recently.

No cooking while the submarine is submerged is the order, so before they dive at dawn he cooks a hot breakfast for the men, and it has to be kept hot and served only when they are submerged and set for safety. He has to cook for 64, and do it in a kitchen two square yards in size. It's all done by electricity, but owing to the special conditions only two hot meals can be served in the 24 hours. So, as Lawrence said, "they've got to be good."

He gave a typical day's procedure after his "sub" had left the parent ship and was on its way into enemy waters. Breakfast: Fruit juices (necessary to make up for the lack of sunshine), cereal, bacon and egg, and fried bread, tea, coffee or cocoa. And all must be dished up without clattering pots or plates, for fear of giving their position away to the enemy while they are submerged. And it's got to be cleared away just as quietly.

Then there's a short sleeping time, and cook himself lies down for a bit. Then lunch (cold) must be got ready for the middle of the day; cold meats (all tinned), any cold vegetables left over, and tinned fruit (essential for the health of submariners). They are still submerged when they eat it, so again no preventable sound must be made.

ABANDONS LOAVES TO FIRE GUN.

After that many of the crew, including the cook, have to do watches.

At tea in the afternoon he supplies bread of his own making. "And," he says, "we all look forward to fresh bread. When we leave the parent ship I have a stock of flour and yeast. I keep the yeast in the 'frig.' I've found that you can make a decent loaf with the addition of spuds. I also use the water they were boiled in—you get the starchiness you need. I start mixing the dough about a couple of hours before surfacing. The pressure inside the submarine is just another problem the ordinary baker doesn't have to worry about." Before they surface the cook has to have all the components for a hot dinner ready to cook—a fairly elaborate meal of, say, soup, roast beef, Yorkshire batter, roast potatoes, cabbage and tinned peas, with prunes and custard to follow. As soon as dinner is dished up the bread must go into the oven.

They don't stay very long on the surface, and there's a lot of work to be done: Batteries to be charged, and so on.

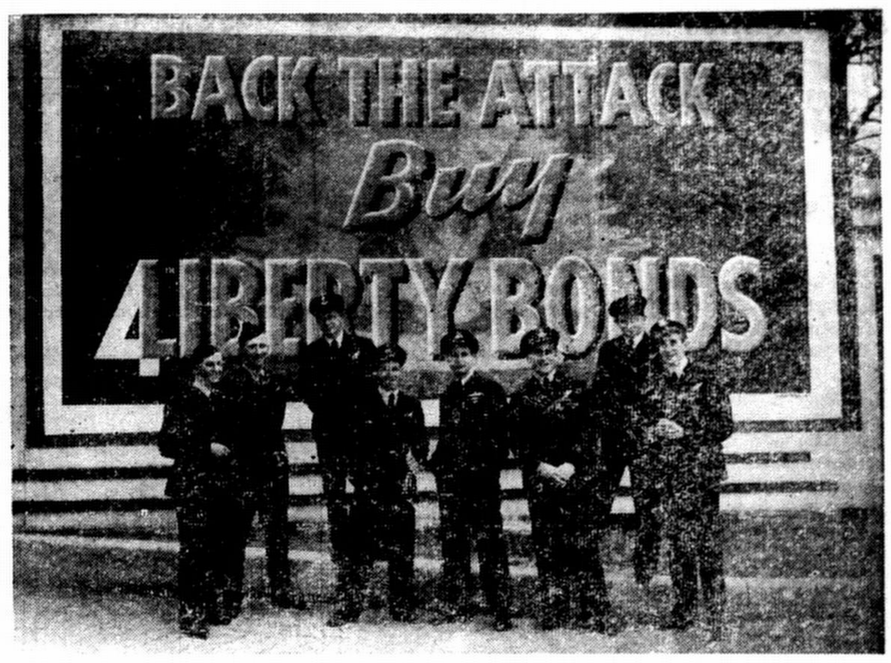
"My kitchen," Lawrence said, "is just at the back of the control room, and before the engine room, so when the Diesels are running there's a tremendous draught. That's why I make my dough down below, ready to put in the oven as soon as the hot dinner is served on the surface.

"When I've got the bread out of the oven there's no time to rest, because I've got to get a start with the hot breakfast, which we all eat when we submerge. So here we are again at the start of the daily routine of a submarine on patrol.

"But it isn't always as smooth going as that. If the alarm sounds, cook has to drop everything in the galley and stand by to man a gun. When the action is over, Lawrence prides himself on "being able to do a couple of tricks and not lose my bread."

PRAISE FROM BLAMEY

"Superior equipment, superior troops, superior Air Force, and our initiative, have changed the Japs' opinion about their own invincibility," said General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander-in-Chief of Allied Land Forces in the South West Pacific, in Melbourne recently. "Among the said equipment is Australian-made radio such as this portable transmitting and receiving set."



The crew of the giant Lancaster bomber (including the commander, Flight Lieutenant Peter Isaacson, D.F.C., A.F.C., D.F.M.), which will fly over Gladstone on Monday, November 1, at 10.30 a.m. in support of the 4th Liberty War Loan.

IN GERMANY

Australian Prisoners

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) has announced that the Department of the Army had arranged with the Australian Red Cross Society to forward a parcel direct from London to each Australian prisoner of war transferred to Germany from Italy immediately advice is received of his transfer. These parcels would assist our men to replace items of clothing and kit which some are stated to have lost during their transfer.

Mr. Forde added: "The Commonwealth Government greatly appreciates the ready co-operation of the Australian Red Cross Society in this matter, and has advised the Australian High Commissioner in London that the Society authorises its London Committee to make any necessary arrangements at its discretion.

"The free issue of underwear and other garments which the Commonwealth Government recently made available for inclusion in the next quarterly parcel to be sent by next of kin to prisoners of war in Europe will be invaluable to many of the men transferred to Germany from Italy. Next of kin who have not availed themselves of this offer are advised to consult the nearest capital city branch or the Australian Red Cross Society, or the Prisoners of War Relatives' Association."

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OCTOBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
27	8.30	8.31	.....	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	.....	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	.....	3.18	3.45
30	10.12	10.15	.....	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	.....	4.20	5.14

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... October 13
Last Quarter ..... October 21
New Moon ..... October 29

NOVEMBER.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	11.27	11.32	.....	4.54	6.03
2	——	12.10	.....	5.31	7.00
3	12.09	12.59	.....	6.19	8.03
4	1.14	1.57	.....	7.22	9.09
5	2.24	3.05	.....	8.39	10.15
6.	3.48	4.21	.....	9.56	11.17
7	5.12	5.35	.....	11.10	——
8	6.22	6.37	.....	12.18	12.17
9	7.17	7.30	.....	1.05	1.17
10	8.05	8.17	.....	1.50	2.12
11	8.49	9.00	.....	2.31	3.04
12	9.31	9.41	.....	3.10	3.52
13	10.10	10.20	.....	3.48	4.40
14	10.50	11.01	.....	4.24	5.27
15	11.30	11.42	.....	5.00	6.13
16	——	12.10	.....	5.38	7.00
17	12.05	12.50	.....	6.18	7.50
18	1.14	1.35	.....	7.07	8.41
19	2.10	2.25	.....	8.05	9.35
20	3.17	3.29	.....	9.10	10.28
21	4.31	4.29	.....	10.15	11.20
22	5.39	5.31	.....	11.17	——
23	6.34	6.26	.....	12.07	12.14
24	7.19	7.14	.....	12.50	1.06
25	7.59	7.56	.....	1.30	1.55
26	8.38	8.37	.....	2.08	2.43
27	9.15	9.17	.....	2.45	3.30
28	9.54	9.57	.....	3.20	4.18
29	10.34	10.40	.....	3.58	5.09
30	11.17	11.26	.....	4.38	6.01

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... November 5
Full Moon ..... November 12
Last Quarter ..... Novembtr 20
New Moon ..... November 28

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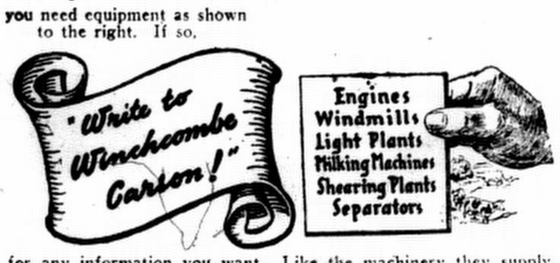

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CLOTHES MUST LAST LONGER

Darning Needle Weapon of War

From November 15 next "B" clothing coupons in the ration book can be used, said the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane). This will not affect the life of "A" clothing coupons, which can be used after November 15 together with "B" clothing coupons.

Senator Keane pointed out that the period for which both "A" and "B" clothing coupons will have to last cannot be decided yet, as it depends entirely upon the future clothing supply position. If overseas supplies are maintained and textile demands of the fighting forces do not increase the clothing system will be the same as last year.

In his announcement at the beginning of the present ration year on June 7, he had pointed out that Australia was facing a critical year, and no promise could be given that the rationing period would be 12 months, Senator Keane said.

More than ever now it is vital that every person plans his or her coupon spending. Coupons spent unnecessarily not only harm the war effort by creating a greater drain on existing stocks, but are liable to have unfortunate results for the individual who may find himself short of coupons just at the time when he really needs them.

"Necessity for clothes rationing should prove the mother of invention for thousands of Australian housewives. Clothes must be made to last longer than ever before, and I believe that the average Australian housewife will take the opportunity provided by clothes rationing to display even greater initiative in mending and making do with clothes which normally would be discarded.

"As the Prime Minister has already observed, the darning needle is a weapon of war.

"I know that whatever rationing restrictions may be necessary in the future, or whatever additional sacrifices may have to be made, the Australian people will continue to give the full and ready co-operation they have given in the past," Senator Keane added.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

CRICKET

PASTIMES-PARSON'S PT. MATCH

First Innings Win

In the second match of the first round of cricket fixtures, Pastimes and Parson's Point met for the first time, the former proving superior on the first innings by 127 runs.

The outstanding feature of the match was the batting display by J. Allenby, a new-comer to Gladstone cricket. His score of 128 was mainly responsible for Pastimes success.

A notable feature of Gladstone cricket is the absence of the Hunt brothers from the Parson's Point team. Surely old age is not keeping players such as these out of the game?

The general opinion gained from the two matches already played is that cricket in Gladstone is as keen now as prior to the war. What with "Player's" weekly comments in the "Observer" and our "grandstand" critic at the game, we feel sure players will have to look to their practice days to hold their places in their teams, and Gladstone's cricket lovers will be spending their sunday afternoons at the local cricket grounds. Scores:—

PARSON'S PT.—1st Innings.

T. Mason c. Tanner b. Beale	36
C. Stitt b. T. Costello	2
V. King c. V. Lyons b. D. Joyce ..	30
L. Dennis b. Tanner	24
N. Ruddell c. Stitt b. Tanner ...	12
R. Stitt c. G. Beale b. Tanner ...	2
R. Ashworth c. Tanner b. Campbell	2
C. Jenkins c. V. Lyons b. Campbell	0
N. Brunke c. Peason b. Tanner ...	0
T. Brown b. Campbell	3
A. Daniels, not out	0
Sundries	12
Total	123

Bowling.—C. Stitt 0 for 12, T. Costello 1 for 7, V. Lyons 0 for 14, G. Beale 1 for 26, D. Joyce 1 for 20, C. Tanner 4 for 22, N. Campbell 3 for 11.

PASTIMES.—1st Innings.

D. Joyce c. Mason b. Ruddell ...	19
J. Allenby c. Brunke b. Jenkins ..	128
C. Tanner l.b.w. Dennis	21
T. Duncan b. Dennis	2
V. Lyons c. and b. Brunke	16
G. Beale c. Ruddell b. Brunke ...	13
N. Campbell b. Dennis	20
T. Costello c. Dennis b. Jenkins ..	4
C. Stitt, not out	15
A. Edwards b. Dennis	0
J. Bligs	6
Sundries	15
Total	250

Bowling.—N. Ruddell 1 for 25, C. Stitt 0 for 18, T. Mason 0 for 18, L. Dennis 4 for 83, K. Stitt 0 for 12, N. Brunke 2 for 39, A. Daniels 0 for 18, G. Jenkins 2 for 22.

PARSON'S PT.—2nd Innings.

J. Mason c. Campbell b. R. Stitt .	9
C. Stitt, not out	35
R. Ashworth c. Beale b. Campbell	6
N. Ruddell, not out	37
Sundries	9
Total, 2 wkts. for	96

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AUSTRALIA'S COMMUNICATION LINES

Nerves of War

Communications are the nerves of war. Australia, in particular, in these last four years, has realised to how great a degree the vitality of a total war effort depends on the tough, flexible, and adequate functioning of these nerves.

Much of the continent that had to be garrisoned was open wasteland, without roads, railways or telegraph and telephone lines. Being separated by oceans from America and Canada on the east, and from India, the Middle East and Britain, made our problems of communication more difficult.

Australian civil aviation, before the war, was adequate for our needs. But war put new and heavy burdens on our internal civil air resources. The first great war task of civil airliners was to evacuate civilians and valuable material from the Dutch East Indies, New Guinea, and adjacent Pacific islands.

Including periods when planes were chartered for military duties, civil aircraft during the most recent comparable half-yearly period carried 87,026 passengers, compared with 46,230 during the half-year ended June 1939; flew 37,043,535 passenger miles, compared with 20,636,788; carried 1,245,212 lbs. of mail, compared with 87,781 lbs; and 3,220,056 lbs. of freight, compared with 787,447 lbs.

INCREASED POSTAL BUSINESS.

Enormously increased business has been handled by all branches of the Postmaster General's Department since the outbreak of war. Telephone calls (local) have risen from 596,000,000 in 1938-39 to 664,000,000 in 1941-42, and trunk line calls from 41,152,000 to 45,317,000 over the same period.

Telegraph traffic within the Commonwealth increased from 17,252,000 messages in 1938-39 to 23,662,000 in 1941-42, to approximately 33,000,000 in 1942-43. International telegrams to and from Australia rose from 1,462,000 in 1938-39 to 2,475,000 in 1941-42.

The first airgraph mail was received in Australia from overseas in June, 1943. In two months to the end of August more than 180,000 airgraph letters have been delivered from the troops overseas. Outward mail over a month totalled 260,000 letters.

Despite this huge increase of work, the post office is carrying on with an additional 5000 women recruited to replace the 7000 postal employees now in the fighting forces.

The State-owned railway systems have also been integrated in the war effort to facilitate the movement of troops and supplies over Australia's huge distances. With staffs depleted by enlistments, they are operating something over 30 per cent more freight miles than in pre-war years.

Completing the communications task of making Australia one strategic piece are the spectacular transcontinental roads that have been pushed through desert and wilderness in record construction periods.

War in Australian waters has reduced the nation's coastal shipping fleet, while simultaneously imposing a greatly increased transport burden on the ships that remain in service.

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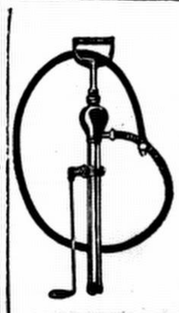

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If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6. Three insertions 3/-.

What Red Cross is Doing!

Wherever Australian Fighting Forces have been, throughout the long four years of this, the most devastating war of all times, our Australian Red Cross has given service too, and the tremendous growth of the Society's activities can now be viewed through the firm perspective of statistics taken over this four-year period.

During the nine months from September 1939 to June 1940 total Red Cross expenditure was £175 553. In the twelve months ending June, 1941, it had risen to £599,376; from June 1941 to June 1942 it was £1,130,103; and this last year up to June, 1943, it has been £1,945,074. In other words, our Red Cross activities are now nearly twelve times as great as they were at outbreak of war.

Analysis of the total shows a gradual expansion in every field of the Society's work. Service to sick and wounded, which includes provision of comforts to individual sick men and women of the Forces, in hospitals, convalescent depots, and on hospital ships, as well as provision of supplementary equipment for medical purposes, has risen from £113,731 in 1940 to £683,293 in 1943. Red Cross stores have been despatched and distributed to every zone in which Australian fighting men penetrated.

A Red Cross Unit was sent to the Middle East with the first Contingent of the A.I.F., which went overseas, and by 1941 personnel of this Unit consisted of 51 men and 11 women, giving service in the operational area. This service was maintained efficiently throughout campaigns in Palestine, Syria, Greece, Egypt, and Libya. Red Cross men and Red Cross stores were in Tobruk during the siege, and in the forward lines when the great desert battles were raging.

In January of 1941 another Red Cross Unit left for Malaya, with our A.I.F. men, and service was carried on in this area up to the time of the Japanese influx. Red Cross men are amongst the prisoners taken by Japan and held in the Far East to-day.

When the 9th Division returned to Australia from Egypt at the beginning of this year, Red Cross forces were also withdrawn, and since 1943 service to sick and wounded has been mainly restricted to New Guinea and operational areas in Australia. However, provision has been made for Red Cross service to be given by other national societies to sick men of the Australian Forces in England, Scotland, South Africa, Canada and India, and an Australian Unit is still maintained at Ceylon.

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GLADSTONE WAR LOANS COMMITTEE

In order to assist the Committee in its canvass of the Town, Householders are asked to consider the question of their investment immediately

The Canvassers are doing a big job gratuitously, and any assistance given them will be appreciated

(Sgd.) J. BURROWS

Hon. Secretary

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WAR LOANS COMMITTEE

GLADSTONE MEETING

A meeting of the Gladstone War Loans Committee was held in the Town Hall basement on Tuesday last. Present: Messrs. J. V. Vallis, H. Hall, H. Peters, A. E. Ambrose, A. E. Taylor, V. Summers, M. Clarris, and J. Burrows.

Mr. Vallis was appointed chairman owing to the absence of Mr. Dennis.

ADDRESS THEATRE AUDIENCES.

The following persons are to be requested to address theatre audiences during the following week:—

Messrs. W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, S. C. Wilson, L. Weiske, A. W. Young, and Rev. H. Saunders.

The Secretary stated that Mr. F. M. Forde would speak at the Embassy Theatre on October 29, and Rev. Father Cullen and Mr. S. Clapham would make an appeal on the following night.

SLOW PROGRESS REPORTED.

With a few exceptions, the canvassers reported slow progress, mainly due to the inability of the canvassers to devote their time to the work.

Canvassers were asked to increase their efforts, as only twelve trading days remained before the close of the loan.

BANK OPEN AT NIGHT.

The Commonwealth Bank advised that the local branch would not close until 6.30 p.m. on Friday, October 29, and on the following Friday, November 5, it would remain open until 8.30 p.m. for the convenience of investors.

Church Services

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, October 31st. 11 a.m., preacher Mr. R. W. Lodder. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher Mr. A. Blake. All are cordially invited to these services.

REMEMBRANCE

In thoughtful appreciation of hundreds of kindly expressions of sympathy, and in loving remembrance of my wife (Elsie Crow), who passed away on October 28th, 1940.

Goddy Crow.

In loving remembrance of our most devoted mother, who left us on October 28th, 1940.

Eal, Jack, Alison and Beryl.

In affectionate remembrance of our dear sister and daughter (Elsie), who left this weary world on October 28th, 1940. . . . A loving tribute from mother, sisters, brothers and their families.

Marriage

GRIFFIN-BUSTEED. The marriage of Noela, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Busteed, of Gladstone, to Private Maurice Griffin, youngest son of Mrs. B. Griffin and the late Mr. M. Griffin, of the Nambour district, will take place at the Roman Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd November, 1943.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

TOUR ABANDONED.

Owing to a slight mishap to the Lancaster bomber at a northern New South Wales town, the Queensland tour has been abandoned.

GLADSTONE FIGURES.

Gladstone subscriptions to the 4th Liberty War Loan yesterday totalled £18,360, representing 195 applicants. The figures disclose an increase of £7560 during the last three days.

MR. F. M. FORDE.

The Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde) arrived in Gladstone yesterday afternoon by flying boat, and at night addressed the picture audience at the Embassy Theatre in support of the 4th Liberty War Loan.

STERLING WORK AND BRAVERY

GLADSTONE BOYS MENTIONED

Official Citations

In official citations of sterling work and examples of bravery of Central Queenslanders in the Salamau area, three Gladstone boys are mentioned.

The first is Lieut. Gordon Friend, who, when his company commander was out of action, took charge and led the lads in to the attack. Lieut. Friend, who was highly praised by fellow Australians, did outstanding work at Tambu, firing grenades from his rifle, and accounted for many of the enemy.

Lieut. Friend is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Friend.

Referring to Private A. C. Brown, of Dawson Road, Gladstone, the message says: The enemy, a good 50 strong, outnumbered our men, and the Jap. had picked a good time to attack, as only a few were in camp that day, our chaps having just finished digging in the centre of the perimiter. Private Brown dashed around the enemy's flank to get assistance, and he just left his pit when a Jap. dashed into it. Pte. Chas Lee, of Rockhampton, spotted the Jap., and hit him with a grenade.

Another patrol, which included Cpl. H. Clarke (who was an employee of Friends (Pty.) Ltd. grocery department before he enlisted), and Pte. F. Malcolm (Gatton), was putting a signal line through, and heard the Japs. approaching. They waited by the side of the track and opened fire when three Japanese came within a few yards. Clarke got one. Pte. Barnes (of Rockhampton) another, and Cecil Dingwell another.

The highest yield from all forms of taxation in any one year of the last war was £45,000,000, or less than one-sixth of what was raised during 1942-1943.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING

Good Work Continues

The monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the Red Cross Society was presided over by the President (Mrs. Phillips), when 18 members attended.

SEWING CIRCLE.

Reports included the Sewing Circle by the convenor (Mrs. J. W. Rigby), who said that the attendance had been very satisfactory. A number of articles had been completed and were ready for depatch to Brisbane. Work returned included three dressing gowns by Mrs. A. Watson, 3 prs. pyjamas each Mesdames Malpas and Thompson, 1 quilt Mrs. Butterworth, and 1 box of tin foil was sent in by Mrs. Menzies.

KNITTING CIRCLE.

Mrs. D. J. Connellan reported that the Knitting Circle had distributed 52 skeins of wool and 8 ozs. white cotton. The following were thanked for work returned:—Miss Horne (Rockfield), 1 servicewoman's bed jacket; Mrs. Joseph and Miss Butterworth, 1 sleeveles cardigan; Mrs. Norris, 2 prs. socks and 2 prs. cotton socks; Misses J. O'Neill, M. Liddicoat, and Mrs. Watson, 2 prs. socks each; Mrs. W. A. F. McDonald (Cluden), 1 pr. socks. Wool is available for knitters at the Red Cross rooms.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. A. F. Gollnick, reporting on behalf of the Hospital Committee, advised that 46 servicemen had been visited. Mrs. C. Brennan was impressed with the local work, and agreed to assist in securing razor blades, which were in short supply. The wireless recently purchased by the branch had been installed and was most satisfactory, giving great pleasure to patients. Reading matter was still required. The boys will read anything they can get, and never seem to have too much.

BENARABY SUB-BRANCH.

Miss D. M. Colyer advised that Benaraby sub-branch had raised £7/7/- for the Gladstone Red Shield canteen funds from a dance. Messrs. D. Pershouse (two 10/- notes), C. Mann (tin honey), Mr. and Mrs. Broszat (mystery parcels), and Mr. Thring (10/- redonated) were thanked for assisting raffles. Over £8 nett had resulted from the August dance. The War Loan Art Union tickets had been received from Mr. Summers after the meeting, and five committee members had taken a book of tickets each. The attendance at the monthly meetings was satisfactory. One meeting and dance had been postponed for a week on account of the Calliope rodeo.

P.O.W. STREET SCHEME.

Reporting on behalf of the organisers (Rev. Phillipson, Messrs. Summers and Connellan), the letter stated that despite many difficulties and the temporary loss of many valuable collectors, the P.O.W. street scheme continued to function satisfactorily, and the revenue for the month, £126, was the highest yet.

Mrs. C. Brennan had agreed to endeavour to obtain an issue of coupons for lady collectors to enable shoes to be replaced.

Mr. J. H. Reid, the Rockhampton organiser and publicity officer, had written a very encouraging letter offering any possible assistance. In fact, both Bundaberg and Rockhampton organisers, who were doing splendidly with their schemes, were very helpful. Mr. Reid hoped to visit Gladstone and address members on various aspects of the scheme.

Lady collectors, who had read in the press that returned repatriated prisoners landing in Britain had stated that Red Cross parcels had saved their lives, and that some had lived for over seven months on the contents of the parcels, were greatly encouraged in their work.

It was hoped to reorganise some of the streets in the near future and utilise offers of limited assistance from ladies who had contacted the organiser.

V.A.D's.

Miss Alma Joyner, Commandant of the V.A. Detachment, reported that the unit was well trained with members ready to undertake any necessary service. It was stated that Miss Joyner and her members were rendering splendid aid in selling War Loan Art Union tickets.

VISIT OF MRS. BRENNAN.

Following reports by Mrs. Jones and Mr. Drewe on the recent visit of Mrs. C. Brennan, in which Mr. Drewe detailed the whole position, it was decided that the service to hospital trains, etc., be rendered through V.A. D's., as in the past with a call on all Red Cross members if necessary, and that headquarter be advised that at present there was no need for the separate formation of emergency service units.

RADIO SET AT HOSPITAL.

Major Eggling is to be advised of the purchase of the radio set for the military ward at the Gladstone Hospital, and also that the set was giving splendid performance and was very satisfactory.

GOOD IDEA.

Mr. Drewe referred to a very satisfactory scheme in operation at Swifts Ltd. plant, Gladstone, for some time. It was termed the "coppermine," and briefly meant that the small change in coppers from all pay was put aside for special purposes. This was done with the co-operation of all members of the staff and employees who actually donated any balance in pennies. The amount received over a period was astonishing. He felt that the scheme was such a success that it could be used by the Red Cross throughout the State. Members agreed, and it was decided to bring the idea before headquarters.

SERGT. R. H. HALLAM.

The Secretary Red Cross Bureau (Miss K. Weller) acknowledged receipt of Mr. Summers' letter concerning Sergt. R. H. Hallam, who had been posted as missing. An inquiry had been sent to Melbourne headquarters, and on receipt of any information the branch would be immediately advised. However, all information and details obtained by the Red Cross are immediately handed over to the Air Board, who in turn advise the next of kin. "Please tell the parents of this young airman that we will do all that is possible to get news for them, which we trust will be of a reassuring nature."

THANKS.

The Bureau also wrote thanking the Gladstone branch for information and kind attention to a Mildura cadet, who was operated on in the local miliary ward. The thanks of the mother, who lives in Sydney, were also tendered.

APPEAL FOR LINEN.

The General Secretary (Miss Richardson) sent along an urgent appeal for clean old linen for issue to medical units in the northern area. Radio appeals had been made for this also. Another appeal was for gramaphones and records for issue through the Red Cross field force to military medical establishments.

GESTURE OF APPRECIATION.

As a gesture of appreciation of the assistance given the branch in the War Loan Art Union, tickets Nos. 1 and 2 were forwarded to Messrs A. H. and P. A. Friend, who provided the first prize of £100—a Fourth Liberty Loan Bond.

BEST WISHES.

Headquarters, in acknowledging the appointment of Mr. Roe O'Neil as joint hon. secretary to Mr. V. A. Summers, tendered best wishes during his term of office.

A DONATION.

Mr. W. Walters, Auckland Hill, forwarded a cheque for £5 as a donation to the Prisoner of War Fund, from self and wife. This was acknowledged with thanks.

OTHER DONATIONS.

Other donations were acknowledged from Miss Joyce Ottway, Taragoola, £1; the Secretary Local Producers, Ubobo, £2/10/10; Mrs. Muspratt, secretary, sub-branch, Builyan, £17/4/6; Mrs. H. Dougall, £1.

GENERAL.

Mr. Ken Neil Ballantine, Galloway Plains, acknowledged receipt of Art Union tickets, and promised to assist in every possible way.

It was decided to remit the sum of £250 to headquarters.

Reference was made to the excellent work of the President (Mrs. Phillips) in arranging the dances in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund on race night, when a very successful function realised a profit of £28.

INTEREST-FREE LOAN.

The Manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. W. H. Hall) advises that for purpose of publication, we desire to advise the sum of £50 has been received from Mrs. Dulcie Bedsor, Glenlyon Street, Gladstone, as an interest-free loan to the Commonwealth Government.

BEER POSITION ACUTE.

Gladstone is again faced with an acute shortage of beer, and many complaints have been made by industrial workers unable to obtain a drink on ceasing work in the afternoon. It is understood that representations have been made to the authorities to remedy the situation, and a deputaion to Mr. F. M. Forde has been arranged by Mr. Geo. Wyatt, president of the waterside workers. This deputation will consist of representatives of the Trades and Labour Council and affiliated unions.

GLADSTONE POLICE COURT

DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY - CONVICTED AND FINED

SEVERAL SERIOUS CHARGES OF STEALING

Carl Broszat (17), sleeper cutter, appeared before the Acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan) in the Police Court on two charges of stealing, and one of being in possession of property suspected of having been stolen.

THE CHARGES.

The first charge set out that between June 10 and 15, at Catfish Scrub, Calliope, he stole one Tecalmit grease gun, 1 shifting spanner, 3 Champion spark plugs, 4 gallons of motor oil, 2 gallons of motor spirit, valued at £5/12/2, the property of the Allied Works Council.

The second charge was that on August 2, 1943, at Benaraby, Broszat stole one 10 x 12ft. calico tent, valued at £3/10/-, the property of the Main Roads Commission.

The third charge was that on October 5, 1943, at Benaraby, he had in his possession 3ft. of 2-inch rubber hosing, suspected of having been stolen.

Donald Patrick Kennedy (21), farm labourer, was also charged with stealing at Catfish Scrub, Calliope, one Malco fuel pump, 5 lbs. of mobil lubricant, 4 gallons of motor oil, 3 spark plugs, 1½ gallons of power kerosene, and one spanner, of a total value of £5/5/9, the property of the Allied Works Council.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Both defendants elected to be dealt with summarily, and pleaded guilty to the charges.

BROSZAT QUESTIONED.

The facts, as related to the Court by Sergt. Gill, who prosecuted, were that subsequent to complaints made to the police, Constable Gerber accompanied by Constable Ferrell, of Calliope, proceeded to Benaraby on the afternoon of October 5, where Broszat was located. He was closely questioned in connection with two charges of stealing, and admitted having stolen the property, the subject of the first charge, and portion of the articles were found in his tent. The constables also questioned Broszat regarding the tent, and he admitted having stolen it.

BROSZAT ARRESTED.

In respect to the third charge, said Sergt. Gill, the article mentioned was also found in Broszat's tent. On being further questioned by Constable Gerber he admitted having stolen the rubber hosing from a railway waggon at Benaraby. Broszat was then conveyed to Gladstone, where he was arrested by Constable Gerber.

KENNEDY AT TARAGOOLA.

On the night of October 5, Constables Gerber and Farrell proceeded to Taragoola, where they located Kennedy, and questioned him regarding the property of the Allied Works Council, as reported stolen, and he admitted stealing the articles, the subject of the charge. The Malco pump was found at his place of employment. At an early hour on the morning of October 6, Kennedy accompanied the police to his previous place of employment, about 10 miles from Calliope, where a portion of the other articles mentioned in the charge, were found. Kennedy was brought to Gladstone, where he was arrested.

CONVICTED AND FINED.

Broszat, on the first charge, was convicted and fined £4/9/8, to include restitution of £1/9/8, in default two months' imprisonment in the Brisbane Gaol.

On the second charge Broszat was convicted and fined £3, in default one month in the Brisbane Gaol, and on the third was convicted and fined £1, in default 14 days' in the Brisbane Gaol, the sentences to be concurrent.

Kennedy was convicted and fined £5/11/9, to include restitution of £1/11/9, in default 6 weeks' imprisonment in the Brisbane Gaol.

The articles recovered were ordered to be returned to their respective owners.

SWEET POTATOES STOLEN.

William Peter Carmichael (41), farmer, was charged with stealing two bags of sweet potatoes, valued at £1, the property of John Jensen and Alfred William Winkleman.

Carmichael elected to be dealt with summarily, and pleaded guilty. He was convicted and fined £4, to include restitution of £1, in default two months' imprisonment in the Brisbane Gaol.

FACTS DISCLOSED.

The facts, as disclosed by Sergt. Gill, were that the potatoes were dug from the property of Jansen and Winkleman between September 26 and October 3. A complaint was made to the police, and while Constables Gerber and Farrel were investigating another matter at Taragoola at a late hour on October 5, ascertained that two bags of sweet potatoes had been disposed of to a Gladstone business man. Carmichael was questioned, and he admitted having stolen the potatoes and sent them to Gladstone by a Taragoola resident, where they were sold for the sum of £1.

Carmichael was requested to come to Gladstone, where he was arrested and charged.

FOUR CHARGES OF STEALING.

Joseph James Dicker (19), meatworker, was brought before the Court on three charges of stealing:—

(1) 8ft. of air hose and two quarts of S.A.E. 50 motor oil, valued at 17/4, the property of Frederick Williams, trading as Port Curtis Motors (Pty.) Ltd.

(2) One Lucas motor cycle battery, valued at £2, the property of Harold Percy Tweed.

(3) One motor cycle battery, valued at £3, the property of Fred, Naegele.

(4) Three spark plugs and one Delco Remy distributor cap, valued at £1/12/6, the property of Frederick Williams, trading as Port Curtis Motors (Pty.) Ltd.

THE FACTS.

The facts, as disclosed by Sergt. Gill, showed that a complaint was made to the police that the hydraulic ramp section of the premises of the Port Curtis Motors were entered on the night of October 4, access having been gained by forcing two battons off the rear of Tweed's garage, thence through a window of the section mentioned. Eight feet of air hose had been cut from a length of 30 feet, and the hose and the oil were found to be missing from the premises.

SECOND CHARGE.

With respect to the second charge, the complainant, who is a garage proprietor, missed the battery between October 1 and 5, while the third charge disclosed that two American soldiers were on leave at Gladstone, and stayed at the Young Australian Hotel. The complainant left his motor cycle at the kerbing, near the hotel, at 7.30 p.m. on the night of September 30, and on returning several hours later discovered that the battery and a quantity of tools were missing from the motor cycle.

AIR HOSE FOUND.

On the afternoon of October 18 Constable Gerber interviewed Dicker, who denied having committed any of the offences. However, he accompanied Constable Gerber to a house at Barney Point, where a battery was found. Dicker claimed the battery as his property, and made several explanations as to how it came into his possession, which included having stolen it at Rockhampton. Dicker was then accompanied to his residence in Roberts Street, where Constable Gerber found the air hose in his bedroom. After further interrogation Dicker admitted having stolen the hose, also the oil and the battery.

MOTOR CYCLE BATTERY.

On the morning of October 19 Dicker was again questioned by Constable Gerber regarding the battery installed on his motor cycle, and he admitted having stolen it off the motor cycle on the night of September 30. He was then arrested.

HOME SEARCHED.

Subsequent to Dicker being dealt with by the Court, Constable Gerber accompanied him to his home, where a search was made of his duchess drawers, and the spark plugs, which had not been used, also the distributor cap, were found. Dicker, on being questioned, admitted having stolen them from the counter of the premises of Port Curtis Motors during business hours.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Dicker elected to be dealt with summarily on the four charges, and pleaded guilty.

CONVICTED AND FINED.

On the first charge Dicker was convicted and fined £2/17/4, to include restitution of 17/4, in default two months' imprisonment in the Brisbane Gaol.

On the remaining three charges Dicker was convicted and fined £2, in default two months' in the Brisbane Gaol on each charge, the sentences to be concurrent.

Mr. Donovan ordered that all articles recovered be returned to the respective owners.

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

"WHY WAIT?"

Sir,—As one of the "Miserable Communist Howlers," I would like to reply to an article entitled, "Why We Wait," by "Old Digger."

"Old Digger" must be suffering from a serious decline of his mental faculties, either from old age or from bigotry. His antipathy to the "stay-at-homes" shows a completely erroneous view of the relative importance of the armed forces and the forces of production.

The army of workers in this war, more so than in any previous conflict, is of the utmost importance to a warring nation. The country with the highest production of war materials has the initial advantage. A war can only be carried on if there is a steady supply of war materials available, and is regulated by that supply.

For over two years a second European front has been promised. Since Dunkirk Britain has been building up formidable armed forces; her production of war materials is constantly increasing; the men and materials necessary for an invasion have long been available, yet this second front has yet to materialise. Why?

The opening of a second front is no military impossibility. It is the logical strategic move for a speedy defeat of Fascism and the shortest and easiest road to Berlin.

The invading forces would not be alone, but would have the support of the down-trodden masses of occupied Europe, and this support would be an invaluable factor in making easy the landing and consolidation of the invading forces.

The Red Army destroyed the myth of the invincibility of the German army, and by determination and courage, has hurled Hitler's Fascist hordes back and back, almost from Russian soil. The ultimate defeat of the German armies in Russia is only a matter of time, but this will not mean the defeat of Germany.

A heavy blow by the Allied forces in the west, in conjunction with the mighty advance of the Red Army, would result in a speedy collapse of Germany, and the defeat of Germany would be an important factor in the bringing about of a successful termination of the war with Japan.

Food for much thought lies in the fact that most of the reaction to the opening of a second front comes from anti-Sviet forces. Again why?

Is this the feeling of friendship and co-operation that should exist between Allied Nations.

Yours etc.,
W. J. RABNOTT.
Oaka Lane, Gladstone.

SECOND FRONT.

Sir,—Impelled by seemingly disruptive motives, to-day there are sections of the community who attempt to distort the necessity of opening a second land front in Europe. Our recent victorious landing in Italy demonstrate to us the numerical and qualitive superiority the Allied Nations have over the Fascist-Axis. The hasty conclusion of the war is bound up with the opening of the second front.

"We have not yet made a real assault on Europe," said Colonel Knox on October 5, 1943.

Why is this? Have we not had two years, and more, to produce every kind of weapon for the second front, to train our millions of soldiers to the highest pitch?

We have contributed much, but not yet made a real assault, because there are small but influential groups in the Western Democracies who are doing so well out of the war that they are not anxious for it to end.

Because great financial industrial groups, feeling that the danger of defeat has passed, are scrambling for advantage over their business competitors, placing their selfish ambitions before the interests of the democratic cause.

Because the appeasers, who sold Czechoslavakia and other peoples to strengthen Germany's hand against Russia, wish to see the workers' Soviet Socialist Republis weakened. The men which are throwing in their whole power to delay decisive blows against Western Europe to achieve this contemptible aim.

If these influences succeeded what would it mean?

It would mean that the war would be prolonged in the Pacific as well as in Europe. The people of all countries, not the appeasers and big financial groups, would have to pay a terrible price in death and misery.

It would mean that Australia's gallant 17,000 captured at Singapore would languish in the barbaric concentration camps of Japanese fascism.

It would mean that the prospects, so near to-day, of Australians uniting to create a decent life in conditions of peace and security would recede into the distant future.

Those who oppose the second front now know very well that the only second front is a front in Western Europe, which would draw 60 to 80 divisions from the Russian front.

They know very well Hitlerite Europe would crumble beneath the weight of the blows struck in the East by the Red Army, by the blows in Italy, from the air and the west, and that victory over Japan could follow speedily.

They know that the only reasons for delaying the blow are political reasons.

They have no arguments left. They fear that the people's demand will win, and their last cry is "Leave it to the brass hats."

But any soldier will tell you how often the brass hats have been wrong and the rank and file (the people) right.

Because this is a people's war against Fascism, the people have a right and a duty to play a leading part in formulating the outlines of the military and political strategy of the war.

It is in our interests that the second front be launched at once.

For our own sakes, for our own flesh and blood, for our children's sakes, we, the people, cannot be silent.

We must end the criminal delay.

We must win the immediate invasion of Western Europe.—Yours, etc., on behalf Gladstone Branch Communist Party.

LEN SHORT.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

SLOGAN COMPETITION

Prize Winners

The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis) and Mr. T. L. Williams, Minister for Agriculture, recently presented the pennants and certificates won by local schools in connection with the National Savings State School competition.

The Mayor's pennant was won by the Parson's Pt. School, which gained the honour with an amount per capita of £2/14/5, and thus took the blue ribbon of the local school competition.

Gladstone State School, with an amount per capita of £1/3/2, won a certificate of merit.

The handsome pennant, on a dark blue background, won by the Town of Gladstone in the 3rd Liberty Loan for exceeding the number of subscribers, has also been received by the Mayor, and is on view at the Council Chambers.

SLOGAN WINNERS.

The judges (Messrs. W. H. Hall and A. E. Taylor) reported as follows:—

The slogan competition sponsored by the Gladstone War Loan Committee in connection with the 4th Liberty Loan, and open to children attending any of the schools in Gladstone, attracted 127 entries, 70 from the boys and 57 from the girls.

Unfortunately, many of the competitors, missing the point that the slogan was to be in connection with the loan, confined their efforts to War Savings Certificates, War Savings Stamps, and other activities related to the war effort, which, of course, excluded their entries from consideration by the judges. Had this not been so the work of the judges would have been considerably more difficult, as many of these were exceptionally good.

Although it rarely happens in prize giving for either scholastic attainments or competitions of this nature, that the boys take the honours, their efforts on this occasion were generally much superior to those of the girls.

The ideal slogan must be short and pithy, but the majority of the entries from the girls, although expressing excellent sentiments, were more in the nature of a discourse in rhyme rather than a slogan.

While it may be admitted that as a general rule the use of many words is the female's prerogative, this is not acceptable so far as a slogan is concerned. Hence, when their entries were whittled down, very few were left to choose from, and the prizes have been awarded as follows:—

Mary Comino, with "Save and Lend to Make the War End" 1
Aileen Power, with "To Help the Boys to get back Home Invest Your Savings in the New War Loan" 2

To choose the winner from the dozen entries selected as being the better ones received from the boys, presented a major difficulty, however, and in the final analysis the judges were inclined to favour those which epitomised our present-day spirit of aggressiveness. It will be remembered that the country's logan for the last loan was "Lend to Defend," but on this occasion it is "Back the Attack." Hence the prizes have been awarded as follows:—

William Noon, with "Pound the Enemy with your Pounds" 1
Rober Phillips, with "By Buying Bonds You're Buying Bombs" 2

An entry with a local appeal, comprising a poster and slogan combined, attracted the judges' attention, and they have decided to award the competitor a special prize of war stamps to the value of 10/. This entry was in the form of a map of Queensland with Gladstone marked conspicuously, and showed aeroplanes across the face with bombs falling, and a caption reading:—

"Put Gladstone on the map
Destroy Tojo the Jap
By buying War Bonds."

Although the competitor did not make use of Prime Minister Curtin's threat during the last loan, "Fill the loan or else——!" something of that nature was inferred, as both the aeroplanes and bombs are heading south. The competitor is Colin Gosschalk.

Would you want HIM to know you said..."I can't afford to invest in the LIBERTY LOAN?"

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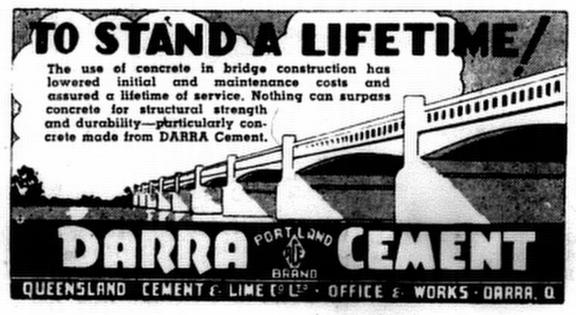

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The totalitarian States have shown that it is possible to develop a new faith in one generation, and to create a people whose morality is based on one common principle.

In the case of Germany the result has been a nation of lustful neo-pagans, believing that might is right.

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Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
27	8.30	8.31	2.11	2.21
28	9.05	9.06	2.46	3.04
29	9.39	9.40	3.18	3.45
30	19.12	10.15	3.49	4.29
31	10.48	10.51	4.20	5.14

THE MOON.

Full Moon ..... October 13
Last Quarter ..... October 21
New Moon ..... October 29

NOVEMBER.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	11.27	11.32	4.54	6.03
2	——	12.10	5.31	7.00
3	12.09	12.59	6.19	8.03
4	1.14	1.57	7.22	9.09
5	2.24	3.05	8.39	10.15
6.	3.48	4.21	9.56	11.17
7	5.12	5.35	11.10	——
8	6.22	6.37	12.18	12.17
9	7.17	7.30	1.05	1.17
10	8.05	8.17	1.50	2.12
11	8.49	9.00	2.31	3.04
12	9.31	9.41	3.10	3.52
13	10.10	10.20	3.48	4.40
14	10.50	11.01	4.24	5.27
15	11.30	11.42	5.00	6.13
16	——	12.10	5.38	7.00
17	12.05	12.50	6.18	7.50
18	1.14	1.35	7.07	8.41
19	2.10	2.25	8.05	9.35
20	3.17	3.29	9.10	10.28
21	4.31	4.29	10.15	11.20
22	5.39	5.31	11.17	——
23	6.34	6.26	12.07	12.14
24	7.19	7.14	12.50	1.06
25	7.59	7.56	1.30	1.55
26	8.38	8.37	2.08	2.43
27	9.15	9.17	2.45	3.30
28	9.54	9.57	3.20	4.18
29	10.34	10.40	3.58	5.09
30	11.17	11.26	4.38	6.01

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Full Moon ..... November 12
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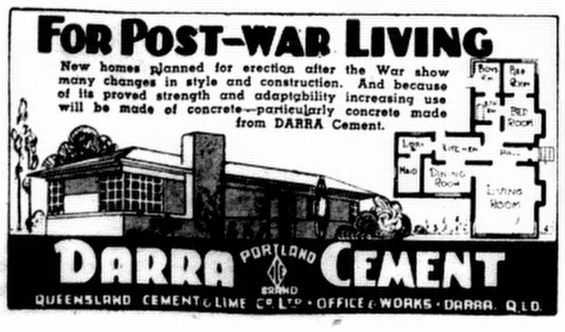

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Floating Steel Islets

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These steel islets will be complete with refueling airport and hotel facilities, and will be spaced at 800 mile or three hours by air intervals.

Each one will weigh 64,000 tons, with 70 feet of steel above the water and 160 below. They will be equipped with vertical buoyancy tanks supporting the landing decks.

These ready-made plans are particularly interesting in view of the attention now being given to post-war aviation. The Lord Privy Seal, Lord Beaverbrook, announced in London last week that the recent Empire air conference had reached unanimous decisions.

"We hope to forward at once to an international conference," Lord Beaverbrook added.

Australia must be ready to attend this coming conference with concrete plans, and she must see that her views are put forward by an aviation expert.

At the empire conference Australia was represented by her High Commissioner, who cannot be expected to be an aviation authority.

Australia is no longer at "the other end of the world," and the planning of internal airways will not be enough if Australia is not going to be submerged in the post-war world.

SUGAR CANE

Harvested by Machine

To save manpower, Louisiana Sugar Bowl sugarcane is now being harvested by machine.

Three types of machine are used. Two merely cut the stalks, but the third not only cuts the cane, but loads it as well. This is the heaviest of the machines. The others are light enough to be pulled by a medium sized tractor. They can cut cane at the speed of seven or eight miles an hour, with a saving of from a half to two-thirds of the labour usually employed.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly when it deals with ships. Gossipers who know only a little still may talk enough to furnish the enemy with the vital link in his chain of information.

NEWCASTLE STEELWORKS

Press Delegates Impressed

"The marked industrial adaptability of Australian workmen and technicians is well demonstrated at these steelworks," said Mr. Samuel Storey, Conservative M.P. for Sunderland, a member of the British Press delegation which inspected B.H.P. Steelworks at Newcastle last week. Mr. Storey is chairman of the Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers Ltd., and a former chairman of Reuters.

"We are all impressed," Mr. Storey added, "by the fact that Australia has acquired so much industrial efficiency with so little assistance from overseas. The steelworks are remarkably self-contained.

Two other members of the delegation, Sir Walter Layton (chairman of the London "News-Chronicle" and "Star") and Sir Neville Pearson (chairman of C. Arthur Pearson Ltd.) also inspected the steelworks, climbing over girders, shielding their faces from the glare of furnaces, dodging shunting engines and swinging crane loads, to gain first-hand knowledge of this vital industry.

"The immensity of the works undertaken in these steelworks far exceed my expectations," said Sir Walter.

The three delegates were particularly interested in the work of a group of young scientists who evolved the first Australian process for the making of tungsten carbide products. The process was formerly regarded as a monopoly of the German Krupps armament firm.

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PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN

Get the Plainest of Food

Since the outbreak of war the people of Great Britain have been subsisting on the plainest and the minimum of food capable of maintaining health and energy.

From October, 1939, up to the present time their meat ration has been about 1 lb. per week per head—actually the amount that can be bought retail for 1/2.

During four years of war the weekly ration scale, apart from meat, has been: Bacon 4 ozs., fats (butter, margarine, cooking fats) 8 ozs., sugar 8 ozs., tea 2 ozs., cheese 3 ozs, and preserves 1 lb. (per four-week period).

This has been supplemented by wholemeal bread, potatoes, and fresh vegetables, not in superabundance, but sufficient to satisfy hunger and meet the demands of health.

It is a Spartan diet under any conditions, but under four years of sustained and extremely hard physical work, of bombing and the destruction of cities, that have deprived the people of the ordinary comforts of life, it is an epic illustration of the resolution and endurance of the British character.

BRITAIN'S STERN TEST.

Now the people of Great Britain are still faced with a stern test. Lord Woolton, Britain's Food Minister, recently stressed the likelihood of the meat ration being endangered during the coming year.

"I am afraid," he stated, "that next year, in the case of meat, we shall be even more dependent on our overseas suppliers than before; but this I know for a certainty, that those countries will leave nothing undone to give us physical strength to carry us through the struggle that lies ahead.

Circumstances in the past have prevented Australia from sending greater quantities of food. At the outset of the war diversion of shipping restricted export, and, with Japan's entry into the war the obligation was forced on the Government of feeding the Allied services in the South-West Pacific.

The shifting of the population from a peace footing to a war basis, as everyone knows, involved the dislocation of transport, shortage of labour in every industry, secondary as well as primary, and the recasting of production objectives.

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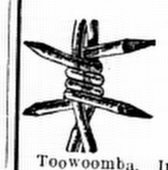
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT --- BARB WIRE



SEVERAL THOUSAND COILS of slightly rusted Black BARB WIRE, in 28 lb. coils, which have been left out exposed to the weather, have now been made available for Farmers and Pastoralists throughout Queensland. The price arranged at is 4/5 per coil (28 lbs.) ex the Dump, which is a considerable distance from the city. To cart this into our warehouse and re-rail in small lots will make the price about 4/9 per 28 lb. coil, f.o.r. Brisbane, Wallangarra, Townsville, Cairns, or Toowoomba. Immediate delivery. Ton lots could be done slightly cheaper. The rust on the Barb Wire is only surface rust, but no special selection of the coils can be made. The buyer has to take his chance, and is allotted the Wire that happens to be nearest to the cart when it is being loaded. The terms are cash with order, and it is necessary to get a permit from the Chairman of the Local War Agricultural Committee.

If interested, we would advise you to act immediately, and when ordering be sure to insert the words, "Rusty Barb Wire at 4/9 per 28 lb. coil." Blank permit forms can be obtained on application.

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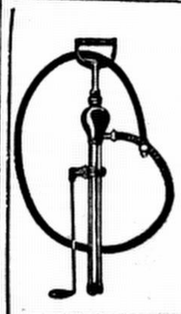

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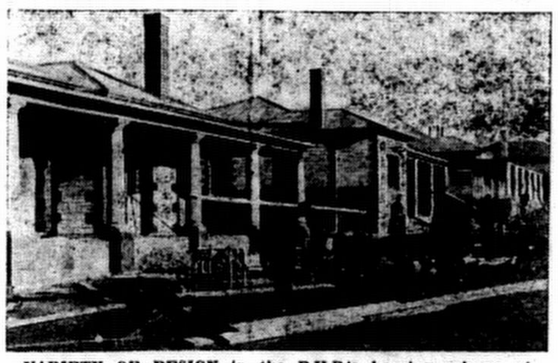

VARIETY OF DESIGN in the B.H.P.'s housing scheme at Whyalla was praised by the Combined Unions Council at the recent Housing Enquiry in Whyalla. The Council declared that the B.H.P. scheme compared more than favourably with other schemes in this rapidly-growing industrial town. Chief item for praise was the company's repayment of the house buyer's equity, plus credit for improvements, should he leave the town.

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The following amounts have been subscribed by the Red Cross Society direct to Russia:—British Red Cross Society £3,100,000. Canadian Red Cross Society 1,000,000 dollars. American Red Cross Society 3,500,000 dollars. The shipments consisted of drugs, medical supplies and clothing to U.S.S.R.

THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY has already sent 60,000 sheepskins, medical equipment, and clothing worth £30,000, and also £18,000 in cash direct to Russia. The Red Cross gives succour in all countries to the members of the Forces who may be sick, wounded, or prisoner of war.

Sheepskins for Russia -- Appreciation from Moscow

Received May 15, 1943.

Acknowledgment of a donation of 30,000 sheepskins has been cabled from Moscow to the Australian Red Cross Headquarters by Dr. Kolesnikov, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The cable states:—

"The Executive Committee of the Red Cross and Crescent Societies informs you of the arrival of a shipment of 30,000 sheepskins at Vladivostock. The sheepskins and woollen clothing, as well as the sheepskins received before, have been handed over for distribution. I am expressing our sincere thanks for your brotherly help." . . . It costs the Red Cross Society

£1 per week to send a Parcel a week to every Australian Prisoner of War

THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS is now sending 10,000 Food Parcels per week to our boys who are prisoners of war in Germany and Italy. This alone is costing the Red Cross £10,000 per week. By the time contact is secured with all our men who are held by the Japanese, the total cost to Australia for our prisoners in all theatres of war will exceed £1,000,000 per year.

When Australia's Prisoners of War return how will you feel if you haven't contributed in some way towards the Prisoners of War Fund?

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GLADSTONE WAR LOANS COMMITTEE

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(Sgd.) J. BURROWS
Hon. Secretary

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In Memoriam

NORTON.—In loving memory of George Norton, who passed away on November 2nd, 1940.

Deep in our hearts his memory is kept.

(Inserted by his wife and family.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

INTEREST-FREE LOAN.

The Manager of the Gladstone branch of the Commonwealth Bank (Mr. W. H. Hall) advises that the sum of £100 had been received as an interest free loan to the Commonwealth Government by Mr. A. J. Jenkinson, of William Street, Gladstone.

GLADSTONE LOAN FIGURES.

Gladstone subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty War Loan yesterday totalled £20,090, representing 245 applicants. The loan closes next Tuesday, and Gladstone is still short of its quota by £12,000.

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING.

The Hon. Secretary of the Gladstone Turf Club (Mr. Connellan) has received a telegram from Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., advising that the Premier (Mr. F. A. Cooper) had approved of Saturday, November 27, as the date for the patriotic race meeting to be conducted by the club Added money amounting to £80 has been allotted, and programmes are now in the hands of the printers.

SWIMMING CLUB.

All persons interested in the formation of a swimming club in Gladstone are requested to attend a meeting in the Public Baths to-morrow night (Thursday), when the necessary steps for the functioning of a club in our midst will be put before the meeting. It is hoped a good attendance will reward the promoters, and that competitive swimming will again be a feature at the baths. It is also notified that a practice swim will take place to-morrow night.

FOR THE AMBULANCE.

A social evening was held in the Empire Theatre last Wednesday night in aid of the Ambulance by Mesdames M. McLeod and E. Padget, and the sum of £7/3/4 was handed to the Brigade. Mr. R. S. Schule carried out the duties of M.C. in a most capable manner. The Ambulance Committee appreciates the action of the ladies. Music was supplied by Miss Iris McDonald, and extras were played by Miss Brown, Miss V. Bennedick, and Miss Brooks. The free waltz was won by Miss P. McArdle and Mr. J. Imlay.

PADDY'S MARKET.

Mrs. A. H. Friend advises that arrangements are already well forward for the November Paddy's market, which will take place at the RedCross grounds on the 12 th inst. Once again there will be a good supply of marrow fat (purchasers being asked to bring their own containers). There will also be a nice collection of second-hand clothing, and a large supply of fruit and vegetables from country supporters. The monthly dinner basket and the auxiliary aircraft on display in Friends (Pty.) Ltd. will be raffled that day.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Private T. Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wyatt, of Gladstone, is spending a few days with his parents.

Corporal Minnie Edey, W.A.A.A.F., who has been spending leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edey, left for the south on Saturday to rejoin her unit.

Private Pat Breslin, A.I.F., has returned to a southern base after spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Breslin, West Gladstone.

Sister E. Coase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Coase, Gladstone, has been appointed matron of the Cracow District Hospital. Sister Coase, who has been on the staff of the Maryborough Hospital, will leave that city shortly to take up her new duties.

Sergt. Pilot G. L. Hando, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. N. Hando, of Gladstone, has received his "wings" in Canada, his pass being an excellent one. The young flyer expected to be drafted to England. Prior to enlisting he was an officer in the Bank of New South Wales.

In a letter to Mr. Arthur Friend, the Rev. W. E. Boyldew, who was in charge of St. Saviour's parish, Gladstone, for many years, writes interestingly from New Guinea, where he was awaiting his posting to a unit. The padre was in good health and spirits, and wished to be remembered to all kind friends in town and district.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal For Donations

The packing of Christmas hampers is proceeding smoothly, and it is anticipated that by the end of this month the bulk of the work will have been accomplished.

Gladstone and district are responding well to this appeal. Donations are still well below the quota mark, so send your subscriptions to either Mr. F. Peardon or Mrs. W. J. Garrett, and it will be acknowledged through these columns.

Your name and address will be placed on a card in the hamper.

The local branch of the A.C.F. is hoping that the quota will be filled by the end of the month.

The following goods are included in the hamper:—

One tin fruit, tin cream, pkt. chocolate, 2 ozs. tobacco, pkt. papers, writing pad, envelopes, cake, 2 air-mail letter cards, shaving stick, tube toothpaste, 3 pkts. chewing gum, handkerchief, washer, hussif, pkt. mixed fruit, tin pudding.

The amount of donations previously acknowledged, £111/11/6.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walker and Jean	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. Larsen and Dorothy	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Broughton	1	0	0
Mrs. L. Stirrat	1	0	0
Mrs. D. Duncan		7	6
Mrs. C. Ryalls		7	6
Miss Alice Breslin		7	6
Miss Angila Breslin		7	6
Miss Lucy Breslin		7	6
Miss Pamala Breslin		7	6
Miss Dora Breslin		7	6
Miss Gloria Turner		7	6
Alex Larsen		7	6

TOWN AND DISTRICT

PUBLIC MEETING

United Action Necessary

The public meeting held in the Town Hall on October 7 last was probably the most representative and enthusiastic public meeting that has been held in the town for many years.

At this meeting it was decided to form a elague to encourage the development of the district, and a sub-committee was formed to draft a constitution.

Tis constitution has now been drafted, and another public meeting is to be held in the Town Hall to-morrow night to consider the draft.

The importance of a league of this sort cannot be over emphasised, and, as every citizen is vitally interested in the prosperity of the district, it is essential that the public again show its interest by attending, and thus assist in the formation of a body truly representative of the whole community.

Politics have no concern in matters of this sort, as we are all working for the same end, the progress of the district.

Let us all unite to show a firm, combined front, for there is no truer saying than "United we stand, divided we fall."

Come to the meeting at the Town Hall to-morrow night (Thursday).

GOLF NEXT SUNDAY

For P.O.W. Fund

All roads should lead to the Gladstone Golf links on Sunday, when play will be for the Gladstone Prisoners of War Fund.

The committee, headed by Mr. Jim O'Donnell, and assisted by associate delegates, have completed all arrangements, including the provision of luncheon, at the club house at 12.30 p.m., and afternoon tea later in the day.

Novel trophies have been presented for the mixed Canadian foursomes.

The first prizes are a paper knife each, made and donated by the professional (Mr. Albert Klemm), who sent these down from New Guinea. Made from cartridge shell and parts of a Jap Zero, they should attract unusual interest.

Mr. Harry Moore has generously donated a pair of towels for the runners-up, so that competition should be keen.

The draw for partners will take place immediately after lunch, when the first pairs will hit off No. 1 tee.

Servicemen and sportsmen generally are cordially invited to attend the function.

COMMONWEALTH EGG CONTROL

FEDERAL BUNGLING

Criticism By Minister

As a result of his recent visit to the Upper Burnett district, when he inquired into the unsatisfactory position in which egg producers in that area were being placed as a result of a recent Commonwealth decision regarding the marketing of eggs produced, the Minister for Agriculture and Stock (Hon. T. L. Williams, M.L.A.) has issued the following statement on his return to Brisbane.

The statement indicates his concern in the matter, and at the same time shows his prompt action in bringing to the notice of the Federal authorities the dissatifaction that exists as a result of the decision in question:—

Already at an inadequate level to meet requirements during certain periods of the year, Queensland's egg production is treatened with a reduction if the Commonwealth authorities persist in compelling farmers in the Upper Burnett district to send eggs to Brisbane instead of allowing them to send the eggs to Rockhampton, where they were formerly marketed.

When the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Williams) was in the district at the week-end farmers with flocks of from 200 to 400 head of layers pointed out to him and to Mr. P. Rumball (State Poultry Expert) that their activities had been built up upon the Rockhampton markets, and if they were not allowed, under Commonwealth control of eggs, to continue to use these markets, they would reluctantly be compelled to sell their flocks for slaughter.

Cases of the reduction of flocks by slaughter and the cancellation of orders for chickens were noted by the Minister.

The Minister said that its geographical position and also rail services made Rockhampton the natural market for eggs produced in the Monto and Eidsvold shires, and as eggs had to be sent from Brisbane to Rockhampton these two shires at least should be excluded from the control area. He would make representations in that direction to the Commonwealth authorities.

Poultry raising as an adjunct to general farming was capable, under certain conditions, of expansion in the Upper Burnett area, and a means of increasing the supplies of eggs, the Minister said.

Commonwealth control of egg supplies was extended beyond the area controlled by the Queensland Egg Board, the Minister explained.

The inclusion in Commonwealth control of areas in which the industry had been built up on markets other than Brisbane inflicted hardship upon farmers in such areas.

BOXING

Hunter Knocked Out

Tommy Burns went a little further in the direction of "making himself known," as suggested by the Vic. Patrick camp, when he knocked out Tommy Hunter for the full count in the tenth round at the Brisbane Stadium on Friday night.

Excluding a fluke that could never be repeated, when Young Day dropped him with the first punch of the fight in Newcastle some years ago, Hunter was knocked out for the first and only time in his career.

Burns was having his 44th fight, and Hunter became his 28th short-cut victim. For the further benefit of Patrick's admirers, who may be interested in statistics, it made the Queensland champion's 39th win.

Four of his contests have been drawn, including one with Hunter, another with Lisle Law, and his only defeat was a 10-round t.k.o. suffered at the hands of Law for the State lightweight title.

Since that set-back Burns has had a winning sequence of 16 fights.

Burns' performance on Friday night was that of a first-class fighter, only a few minor imperfections which escaped general notice marring his exhibition.

Hunter had one chance, in the third round, when he came mighty close to putting the champion down, but thereafter he was subjected to one of the most systematic, artistic and merciless beatings ever administered in any ring.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

GLADSTONE'S QUOTA £32,000

"Amount Can Be Raised"

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde), in his address to the audience at the Embassy Theatre on behalf of the Fourth Liberty Loan Committee on Friday night, said that after the audience had seen the magnificent film "Battle For Britain," it seemed hardly necessary for him to stress the great importance to Australia, to the Empire, and the other democracies, of continuing to throw every ounce of energy into the war effort, to see that the world struggle was brought to a successful conclusion.

SAVED FROM INVASION.

The picture, "Battle For Britain," showed scenes in England during the German bombing raids on London and other cities, and it recorded how the Royal Air Force had saved Britain from invasion.

SPEND £570 MILLION.

Mr. Forde said that for the current financial year Australia would spend £570,000,000 on the war. This was spending at the rate of more than £1,500,000 a day. For the month of August last £47,000,000 had been spent on the war. "This money," said Mr. Forde, "is being used to train, feed, clothe and equip with weapons of war the 842,000 men of the Australian Fighting Forces. When Japan came into the war there were 450,000 men in the Fighting Forces. This number had practically doubled since then, and war expenditure had risen correspondingly.

BATTLE FOR BRITAIN.

"You know what happened during the Battle for Britain. You have seen graphically illustrated what the people of Britain suffered and how 60,000 men, women and children were brutally murdered by the German airforce, which came over England day and night in an attempt to bomb the British into submission.

AUSTRALIAN FIGHTING MEN.

"Australia has been saved that, and a great debt is owed to the gallant men and women of the Australian Fighting Services. The Australian fighting men have made great sacrifices. They have made a name for Australia in the Middle East and in Malaya, New Guinea, and other places that will never die. Our men have also manned Spitfires over Britain, and have taken British bombers over Germany in the raids that are now being made.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE LOAN.

"A few weeks ago I spoke to General Blamey, who had just arrived from New Guinea. He said the people of Australia hardly realised the gallant deeds being performed and the hardships being suffered by our soldiers in the jungles of New Guinea—both A.I.F. and Militia alike. Now, it is up to the people of Australia to see that these men do not lack for anything. They must be given every support and co-operation. They must be provided with better guns, better ammunition, better fighters and bombers. All branches of our fighting services must get an increasing supply of modern implements of war. That is why it is up to every individual who can possibly do so, to subscribe to the present War Loan and to future loans.

FINANCING THE WAR.

"There are no magical ways of financing a war. There are three sound ways to finance this war, and the Government is using them. They are:—Taxation, loans, and the judicious use of the national credit. The loan programme for the current financial year is for £300,000,000, an amount which is well within the capabilities of the Australian nation to raise. The present Fourth Liberty Loan is for £125,000,000.

WAR PROGRAMME.

"The Commonwealth Government, after close consultation with General Douglas MacArthur and the chiefs of the Australian Fighting Services, has laid down a war programme for the current financial year involving an expenditure of £570,000,000, and of this £300,000,000 must be found by raising loans.

TOWN OF GLADSTONE.

"The town of Gladstone, with a population of approximately 6000, has been set a quota of £32,000 for the Fourth Liberty Loan, and that amount can be raised. Up to the present about £18,000 has been subscribed, which leaves £14,000 to be subscribed before November 9. The town will have to make a special effort to raise the £14,000 before that date. The people are not being asked to give their money away. They are merely being asked to lend it to Australia at a good rate of interest.

BACK THE ATTACK.

"The money for the Government war loans is here in Australia. Because of the grand performances of the Fighting Forces, Australia is enjoying a total national income now of £1,300,000,000 a year. The national income was only £700,000,000 a year before the war. Moreover, there is now £380,000,000 deposited in savings banks throughout Australia earning interest at 2 per cent per annum. The rate of interest in the Fourth Liberty Loan is 2½ per cent a year for five years, or 3½ per cent a year for 15 years. It is an advantage to withdraw money from savings accounts and invest it in the loan. Why not do that? By investing in the loan you are backing the attack being made by the Army, Navy, and Airforce.

WAR NEWS.

We are all glad that the war news has shown a wonderful improvement in the last twelve months. It has given great heart to the men and women of the services and the people generally. That position has been brought about not only by the fighting ability and determination of the democracies to defeat the aggressors, but by the improved industrial organisation supplying equipment to the fighting men of Britain, Russia, the United States, Australia, and the other United Nations.

ON ROAD TO VICTORY

"But do not misunderstand the position. Do not imagine that the war is practically over. We would be living in a fool's paradise if we believed that. We can be certain that we are on the road to victory, but there is a long, hard road ahead. We have to prepare ourselves for years of war yet. We cannot relax. Full support for all war loans is one way of seeing that there is no let-up in Australia's determination to play her part in bringing the war to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible time."

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily identify ourselves with the views expressed by correspondents.)

HORSE SOME EAGLE.

The letter of "Fair Play," Gladstone, is printed as received.

In furnishing a detailed report of the Gladstone races, held on Oct. 16, there appeared an article on the racehorse Some Eagle, owned by Mr. A. Hulme, of Calliope, a very misleading and damaging article appeared on the ability of his qualifications as a racehorse.

Some irresponsible person, with the lack of real knowledge regarding the horse, has done quite a good deal of damage, and has served no good purpose by his statements.

In fairness to everybody, including Mr. Hulme, I would appreciate it very much if you would allow a little space in your valuable paper for this little comment.

I know for certain he has only ever won one race, and that a hack race in Calliope, and then he was only opposed to a mediocre lot of hacks. Also, the time of the race was in keeping with country hacks. Certainly, he won, so why all this rot about him being an Ajax?—Yours, etc.,

"FAIR PLAY."

(The meaning of the word "article" is a literary composition forming an independent portion of a newspaper, and the only thing wrong with "Fair Play's" letter is that it is not true, as no article appeared in the "Observer" regarding Some Eagle. What did appear was a paragraph in the introduction to the patriotic race meeting that Some Eagle, claimed to be the best horse in the district, was scratched by Mr. Hulme on account of the threatening conditions early on Saturday morning." No more and no less, but certainly no article. The horse did win at Calliape, and also registered a "third" at Gladstone. Despite that some racing men still claim Some Eagle to be the best horse in the district. They may be wrong, but are entitled to their opinion. Again, no mention was made, either directly or indirectly to that Australian champion, Ajax. What "Fair Play" lacks is a full understanding of the words he uses. Strange how the English language is abused.—Ed. "Observer.")

GIFT STALL.

The gift stall, conducted by the Paddy's Market Committee during the past two months has been very successful, and every effort will be made to expand it during November and December. All Red Cross supporters are asked to assist in any way possible.

MINISTER FOR ARMY

MR. FORDE VISITS GLADSTONE

Several Deputations

Mr. F. M. Forde, M.H.R., Deputy Prime Minister, arrived in Gladstone on Friday afternoon, accompanied by other officers of his department. Mr. Forde, who looked exceptionally well, has had a particularly busy period since he last visited the electorate at Federal election date. He is now campaigning in connection with the Fourth Liberty Loan, and addressed the audience at the Embassys Theatre on Friday night, when he strongly urged the filling of the loan.

From the moment of his arrival Mr. Forde was besieged with deputations and interviews on various subjects from the local shortage of beer to more weighty problems facing local bodies. Members of the Waterside Federation, A.M.I.E. Union and the Trades and Labour Council also met Mr. Forde, and brought several matters connected with the industrial field under his notice.

BEER SHORTAGE.

Mr. George Wyatt, President of the Gladstone branch of the Waterside Workers' Federation, headed a deputation of 40 watersiders and representatives of the Trades and Labour Council, who had assembled at the pick-up hall in Oaka lane.

Speakers included the Chairman (Mr. Wyatt), Messrs. L. Funk, J. Gosschalk, D. Lewis, R. Smith, A. Force, C. Boles, M. H. Sammon, and M. Vallis.

Matters dealt with included the shortage of beer in Gladstone, many workers being unable to obtain a drink on ceasing work on account of the influx of service personnel.

It was also stated that the quota allotted the town had been drastically reduced, hotelkeepers having to do with some 1300 gallons per month less than that available five months ago.

Mr. Forde admitted that such a reduction was too severe, and said he would take the matter up immediately with Senator Keane.

TOWN AND PORT.

Messrs. Gosschalk, Funk and Lewis referred to the recent formation of an Advance League in Gladstone to further the claims of the town and port. It was hoped that some progress would be made by combined action, and the industrial unions were ready to pull their weight.

Mr. Forde commended this, and said it was a step in the right direction. It would bring people in who had not previously had a chance to co-operate, and make Gladstone's case far more effective.

WATER SCHEME.

Mr. Funk claimed that Gladstone's progress was bound up in the question of the new water scheme, as shipping and other activities depended on a good supply of water

GOOD WATER ESSENTIAL.

Mr. Forde said a good water supply was essential. He reminded members of his efforts in connection with the Boyne scheme. He had first secured the Council a "B-2" priority, and finally an "A-2" priority, which put the work next to military undertakings. He had also obtained a grant of £10,000 from the Federal Government for the scheme, and despite present difficulties in connection with material and labour, it should now be completed. No doubt, the delay in the past two or three years (Mr. Boles: Over 15 years) had caused anxiety.

MR. FORDE INTERESTED IN SCHEME.

Mr. Forde felt that the Federal Government had done all that was possible, and it now rested with the local Council and State authorities. Personally, he would not rest until he saw the scheme completed and the town given a good water supply, and he would again confer with the Mayor and aldermen.

TRADE OF THE PORT.

Mr. Lewis dealt with the loss of pre-war trade to the port, which had been practically lost, and the small amount of military activity did not nearly compensate. He offered a practical solution by a rearrangement of shipping and cargoes along the coast.

This was supported by Mr. Gosschalk, who pointed out that cattle were being railed past two Central Queensland Meatworks to Brisbane, involving a loss of coal, manpower and rolling stock. At the same time the local canning plant was idle.

Mr. Forde said he understood that the higher ceiling prices for cattle in the south was one of the causes, but he understood that action was being taken to remedy this.

FISHING INDUSTRY.

Mr. Alf. Force referred to the difficulties of local fishermen, who could not purchase nets, twine or lines. The catches of fish to the port were falling considerably, and even the professional fishermen were giving it up. Something should be done to make these lines available to all fishermen, so that more fish would be available to the public.

Mr. Forde asked where the fish were caught, and was told principally the Barrier Reef and rivers. He also asked for a description of Heron and other islands, and their distance from Gladstone. He promised to make representations into the provisions of fishing material, as it seemed most logical for the Government to supply this when they were asking for an increase in fishing catches.

TRADERS AND DOCKETS.

Mr. Dick Smith referred to the practice of certain traders in town refusing to give dockets with articles purchased. He claimed this was a cover for profiteering. "A Yank has a tabby," said Mr. Smith, and paid an exorbitant price for an article. We were then asked to do the same.

Mr. Boles mentioned that Mr. Pollard (price fixing representative) had discussed the matter on a visit to Gladstone some time back. Several local traders absolutely refused to give a docket to the purchaser.

Mr. Forde said he would note this and have inquiries made.

SUGAR TRADE.

The railage of sugar to Brisbane when the port of Gladstone was much nearer, the meagre use of the port despite an enviable local record in turning ships around, and the casual employment for watersiders—some having been five weeks without employment—were referred to by various speakers, who all pointed out the huge waste of effort in linking shipping and rail.

Mr. Forde took a note of the number of waterside workers, their periods of employment, the cargoes which could be shipped here, but were now railed to Brisbane, and other relative matters, and promised a complete investigation.

TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Mr. Sammon handed Mr. Forde an identity card holder of inferior material, for which he had been charged 10/6 at a local store.

Mr. Boles tendered a half-pound of a well known brand of tea, which he said was unusable. Several similar packets had been tried, and no one could drink the beverage.

The two articles were taken by Captain Arthur so that the Minister could investigate the position.

AN HONORARY MEMBER.

In thanking members of the Federation for the opportunity of addressing them and listening to their complaints, the Minister mentioned that he had been a member of the Waterside Workers' Federation for 26 years, having been elected a honorary members by Rockhampton in 1917.

Th President (Mr. Wyatt) thanked Mr. Forde for his courtesy and consideration, and the many informative points given the deputation.

MEAT RATIONING.

A deputation from A.M.I.E. Union, consisting of Messrs. Peter Vock, T. Caterson, and J. G. Darling, met Mr. Forde, and strongly objected to meat rationing, and the allowance of 2½lb. which they claimed was insufficient for industrial workers in a tropical climate.

The speakers pointed out that there was a large waste of meat, and rationing in Central Queensland was not really necessary. Pigs heads and trotters, comprising excellent meats, were melted down for tallow at present.

The deputation also advicated the zoning of cattle to save unnecessary travel, trucking and bruising, and conserve coal and manpower. These cattle should be treated at the nearest works instead of being railed hundreds of miles south.

Mr. Forde was also asked to give priority to the erection of certain buildings at the Gladstone Meatworks.

During his stay in Gladstone Mr. Forde and party visited the Gladstone District Hospital, where they were shown over the institution by the Secretary (Mr. Jas. Burrows).

BOWLING

Pairs Competition

The pairs competition was commenced at the Gladstone Bowling green on Saturday, when several matches were decided.

Joyner and Loveday v. Weiske and Jenkinson 19-18.

Comino and Jackson v. Norris and Pring 21-16.

Young and Golding v. Hogan and Cooper 19-17.

Hixon and Drowe v. Garrett and Busteed 10-27.

Fewster and Henery v. Chapman and Greasley 25-15.

Garrett and Busteed v. Fewster and Henery 19-11.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Seaton, Dahl and Friend v. Hando, Cameron and Pestorius 27-18.

Schmidt, Stewart, Ullman and Loveday v. Witty, Dennis, Archay and Pestorius 24-20.

Schmidt, Young and Golding v. Bycroft and Humphries 38-26.

Pring, Browne and Jackson v. A. Friend, Smith and Cooper 26-25.

Matthews and Weiske v. A. Friend and Humphries 29-17.

Seaton, Corones, Chapman and Johnston v. Barker, Clye, Dahl and Greasley 27-16.

Joyner, Bycroft and Jenkinson v. Browne, Smith and Wilson, 30-18.

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The committee, in appealing for this prompt investment, wish to point out that the loan closes next Tuesday.

Full information can be had from any bank, and as Gladstone is a long way behind in its quota, especially in the number of subscribers, full co-operation from every citizen is required.

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Date of Death.—February 16, 1943.
Name of Claimant.—Gustave Albert Gakowski, of Kungurri, near Mackay.
Description and Situation of Land—Resub 2, sub. 2, allot. 1, sec. 46, town of Gladstone.
Estate Claimed to be Transmitted.—Fee simple.
Particulars of Will or otherwise.—Will dated 15th February, 1943.
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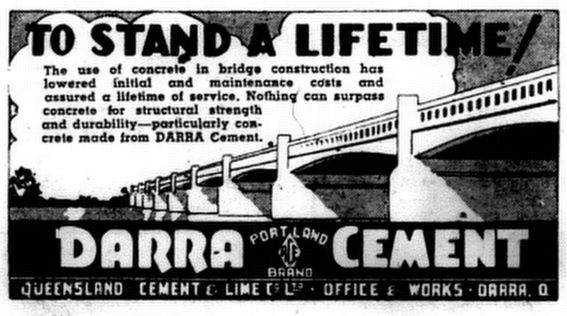

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The decision of Cabinet to release 15,000 men from the Army for rural work indicates that the Government is to some extent aware of it.

We suggest that every organisation, no matter what its nature, should write to the Federal Government, requesting:—

(1) That the men be released at once, so that food crops can be planted in time for this season. That all usual time-taking formalities be cut out. That telegraphic instructions be issued for the release of the men and plane transport be provided. That every facility be made available for production, such as spare parts for machinery, fuel for tractors and trucks, tyres if necessary, fertilisers, wire, netting, poisons for pest control, etc.

(2) That only experienced men be sent to farmers, such as owners of farms, the sons of farmers and graziers, and former employees.

Regarding request (1), the men should have been released more than two months ago to get the best results for this season. The useful time left is so short that not one day should be lost in getting the men on to the farms.

Relative to request (2), it will be fatal to send men without experience. They would be useless. A farmer needs a lot of actual experience. Every farm has particular needs, which only the man who has worked that farm can know, and they alone can get the best results from it. To release fifteen hundred sons of farmers or former employees, and return them to the farms from which they were enlisted, will certainly achieve greater production than would fifteen thousand men without experience, or even with good farm knowledge but without experience of the particular farm to which they were returned.

There are thousands of farms where valuable plant and land is idle because one or more sons or employees have volunteered or have been called up. On these farms the release of the one or two sons or employees will greatly increase production in a short time. The release of strangers will not do the job. It must be the man or men who have worked on that farm. The extreme importance of this factor cannot be too strongly stressed. Even if these men are right in the battle line, they can do a far more useful and urgent job on the farm they know, while another man takes their gun or plane. For the same reason, any expense that will get them back to their farm a little more quickly is fully justified.

This is for the sake of the Nation, not for the benefit of the farmer. We suggest that the Government should appoint a special staff to at once review every application that has been made by a farmer or grazier for the release of a son or employee, and in every case that appears genuine the man be released at once.

We advise every farmer who has work for his son or former employee to at once make another application to the local War Agricultural Committee. We would like a copy of your application.

The urgency of this matter will be brought home to the Government if every organisation (and individual too) will write to their local M.H.R., or direct to the Federal Government, making the two requests named above.

The danger of food shortage in Australia now is as grave as the danger of Jap invasion was twelve months ago.

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The Gladstone branch of the A.C.F. will conduct a toy and gift stall about the end of November.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and W. Keller) and an energetic committee are working hard to make this a success, and would appreciate donations of cash, remnants of material, and wool suitable for making toys and gifts, or any used toys in fairly good condition that could be renovated for sale.

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	11.27	11.32	4.54	6.03
2	——	12.10	5.31	7.00
3	12.09	12.59	6.19	8.03
4	1.14	1.57	7.22	9.09
5	2.24	3.05	8.39	10.15
6	3.48	4.21	9.56	11.17
7	5.12	5.35	11.10	——
8	6.22	6.37	12.18	12.17
9	7.17	7.30	1.05	1.17
10	8.05	8.17	1.50	2.12
11	8.49	9.00	2.31	3.04
12	9.31	9.41	3.10	3.52
13	10.10	10.20	3.48	4.40
14	10.50	11.01	4.24	5.27
15	11.30	11.42	5.00	6.13
16	——	12.10	5.38	7.00
17	12.05	12.50	6.18	7.50
18	1.14	1.35	7.07	8.41
19	2.10	2.25	8.05	9.35
20	3.17	3.29	9.10	10.28
21	4.31	4.29	10.15	11.20
22	5.39	5.31	11.17	——
23	6.34	6.26	12.07	12.14
24	7.19	7.14	12.50	1.06
25	7.59	7.56	1.30	1.55
26	8.38	8.37	2.08	2.43
27	9.15	9.17	2.45	3.30
28	9.54	9.57	3.20	4.18
29	10.34	10.49	3.58	5.09
30	11.17	11.26	4.38	6.01

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... November 5
Full Moon ..... November 12
Last Quarter ..... Novembtr 20
New Moon ..... November 28

DECEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	——	12.01	5.24	6.56
2	12.11	12.50	6.16	7.58
3	1.13	1.45	7.17	8.52
4	2.17	2.45	8.28	9.52
5	3.33	3.53	9.40	10.50
6	4.51	5.04	10.52	11.43
7	6.02	6.08	12.00	——
8	7.00	7.04	12.33	1.02
9	7.48	7.53	1.19	2.00
10	8.32	8.37	2.01	2.52
11	9.12	9.20	2.40	3.39
12	9.50	10.00	3.17	4.25
13	10.30	10.38	3.53	5.09
14	11.06	11.32	4.31	5.51
15	11.45	——	5.10	6.34
16	12.04	12.21	5.50	7.18
17	12.47	1.00	6.36	8.02
18	1.36	1.40	7.27	8.48
19	2.31	2.28	8.25	9.37
20	3.35	3.22	9.30	10.27
21	4.41	4.26	10.31	11.16
22	5.45	5.32	11.35	——
23	6.40	6.36	12.04	12.34

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Full Moon ..... December 12
Last Quarter ..... December 20
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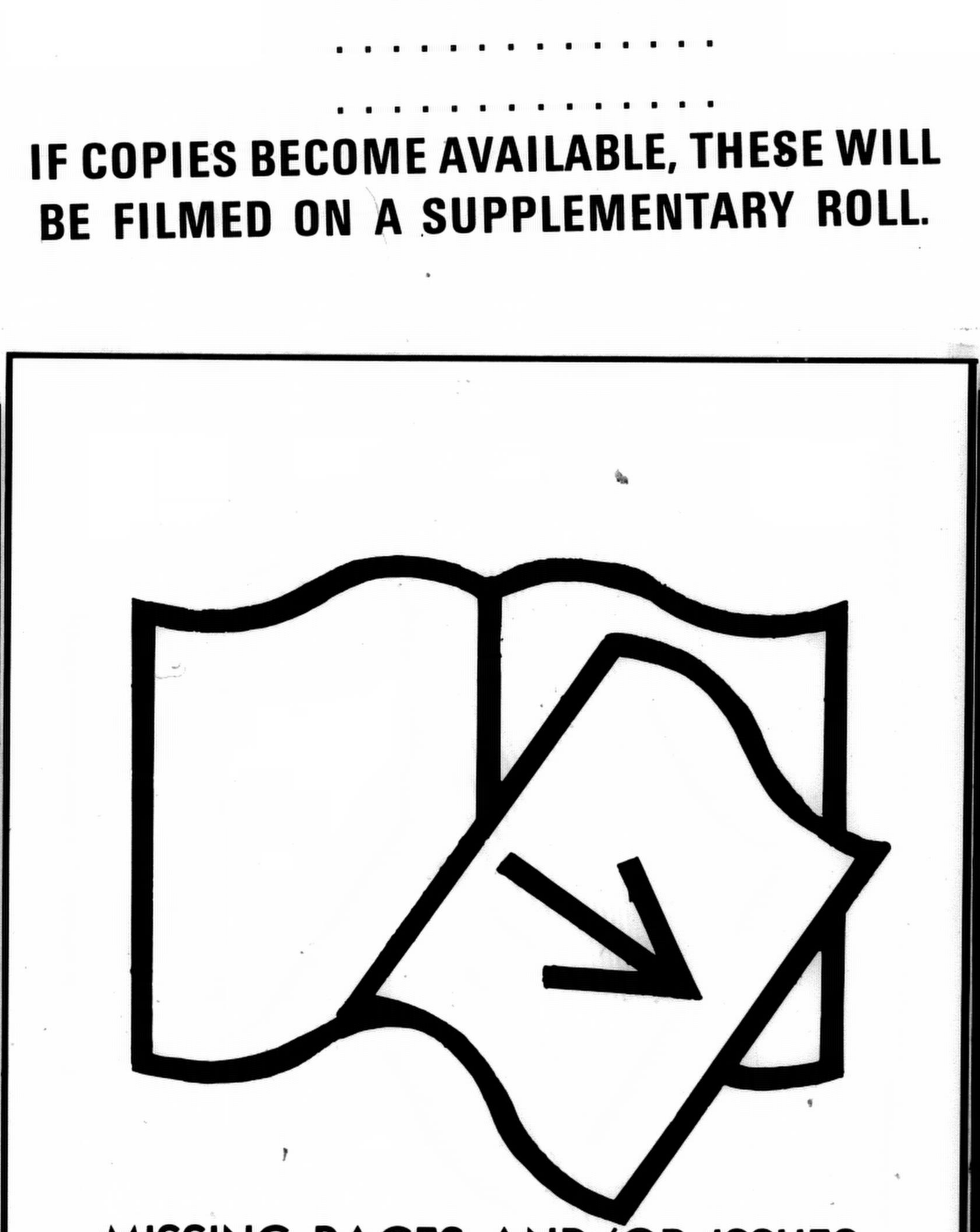

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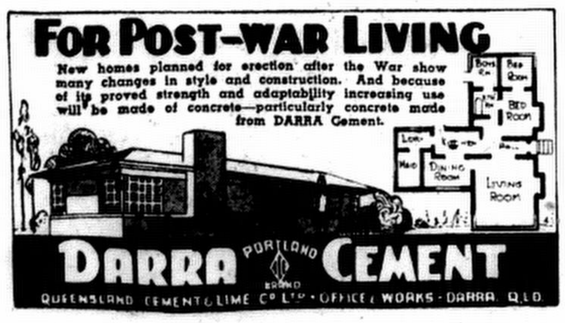

IN NEW GUINEA

BEST "SECRET AGENT"

Australian Wireless Equipment

Good news continues to come in from New Guinea.

"In my opinion, our present success in New Guinea has been made possible by the superiority of Australian-made wireless equipment," said the aviator and engineer, Ray Parer, now back in Sydney after serving six months in the New Guinea area as an engineer with a U.S. service.

"In New Guinea," he went on, "it's not strength that counts as much as knowledge. Air and land superiority would be of little use if we did not know how to place it, and the Lae and Salamaua actions proved conclusively that we have the upper hand as far as transmitting information goes.

"To be prepared is essential, and without wireless, preparedness is impossible, for we are dependent on listening posts to send in warnings of coming air attacks.

"These posts can give the number of enemy planes and other vital information long before any aircraft is actually in sight.

"Once when I was at a certain base we were told by the listening post to stand by for a raid in a quarter of an hour. It came in a quarter of an hour, too, but by then we had had time to take precautions.

"Secrecy, of course, is almost as important as efficiency in wireless operation," Ray Parer went on. "And I must say," he added with a grin, "that the Aussies are past masters when it comes to hiding their installations. I did a lot of wandering round during the six months I was in the New Guinea area, and never once did I come across one of their 'secret' observation posts.

"I've had many opportunities of realising just what good radio contact means," the famous aviator went on. "And like all our chaps up north, I felt a real thrill of pride every time I saw our wireless operators leaning over their instruments and carrying on with their job under fire.

"I remember one occasion in New Guinea when I came across an apparatus I had actually inspected in Sydney, where I'd been very interested in its performance. I little thought then that I'd run across it again in a corner of the jungle! I had reached an advanced station, so far advanced in fact that nothing had been established except the wireless tent and the mess hut. But the wireless outfit had managed to take a loud spaker with them. I sat on a log with my mess pannikin on my knee and listened to a news broadcast from home. It was the first news from outside that most of the boys had heard for months. You've no idea what a great sensation it gave us—and what emotion it stirred up. It's an experience I shall never forget.

"But going back to actual warfare. Practically every move in New Guinea is dependent on radio. Australia seems to be able to supply increasingly superior equipment, and so long as this continues we can't help being a jump ahead of the Japs. Whatever they do we can be ready for them. Our wireless has a way of knowing how many and how soon they will be against us. It is the best 'secret agent' in the world."

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GLADSTONE PEOPLE THANKED.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I have been instructed by the Gladstone War Loans Committee to thank the people of Gladstone who assisted in various ways in making the recent War Loan a success.

The work in connection with the War Loan, whether done by the Committee or any person whose services have been co-opted, was all honorary, and not one penny was received or expended by the Committee.

The Committee does not wish me to particularly mention names of individuals, whose efforts were so generously given in support of the Loan, but it does wish to record its appreciation of the efforts of the press, clergy, theatre proprietors, speakers and firms.

The courtesy shown to the canvassers by the general public is also appreciated.

Yours, etc.,
J. BURROWS, Secretary.

AT BEECHER

A Sports Meeting

Residents of the Beecher district and members of the C.C.C. met last Tuesday night to discuss arrangements for holding a day's sports in aid of the Red Shield Mobile Canteen, on Saturday, November 20th.

A committee was formed, Mr. E. Jefferis being elected chairman, Mr. Michel treasarer, and Mr. Kirkwood secretary.

A programme of horse and pedestrian events, with prize money totalling £20, was drawn up, with a dance to follow at night.

Programmes will be printed and distributed throughout the district.

Any donations will be gratefully acknowledged by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Kirkwood.

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Emphasising the urgent importance of taking action in Australia to bring about a proper balance between primary, secondary and commercial activities, the Leader of the Australian Country Party (Mr. Fadden) said that for some considerable time past he and other members of the Country Party had recognised the need for the decentralisation of industry.

Mr. Fadden's remarks were prompted by a statement by the Minister for Customs (Senator Keane) that it was atrocious that more than 60 per cent of the people should be concentrated in cities when great areas in the country awaited development.

Mr. Fadden said that decentralisation of industries was the policy which the Country Party had pursued. It was outlined in his Country Party policy speech, and would have been pushed forward had members of the party been returnd to power.

"As far back as May, 1939, I advocatd in Parliament the necessity for the decentralisation of our population," said Mr. Fadden. I stated that at that time records revealed that while our population had increased by 38.4 per cent over 20 years, the population of the six capital cities had grown by 58 per cent., whereas that of country districts had increased by only 24 per cent.

Now, in Senator Keane's own statement that more than 60 per cent of the people are concentrated in the cities, the position has become considerably worse.

This state of affairs calls for immediate remedial action. The position cannot be allowed to drift, otherwise it will become very dangerous.

The Australian Country Party stands for the stimulation of country development and a wider distribution of population by decentralisation of industry, more intensive land settlement, and the provision of all facilities essential to modern civilised life and an opportunity for profitable occupation.

There is an urgent need to adopt measures to ensure the dispersal of our population over wider areas, both now and in the future. Since the war with Japan brought about an expansion of war industries located in and near the cities, the drift of population from rural areas has been such that to-day our cities are far too over-crowded for the national good.

Therefore, it is of first-rate importance that the Government should do something towards bringing about a more even distribution of population. To this end it is essential there should be formulated comprehensive water conservation and electricity supply schemes.

Water conservation is highly important, not only for rural industries, but for the promotion of secondary industries in country districts. Similarly, the provision of large supplies of cheap electricity, and intelligent revision of rail freights and motor transport control are also important to the success of any decentralisation plan.

The country people of Australia have justifiable claims for a better distribution of industry. In considering the question, the Government should regard as its prime objective the establishment of a well-balanced State, in which a due proportion is maintained between primary production, secondary production, and trade."

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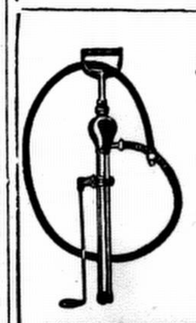

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"The Germans really fear the Russians and are treating their prisoners badly. In the winter of 1941 as many as 50 were dying daily in a camp. The bodies were thrown into cesspits. We used to throw scraps of food to the Russian prisoners wherever possible."

SERGEANT FRED BUTTERFIELD, from Fairfield, N.S.W., expressed deepest appreciation for everything done for the men. He said: "We cannot say enough for what the Red Cross has done for us. Without their help I do not think we would be here alive to-day. Everyone with relatives in German prison camps can be assured that, thanks to the Red Cross, the boys will be looked after. Everyone will get home."

CAN ANYONE TURN A DEAF EAR

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Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, established 1867. Sunday November 14th: 11 a.m. Morning Worship, 3 p.m. Benaraby, 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship. Minister, Revd. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, November 14th as follows:—11 a.m., preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. 3 p.m. Sunday School. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m., preacher Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. All are cordially invited to these services.

Engagement

KATKUS-BRAWN.—The engagement is announced of Renee Pauline, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Brawn, of Kent Street, West Gladstone, to Corporal Joseph Katkus, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Katkus, of Cherry, Illinois, U.S.A.

Birth

HODDINOTT.—At the Gladstone General Hospital, on 12th November, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hoddinott—a daughter, Margaret Anne, a sister for Sandra.

Thanks.

MR. and MRS. P. KELLIHER and Family, of Gladstone, wish to thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron, and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital for their kindness and attention to their daughter while an inmate of the institution; also all kind friends for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

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CURRENT TOPICS

CHRISTMAS TRAINS.

The Railway Commissioner (Mr. P. R. T. Willis) has announced that no special Christmas trains would be run on the Queensland railways this year. He said the decision not to run extra services was due to circumstances over which the department had no control.

REAL ESTATE AND LOANS.

Investors in real estate will have to satisfy the Commonwealth Treasury they have invested a required amount in war loans before consent will be given to purchase real estate. Homes being bought for the use of the purchaser and other properties under the value of £500 are excluded from these restrictions.

DIMMING OF STREET LIGHTS.

An immediate investigation has been ordered by the Commonwealth Electrical Controller (Mr. Moss) into the action of the Sydney County Council which decided to ignore the Government's order to dim street lights. The Council directed its general manag : not to proceed with the dimming of street lights, and passed a resolution protesting to the Government against the enforcement of the order on the grounds that badly lighted stree's were dangerous to the community. Mr. Moss said that he was having the matter investigated to decide what action should be taken.

CHURCH AND STATE.

"Relations between the Church and State are obviously important, and it is the complementary nature of these two authorities that leads to a happy national life," said the Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Rev. R. C. Halse. The Archbishop was speaking at a civic reception given him by the Lord Mayor (Ald. Chandler). "I will be very happy," he said, "to do anything I can to help the State or city to further its functions. I want to learn all I can about the problems confronting us in the Church and State, and to get to know the needs of these bodies."

LADY COLLECTORS.

The hon. organisers of the P.O.W. Committee have decided to endeavour to canvass some short sections of the town not yet in the scheme. With this end in view lady collectors are asked to assemble at 2 p.m. this afternoon at the residence of Mr. Connellan. The streets to be canvassed are Toolooa Street, from the Railway Station to Eggstein's Store; Short Street, and some other short sections and lanes in the Valley. Mrs. Watson will be in charge of the canvass, and ladies will be conveyed by car to the various points necessary. Any lady able to assist is asked to get in touch with the organiser as soon as possible.

The number of taxpayers paying Commonwealth income tax has risen more than fourfold since war began, and now stands at approximately 1,500,000 compared with 335,000 in 1938-1939.

WAR LOAN ART UNION

APPEAL FOR MORE SALES

"You Must Back a Winner"

The committee reports that there is still a long way to go before the sales equal the prize money, and the Secretary over the last two days has made a wide distribution of books to the various shops and busines houses. Several of the small shops in the past have asked how they may assist the prisoners of war, and it is anticipated that the Art Union will provide the answer. The cause is good, and the organisers thank a generous public in anticipation.

The V.A.D's. continue to sell well, and yesterday handed in the sum of £22/18/- from sales.

The greatest fillip to date, however, from any one individual, came from Mr. Herb Peters, who took seven books at the conclusion of the loan meeting on Tuesday night, and late the following morning 'phoned the Secretary for more books, after having handed in £14. Surely this must be an all-time record, and several inquiries have been lodged as to how it was done. "Hard work," no doubt, will be the finding when the stewards complete their inquiry.

Talking in racing terms, a good sport has drawn attention to the fact that in the Art Union the odds are 1000 to 1 (or £100 to 2/-), with various other prizes thrown in for good measure, and the punter must back a winner. This should pale the odds now being offered about the Melbourne Cup, where there is no guarantee. Do not miss the point in the Art Union, as you must back a winner.

GLADSTONE SUBSCRIPTIONS

£2890 Short of Quota

At the close of banking business yesterday Gladstone subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty War Loan totalled £29,110.

The amount represents 428 applicants, while the number allotted is 431, with Gladstone's quota standing at £32,000.

Further subscriptions will be accepted by the banks up till the closing of business to-day (Saturday).

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Christmas cheer in cash amounting to about £2000 will be distributed to people receiving relief assistance from the State. About 1400 recipients will benefit. The distribution will be on the same basis as in previous years.

FOR THE AMBULANCE.

The Secretary of the Ambulance Brigade (Mr. W. V. Coase) wishes to acknowledge with thanks the sum of £7 received from the Pastimes Cricket Club, per N. Campbell (captain), being proceeds of a dance held at the Empire Hall in aid of the Ambulance. Mr. W. Ross acted as M.C., and Miss Keane supplied the music. The committee appreciates the kind action of the club.

AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.

At a further meeting of the Gladstone Amateur Swimming Club, held on Thursday night last, further appointments of officials were made as follows:—Treasurer, Mr. P. Crow; handicapper, Mr. F. Janson; timekeepers, Messrs D. Groundwater and H. Ringuet; starter, Mr. A. Scheskie; assistant starter, Mr. W. McKenzie; judges, Messrs D. Ritchie and Mr. A. Jenkins; diving judge, Mr. A. Scheskie. Immediately after the meeting a club swim took place, details of which will appear in our next issue.

FOUREX FOR XMAS.

In response to many inquiries concerning supplies of Fourex for the Xmas holidays, the local agents for Messrs. Castlemaine Perkins Ltd. (Gladstone Agencies), advise that their principals have agreed to make a quantity available through local hotels to regular Fourex clients. During the past six months the brewers of this popular ale have not been able to supply it to local hotels, and conditions in the industry have been such that difficulty has been experienced in even forwarding restricted quotas of draught Castlemaine. Shortage of malt and manpower and increased service demands are the factors contributing to this. However, as stated above, a small quantity of Fourex is being distributed in town on Monday next, and early next month about 300 dozen will be delivered. Clients are, therefore, asked to get in touch with their supplier and ask that small quantities be reserved. The Fourex is definitely for local civilian consumption, and not for service needs.

OBITUARY

Mr. E. W. Crow

The death occurred at the Gladstone Hospital at an early hour on Wednesday of a well-known and highly respected citizen in the person of Mr. Ernest Wilfred Crow, after a brief illness, in his 76th year of his age.

Born at Theddlethorpe, Lincolnshire, England, he came to Australia with his brother Duncan as a lad of 16, and his first job was on a station with the Beak family in the Rockhampton district. He then went to Mt. Morgan, and was in the mining centre when the famous mine was opened up.

Afterwards he travelled to Bundaberg and commenced a business connected with the sugar industry when labour was indentured from the Islands. He then went north to Halifax, where he kept a store in the sugar area.

Ultimately he returned to Bundaberg, where he took over the baths from his father, Mr. Robert Crow. He ran these for many years, and when his brother "Sid" went into business at the opening up of Many Peaks he conducted a shop and saloon adjoining the hotel.

Finally he came to Gladstone, where in partnership with his brothers, I. S. and Duncan, and the late Mr. W. J. Prizeman, he obtained a franchise to instal the first electric light plant in the town. He assisted in erecting the plant, and was engineer in charge until it was subsequently sold to the Gladstone Town Council.

Mr. Crow took an active part in assisting the then member for Port Curtis, the late Mr. George Carter, in urging the construction of the Boyne Valley railway line, and had the satisfaction of seeing the railway completed to Monto.

Mr. Crow took a warm interest in public affairs, and was a member of the Harbour Board for 16 years, and was chairman in 1935, and his services were highly appreciated, both by his colleagues and the community.

He was a strong supporter of the plan submitted by Engineer Lindon W. Bates, of London, which was presented to the Queensland Parliament in 1898, the building of a sea wall from Auckland Point to Barney Point, and filling in behind the wall by hydraulic dredge, thus reclaiming valuable land. Some years ago the whole scheme and plan was published in these columns.

As a member of the Harbour Board Mr. Crow was a good worker for the advancement of the port and the progress of the town, rendering valuable service, and he "carried on" with the good work right up until the time of his death.

In politics Mr. Crow was a strong supporter of the Labour Party, a member since its inception, and was an active member of the Gladstone branch of the A.L.P. Mr. Crow was also a foundation member of the Mulgrave branch of the I.O.O.F., Bundaberg.

The deceased is survived by his wife (nee Miss Jones, of Bundaberg), a son, Sergt. J. Crow, in the R.A.A.F., who is now convalescing after an operation in Melbourne, and a daughter, Mrs. R. James, of Biloela. There are two surviving sisters, Mesdames Ralston, Sydney (Edith), and Smith, Sydney (Ada), and one brother, Mr. H. M. Crow, of Rockhampton. Brothers who predeceased him are Duncan (Bundaberg), H. A. B. C. (Childers and Bundaberg), and I. S. ("Sid"), Gladstone. One sister, Mrs. Spence (Clara), of Bundaberg, died some years ago.

The body was conveyed from the parlour on Wednesday night to the Railway Station, en route to Bundaberg for burial. The pall-bearers at the parlour and station were: The Chairman of the Harbour Board (Mr C. W. Macfarlan), the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin), the Manager of the Power House (Mr. E. W. Phillips), and the Town Council Water Foreman (Mr. D. D. Jackson).

The funeral took place in Bundaberg on Thursday.

HARBOUR BOARD REFERENCE.

At the Harbour Board meeting, held yesterday, the Chairman (Mr. C. W. Macfarlan) made feeling reference to the death of Mr. E. W. Crow, who had been a member of the Board for sixteen years, and during that time had rendered valuable service in all phases of port development work. He moved that a record be made in the minutes of the Board, and a letter of sympathy be forwarded to the widow and family.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Schache, all members standing in silence for one minute.

HARBOUR BOARD

INTEREST RATES REDUCED

£20 For Development League

The monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. C. W. Macfarlan), and Messrs. W. R. Golding, C. S. Schache, R. S. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

Apologies were received from Messrs A. W. Drewe and J. F. Donovan, who were granted leave of absence from the meeting.

INTEREST RATES REDUCED.

The Treasury Department notified a reduction in interest rates from 5 to 4½ per cent.—Received.

AUDITOR.

The Treasury Department advised that Mr. L. S. Johnston had been appointed auditor for the Board for 1944.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

The Treasury Department, through Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A., advised that a further subsidy of £15/3/3 in connection with civil defence expenditure had been made available to the Board.—Received.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

A letter was received from the Port Curtis Development League, explaining its objects and inviting the Board to become a member.—It was decided to become a member, that Mr. A. W. Drewe be the Board's representative on the League, and also to mak a donation of £20 to the funds of the League.

Payments amounting to £650/1/8 were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £310/4/6 were passed for payment.

LAND COURT

CROWN RENT CLAIMS

Disallowed by Mr. Payne

Claims by the Crown for increased rents for grazing selections of indifferent quality land were disallowed by Mr. W. L. Payne at the Bundaberg sittings of the Land Court.

Mr. Payne said that he had been impressed by the efforts the lessees in the cases concerned were making to get from their country the best production possible, and by the continuing expense to which they were put to maintain their carrying capacities. He was continuing the existing rent for a further seven years, as an encouragement to the tenants. In such cases, if any doubt about rental value existed, he thought that it should be resolved in favour of the tenant.

Rents of Crown tenures were always determined by the Land Court on the unimproved value of the country, plus consideration as to its potentialities. Although rents might be based on developed carrying capacities, it was essential to make full allowance for all expenditure by the Crown tenant on improvements and development. Increasing development of the public estate must be encouraged, and no Crown Land should be rented at a higher rate because of the tenant's own work of development.

ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT

Varied and Interesting Programme

The second annual St. Andrew's Concert will be held in the Town Hall, Friday, 3rd December. The central feature of the varied and interesting programme is the contralto singer, Mrs. C. W. Ewald, of Bundaberg, whose talent is well known at eisteddfodau and celebrity concerts. Items of the children's concert will be repeated, and besides local artists there will be community features. Tickets are on sale from Sunday School children, at the Manse, or at P. M. Jones, where reservations can be made.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the Joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, November 19.

The energetic convenors (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlane and J. W. Garrett) would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at the Gladstone Cash and Carry.

AUCKLAND CREEK

SCHEME OF BEAUTIFICATION

Friends Offer Appreciated

At the monthly meeting of the Harbour Board, held yesterday, the following letter was received from Mr. A. H. Friend, managing director of Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd., Gladstone:—

"I have to inform you that my directors have considered your request to purchase the small strip of freehold land on Auckland Creek owned by us, being allotment 38a, and part of allotment 37, section 1, town of Gladstone.

"Our decision is that when the Gladstone Harbour Board has given to us in writing that it is committed to the reclamation of the foreshores of Auckland Creek, between Marine Parade and the Creek, and that the work has been put in hand, my company will be pleased to hand over to the Harbour Board free of cost title deeds of the property under review as a gift towards the improvement and beautification of Gladstone, which has so often been described by visitors as one of the picked beauty tourist spots in Queensland, if not Australia.

"We are of the opinion that much good will eventuate from such a progressive view, and we trust the initiative shown by the Board will be followed by other local authorities. The Board is to be congratulated.

"Gladstone has never had an opportunity like the present to place its natural advantages as a port and tourist resort before its visitors than it has to-day.

A FINE GESTURE.

The Chairman (Mr. Macfarlan) said the offer made by Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. was a very fine gesture, one of extended co-operation, which he felt sure would be deeply appreciated by all members of the Board.

THANKED FOR OFFER.

Mr. W. R. Golding, after endorsing the remarks of Mr. Macfarlan, moved that Messrs. Friends (Pty.) Ltd. be thanked for their offer, and informed that the Board was definitely committed to a scheme of improvement and beautification of the foreshores of Auckland Creek, and hoped to submit a sketch in the near future outlining the Board's proposal.

The motion was seconded by Mr. R. S. Wilson and carried.

WAR LOANS COMMITTEE

GLADSTONE MEETING

Swifts £5000

A meeting of the Gladstone War Loans Committee was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday night. Present: Messrs. G. G. Dennis (chairman), J. Vallis, A. E. Ambrose, E. Fordham, H. Hall, H. Peters, V. Summers, R. Tudman, and J. Burrows.

REPORTS OF LOAN PROGRESS.

State Government Insurance Office advised that a further £1500 had been allocated to Gladstone's quota, making a total of £4000 from that office.

Mr. Hall stated that at the the moment the number of investors in Gladstone was approximately 30 short of the quota, and it was agreed that a special effort be made to reach the quota.

GENERAL.

Members of the committee expressed disappointment at the absence of representation on the committee of certain sections of the community, and it was resolved that when the next loan is mooted a sub-committee be appointed for the purpose of enlisting further support from the business section of the town.

The Secretary was instructed to thank Messrs. Swifts Ltd. and the State Government Insurance Office for allocating £5000 and £4000 respectively of their contributions to the Gladstone quota.

Speakers stated that with very few exceptions the Committee had received generous and whole-harted support, and the Secretary was instructed to thank all those who had supported both directly and indirectly in making the loan as successful as it was.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mr. Mick Spencer, of the R.A.A.F., has been spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spencer, of Gladstone, and has now returned to his unit. His many friends wish him the best of luck.

CRICKET

VALLEYS-PARSON'S POINT

FIRST INNINGS WIN

At the Showgrounds on Sunday last Valleys met a much improved Parson's Point team, the latter winning by 103 runs on the first innings.

Valleys won the toss and decided to bat, Clohessy and McKenzie being the opening batsmen. McKenzie, however, was soon out.

Lester joined Clohessy, and were enterprising for a short time, taking the score to 54, when Clohessy was out l.b.w.

Then the collapse came, four more wickets falling for the addition of only 15 runs, which was due to a fine bowling burst by L. Dennis.

Valley's tail wagged slightly, and eventually they were all out for the small score of 126.

Dennis, with six for 39, was the best bowler.

Parson's Point opened with Stitt and Mason, and both batted freely, scoring 72 before the first wicket fell.

G. Hunt joined Mason, and scoring continued at a fast rate, 152 being on the board, when Mason, due to smart fielding, was run out, his score being 59.

G. Hunt continued to score freely, until he also was run out for 62.

King and A. Hunt were the only other batsmen to reach double figures, 12 and 34 respectively.

Parson's Point total reached 229, and the best bowler for Valleys was C. Schmidt, with five wickets for 50.

Valleys batted again, and soon were in trouble, Dennis bowling Clohessy and Mackenzie for ducks, and Lester for 4.

Valleys were now up against it, as three of their best bats were out for 11, and six runs later C. Griffiths, who is having a lean time with the bat at present, was out, making it four for 17.

B. Ryalls was then batting, and he was joined soon after by C. Schmidt, who held his end up, while his captain scored from anything that was loose.

Valleys eventually were all out for 160, Ryalls 72 and Jefferis 36 making Valley's total, and saving the latter from an outright defeat.

Dennis again was the best bowler, with six wickets for 63.

Scores:—

VALLEYS.—1st Innings.

F. Clohessy l.b.w. T. Mason	24
W. McKenzie b. A. Daniels	5
M. Lester c. and b. L. Dennis	24
C. Griffiths b. L. Dennis	0
T. Curran c. and b. T. Mason	5
C. Schmidt c. G. Hunt b. L. Dennis	3
V. Smith l.b.w. L. Dennis	5
B. Ryalls b. T. Mason	43
J. Jefferis l.b.w. L. Dennis	2
C. Soppa b. L. Dennis	1
P. Johnson, not out	4
Sundries	10
Total	126

Bowling.—G. Hunt 0 for 8, A. Daniels 1 for 32, N. Brunke 0 for 16, L. Dennis 6 for 39, T. Mason 3 for 21.

PARSON'S POINT.—1st Innings.

C. Stitt c. B. Ryalls b. C. Griffiths	38
T. Mason, run out	59
G. Hunt, run out	62
F. King b. C. Schmidt	12
A. Hunt c. C. Soppa b. C. Schmidt	34
N. Brunke l.b.w. C. Schmidt	3
K. Stitt st. J. Jefferis b. C. Griffiths	6
L. Dennis c. M. Lester b. C. Griffiths	6
G. Jenkins c. and b. C. Smith	4
R. Downie, b. C. Schmidt	2
A. Daniels, not out	0
Sundries	3
Total	229

Bowling.—P. Johnston 0 for 33, C. Schmidt 5 for 50, B. Ryalls 0 for 42, M. Lester 0 for 2, C. Griffiths 3 for 99.

VALLEYS.—2nd Innings.

T. Clohessy b. L. Dennis	0
W. McKenzie b. L. Dennis	0
C. Griffiths b. R. Downie	12
M. Lester b. L. Dennis	4
B. Ryalls c. F. King b. L. Dennis	72
T. Curran b. R. Downie	5
C. Schmidt b. L. Dennis	11
V. Smith b. L. Dennis	2
J. Jefferis b. G. Jenkins	36
C. Soppa b. A. Hunt	5
P. Johnson, not out	8
Sundries	5
Total	160

Bowling.—L. Dennis 6 for 36, A. Daniels 0 for 8, R. Downie 3 for 16, N. Brunke 0 for 30, T. Mason 0 for 9, A. Hunt 1 for 20, G. Jenkins 1 for 11.

(By "Player")

Last Sunday I witnessed a game of cricket that rather astounded me, for reasons you may glean for yourself.

Valleys, playing against Parson's Point, had one down for 50, and then what a collapse! All out for 126.

Surely a dose of pick-me-up is needed.

Of the players, more to follow.

The Valley captain (Ben Ryalls) is trying hard to get a partner for Clohessy to open with, and on Sunday he tried W. McKenzie. Well, the trier Mac. may be all right, if he would only learn to face the bowling and not draw away like a plaster on a boil, but keep his wicket covered.

Mark Lester, in the first innings, batted well, but in the second——! Nuff said.

Charlie Griffiths must be getting in ahead of meat rationing, hence the "ducks."

Cliff Schmidt tried out some new footwork, and other Valley players should watch, learn, and practise.

Tim Curran batted well until he got a straight one, and then he departed. Tim, play the straight ones and hit the loose ones.

Joe Jefferis gave his usual safe display before and behind the wickets.

Claude Soppa should remember that the bat is 4 inches wide, not 4 feet.

Pat Johnstone bowled well, but had no support from the other end. This player will improve if taken in hand.

Of the Parson's Point team, it is wonderful what a difference two men can make to a team, to wit, the two Hunts, "Turk" and "Skinno."

"Skinno" played a great knock for 62, and only for bad running between the wickets he would almost certainly have got the century. The run-out showed very poor cohesion between Hunt and Mason, and a few minutes later Mason was also run out.

Did "Tubby" King try to put one on the railway line? His wicket certainly looked sick after that try.

"Turk" Hunt put Charlie Griffiths over the fence for two "zacs," and Charlie was not pleased about that.

Of the balance of Parson's Point team, Les Dennis bowled very well indeed, and deserved his success.

One wonders how Daniels got into the team. For pure tiredness he should win easily, for every movement he made was an effort. This is not in the best interest of the game, and should be looked into and stopped. Either play the game or do not play at all.

Next Sunday Pastimes and Parson's Point meet, and from the rumours going around, about new batsmen, bowlers, etc., one wonders if we are at last to see cricket in this town rise to a high level.

It has also been rumoured that Swifts intend to have the old Meatworks wicket graded level and fenced, and if that is correct one wonders when the Showgrounds will get a dose of the same mixture.

Well, folks, until next week, when I will be with you again, I wish you all good cricket next Sunday, and an exciting game.

BOWLING

HOGAN WINS SINGLES

Pairs to Young-Golding

The well-known bowler, Joe Hogan, won the coveted handicap singles over the week-end, when he met and defeated Mick Busteed in a good game, which went to 44 ends before the former triumphed. Hogan won 31-23, and annexed the trophy presented by Mr. Busteed for the title.

In the pairs contests Young-Golding just beat Joyner-Loveday in a splendid game 25-23, and Comino-Jackson had a comfortable win over Garrett-Busteed 30-19.

SOCIAL GAMES.

Comino, Graham, Mackay and Wilson v. Garrett, Bloss, Friend and Golding 34-22.

Schmidt, Ladner, Archay, Greasley v. Bycroft, Tennant, Browne, Humphries 26-26.

Ferris, Barker, Cameron, Jackson v. Witty, Corones, Matthews, Loveday 34-13.

Hando, Browne, Greasley v. Schmidt, Barker, G. Wilson 19-19.

Mackay, Drewe v. Ferris, Jenkinson 38-16.

Pring, Tennant, Dahl, Johnston v. Bycroft, Weeks, Matthews, Humphries 30-13.

Seaton, Gardner, Cameron, Cooper v. A. Friend, Smith, Chapman, S. Wilson 20-14.

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

At a meeting of the Gladstone Town Council recently the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin) was directed to write to the Minister for the Army (Mr. F. M. Forde), expressing appreciation of his efforts resulting in a grant of £10,000 by the Commonwealth Government for the Boyne River water supply scheme. Mr. Forde has received the letter with thanks.

WATERSIDE WORKERS

PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS

In Ships' Holds

Delegates at the triennial conference of the Waterside Workers' Federation stated that perishable foodstuffs for military and civilian use had been placed in dirty bilge water in ships' holds.

The conference decided that in the interests of national health the Commonwealth and State Governments should immediately take steps to establish standards of cleanliness to be observed in the holds of all ships where food was stored; that unhygienic practices should be prohibited by regulation under penalties, and that branches of the federation were asked to bring every case before the local health authorities.

It was stated that ships had carried obnoxious cargoes, including soda ash, phosphates, and acids, and had been loaded with food without first being fumigated. Food for the tropics were not adequately protected against contamination.

The General Secretary of the Federation (Mr. J. Healy) said that the health authorities would not tolerate for one minute the same practices that were adopted as a matter of course aboard ships.

MILITIA IN NEW GUINEA

Active and Efficient

More than 40 per cent of the Australian troops used against the Japanese since active fighting began in New Guinea in August, 1942, have been Militia, announced the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin).

His statement follows allgatons by Opposition members that A.I.F. divisions have been called on to carry most of the fighting in New Guinea, and that the Militia are being withheld from front-line service.

Mr. Curtin said the Militia played an active and efficient part in the fighting against the Japanese in New Guinea.

SMALL HOSPITALS

Abolition Urged

The abolition of small private hospitals as part of Commonwealth-wide plans for the standardisation and improvement of hospital facilities was advocated by Dr. Allan Bruce Lilley, General Superintendent of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, in evidence before the Social Security Committee.

He submitted a statement on conclusions of a recent survey in Sydney by a special committee. It disclosed Australia had too many hospitals, many of which were too small to provide adequate service.

The survey recommended that capital cities should have large hospitals, with medical schools as the core of the system, each served by a ring of district hospitals of 200 beds.

A.R.U.

Abolition of State Parliaments

Abolition of State Parliaments and the vesting of powers on all affairs of national concern in the Federal Parliament was urged in a resolution carried at the State conference of the Australian Railways Union. Other resolutions carried urged that:—

Proposals for the extension of Commonwealth powers were urgently necessary to facilitate wartime organisation and to set up the framework of an Australian-wide organisation to deal with all problems of post-war reconstruction.

An immediate campaign be launched by conference to compel State and Federal Governments to adopt as a post-war plan the complete co-ordination of railroad, air, and sea transport within Australian boundaries.

A policy of equal pay for equal work be applicable to the employment of women in the Railway Department and outside industry.

Conference endorsed the action of the union's State Council in accepting the Government's terms in the Townsville dispute, and decided to send congratulations to the Soviet Government on the attainment of its 26th year in power.

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MELBOURNE CUP

Acceptors and Selections

Following are the acceptors for the Melbourne Cup, run to-day (Saturday):

SKIPTON, A. Breasley	9	9
TRANQUIL STAR, A. Dewhurst	9	0
THE JOKER	8	9
ILLYRIAN, O'Brien	8	5
DARK FELT, V. Hartney	8	4
GAY REVELRY, O. Phillips	8	2
VALOUR, R. Heather	8	2
NEUTRON, J. Purtell	7	12
SAUL, C. McLauchlan	7	12
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PETER, N. Lewis	7	4
HUNTINGDALE, N. Powell	7	3
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ANTHONY, H. McCloud	6	13
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Landladies Responsible

Women who have let rooms, because their husbands are in the services, are responsible if their tenant has a wireless set for seeing that the tenant also has a listener's licence.

This was emphasised by officials of the Postal Department, who added that a similar obligation rested on the proprietors of boarding and guest houses in which boarders operated their own sets.

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Where separate wireless sets are operated by tenants or guests the full annual fee of £1 is payable, but where loud speakers are operated in separate rooms from a master set, a full fee is paid only for the master set, with an additional 10/- for each speaker.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

ATTENTION.—St. Andrew's Concert, 3rd December, in the Town Hall. Visiting and Local Artists. Box Plan P. M. Jones.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, November 19. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the convenors, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and J. W. Garrett.

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COME TO BEECHER SPORTS, Saturday, November 20th, and see good Horsemen competing. 'Bus leaves Queen's Hotel 1 p.m.

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GARDEN HOSE.—Applications will be received from Home Gardeners and Market Gardeners for Goodyear or Dunlop Garden Hose in 60ft. lengths. Apply now at Busteed's (the Tyre People), opp. Post Office.

HELP the Mobile Canteen by attending the Beecher Sports, and enjoy yourself listening to the Broadcasting System on November 20th. 'Bus departs Queen's Hotel 1 p.m.

RAZOR Blades last longer by using the Keena Sharpener. Only 1/4 each. Get one while stocks last. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

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Tenders close at Registered Office, Gladstone, on Wednesday, 17th November, 1943.

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IMMIGRATION AND AUSTRALIANS

Jewish Settlement

(By "Old Digger")

Very few of us want to face the future as a nation of seven millions, trying to hold on to this continent in the face of all comers.

We need, and must have, immigration, but we must be sure of one thing first. We must be sure that Australians with a legitimate stake in the country are not pushed about to make room for the newcomers. There should be no need for this. The country should be big enough to absorb anything up to twenty million immigrants.

But one sure way of causing trouble over immigration will be to settle people on foreign communities which will never be absorbed in the framework of Australia.

So that the feverish denials by the Federal Government that it had ever granted permission for a Jewish settlement in the Kimberly District after the war, have got many Australians doing a bit of hard thinking.

It scarcely seems possible that Dr. Steinberg, who came out here to arrange that very project, would announce that he had been successful unless he had something to go on. He went as far as naming the Australian who had worked out the scheme.

So that if the Government has been monkeying with the scheme of converting the Kimberleys into a foreign Jewish settlement, it should forget the idea, for nothing but trouble will result.

We must remember this. Many Australian servicemen, after the war, will want to go on the land. Many did after the last war, and a good deal of the land handed out to them was so poor that failures were more plentiful than successes.

Now, the Kimberleys represent some of the most desirable agricultural and pastoral country in Australia, and the sole reason that they have not been opened up before this lies in the fact that they have been inaccessible. But that should be changed after the war. The North-West has been really discovered this time, and its possibilities have been realised by many a land-hungry digger.

So before we give over some of our best areas to foreign immigration it might be a good idea to give consideration to the men who have fought, or been ready to fight, to keep them in Australian hands.

There will still be plenty of chances for the foreign immigrants, after we satisfy our obligations to our own people.

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DAIRY FARMS

Preference in Labour

Action planned by the Federal Government to secure the return of labour for work on food producing farms was outlined by Mr. Scully, Minister for Commerce, during the last sitting of Parliament.

Mr. Scully said that because the dairying industry had suffered severely from loss of manpower, and because it was now called upon to make "spectacular advances in production," preference would be given to that industry in the release of labour.

"The task ahead of the industry is a colossal one," he said. "The demands for all classes of dairy products for the United Kingdom civilians, for Empire and Allied Fighting Forces, and for our own people, call for a total milk production of more than 1300 million gallons throughout Australia."

The Minister outlined the following four policy decisions which have been taken to set the course for a great upward movement in dairy production:—

A large body of nominated labour to be returned to permanent work on farms, with additional seasonal workers to be made available.

A big improvement already under way in regard to provision of engines, implements and machinery.

Greatly increased supplies of mill offals to be available as animal fodder.

Everything possible to be done to improve inland transport, so that farmers' requirements of materials, fodders, etc., can be carried to them without delay.

TENDERS CREAM TRANSPORT.

The Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association Ltd., by advertisement in this issue, invites tenders for the transport of cream by road from Ambrose and Mt. Larcom feeder services to Gladstone, four days per week in summer, and three in winter, leaving Mt. Larcom at 11 a.m. Further particulars may be obtained by perusing the advertisement on page 3 of to-day's issue.

COMFORTS FUND

Toy and Gift Ctall

The Gladstone branch of the A.C.F. will conduct a toy and gift stall about the end of November.

The convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and W. Keller) and an energetic committee are working hard to make this a success, and would appreciate donations of cash, remnants of material, and wool suitable for making toys and gifts, or any used toys in fairly good condition that could be renovated for sale.

Orders will be taken and donations received by the convenors (Mesdames Chapman and Keller), hon. sec. (Mrs. Garrett), or call at the A.C.F. rooms, Grand Hotel buildings, on Tuesday or Friday afternoons.

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PORT CURTIS TIDES

The following predictions are given in standard time, and not in Australian daylight saving time. Adjustment to the table must be made by adding one hour to the times given.

NOVEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
13	10.10	10.20	3.48	4.40
14	10.50	11.01	4.24	5.27
15	11.30	11.42	5.00	6.13
16	——	12.10	5.38	7.00
17	12.05	12.50	6.18	7.50
18	1.14	1.35	7.07	8.41
19	2.10	2.25	8.05	9.35
20	3.17	3.29	9.10	10.28
21	4.31	4.29	10.15	11.20
22	5.39	5.31	11.17	——
23	6.34	6.26	12.07	12.14
24	7.19	7.14	12.50	1.06
25	7.59	7.56	1.30	1.55
26	8.38	8.37	2.08	2.43
27	9.15	9.17	2.45	3.30
28	9.54	9.57	3.20	4.18
29	10.34	10.40	3.58	5.09
30	11.17	11.26	4.38	6.01

THE MOON.

First Quarter ... ... November 5
Full Moon ... ... November 12
Last Quarter ... ... Novembtr 20
New Moon ... ... November 28

DECEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	——	12.01	5.24	6.56
2	12.11	12.50	6.16	7.53
3	1.13	1.45	7.17	8.52
4	2.17	2.45	8.28	9.52
5	3.33	3.53	9.40	10.50
6	4.51	5.04	10.52	11.43
7	6.02	6.08	12.00	——
8	7.00	7.04	12.33	1.02
9	7.48	7.53	1.19	2.00
10	8.32	8.37	2.01	2.52
11	9.12	9.20	2.40	3.39
12	9.50	10.00	3.17	4.25
13	10.30	10.38	3.53	5.09
14	11.06	11.32	4.31	5.51
15	11.45	——	5.10	6.34
16	12.04	12.21	5.50	7.18
17	12.47	1.00	6.36	8.02
18	1.36	1.40	7.27	8.48
19	2.31	2.28	8.25	9.37
20	3.35	3.22	9.30	10.27
21	4.41	4.26	10.31	11.16
22	5.45	5.32	11.35	——
23	6.40	6.36	12.04	12.34
24	7.28	7.23	12.50	1.31
25	8.12	8.12	1.33	2.24
26	8.55	8.58	2.15	3.15
27	9.38	9.45	3.00	4.07
28	10.20	11.32	3.44	5.00
29	11.06	11.20	4.30	5.50
30	11.50	——	5.20	6.44
31	12.10	12.38	6.13	7.35

THE MOON.

First Quarter ... .. December 4
Full Moon ... ... December 12
Last Quarter ... ... December 20
New Moon ... ... December 27

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Saturday 20th

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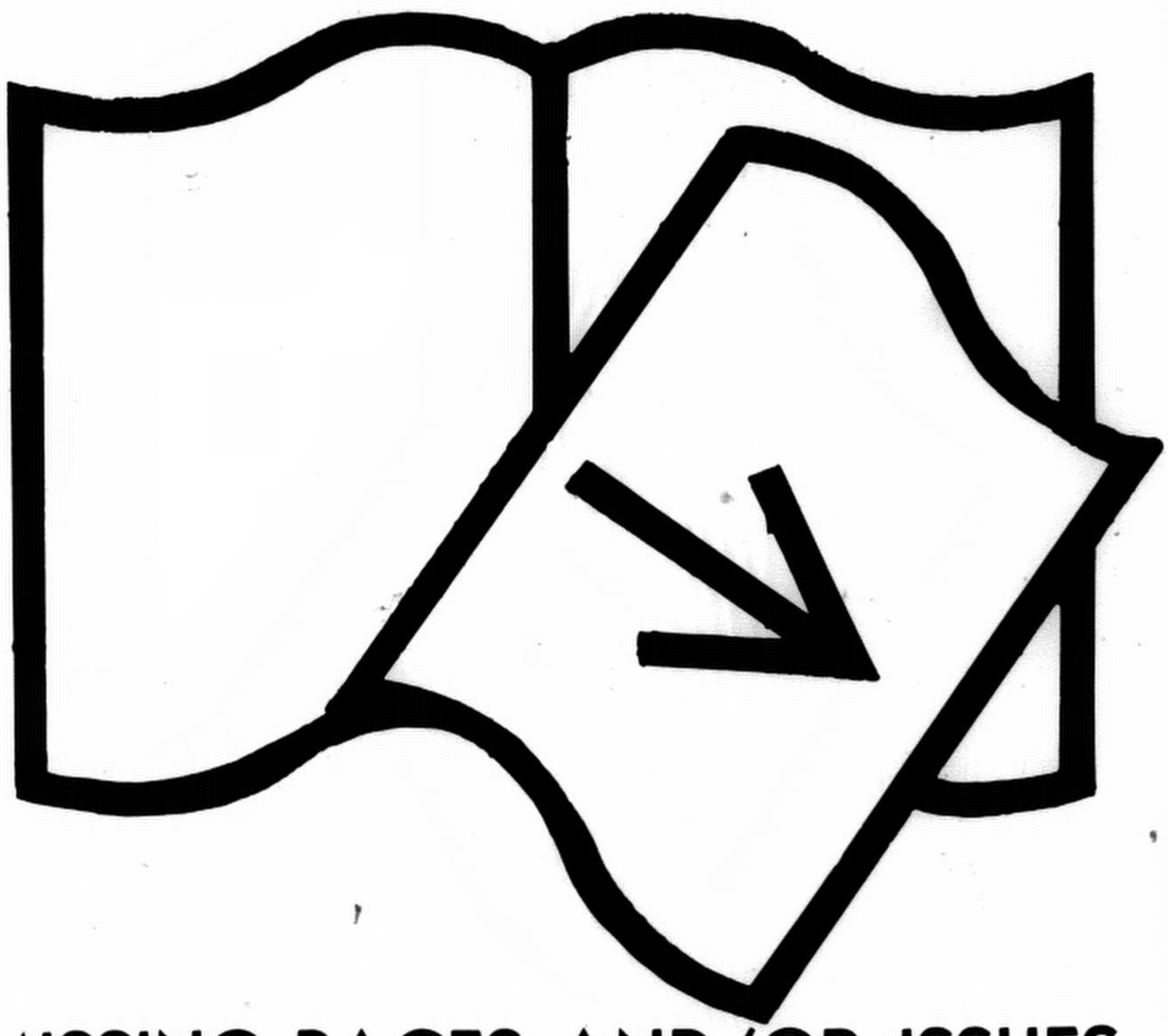

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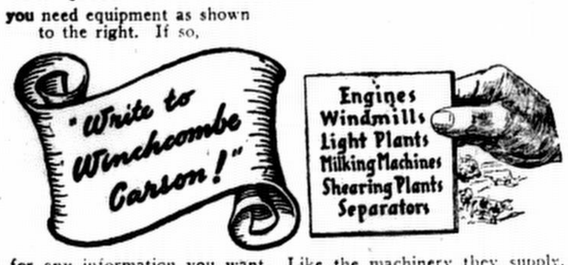

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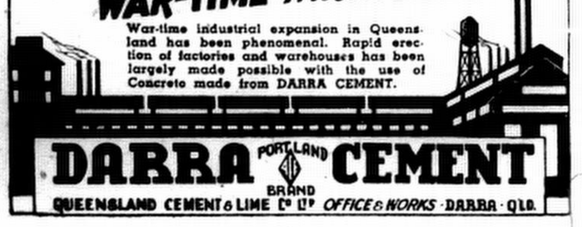

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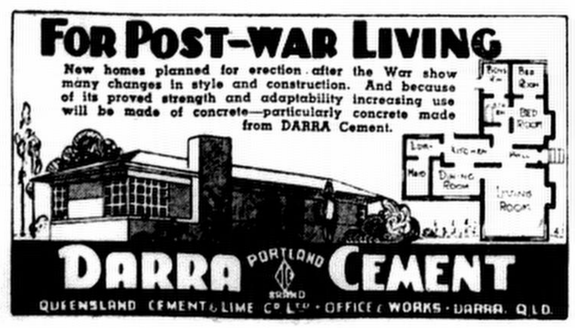

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NEW AUSTRALIA

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It is difficult for those of us not actively concerned with any branch of war-time industry to realise the tremendous transformation that this country has undergone in the past four years.

Before the war Australia was popularly conceived as a land of vast open spaces, with an economy based mainly on the exchange of her agricultural output for the manufactured products of the northern hemisphere.

At the time of Munich our automobile industry, for instance, was confined almost exclusively to the manufacture of bodywork and the assembling of imported mechanical parts, and when, under the stress of war's urgency, it was considered necessary for Australia, literally as well as metaphorically, to take wings and produce bomber aircraft, the same system was inevitably and modestly envisaged.

In the early days of 1940 plans for the assembly of Beaufort bombers were developed, but the dramatic turn of events that culminated in the fall of France destroyed any possibility that they could be brought to fruition. Since England was no longer able to supply the parts for assembly in this country.

It was at this stage that Australia decided to "give it a go" and manufacture her own Beaufort bombers, with the result that to-day this aircraft is made of 90 per cent Australian materials by 100 per cent Australian labour.

During this period other types of aircraft have been developed and produced for service in the Pacific war zone, including the Boomerang and the Wirraway, which have proved valuable front line aircraft acting in close co-operation with the ground forces.

Early this month the 500th Beaufort bomber to be built in Australia left the factory, and speaking on that occasion, the Minister for Aircraft Production (Senator Cameron) announced that plans were in train for the manufacture of still more modern types of aircraft.

These facts are but one indication of the amazing industrial development of the past four years, and but one illustration of our newly discovered potentialities.

In the field of munitions, armaments and shipbuilding, we have proved ourselves capable of at least supplying our own needs, and after the war of turning the present machinery over to the production of domestic and national necessities.

There is no suggestion that our standing as a food-producing nation will be weakened as a result of this revolutionary trend; neither is it to be considered that a growing measure of industrial self-sufficiency will permit us to adopt isolationist tendencies after the war.

Rather should our newly developed industrial and economic strength equip us, as a nation, to play a fuller role in the future of the world in general and the Pacific in particular.

GROWTH OF FRUIT TREES

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JAPANESE FLEET

Kept in Reserve

Referring to the war against Japan, Lord Selbourne, Britain's Minister of Economic Warfare, said in an interview in London on October 19:—

"The Japanese fleet is being kept in reserve. Before we can invade there will have to be a great naval battle, with Japan having the advantage of being near her home bases. But, added to our naval strength, we shall have a great preponderance of air strength. Japan's aircraft industry cannot compete with Britain's and America's.

"Do not underestimate the tremendous nature of this operation of defeating Japan. All thinking people among us realise that the forces of Britain will be every bit as much engaged in it as they are against Germany now.

"Just as our Australian and New Zealand fellow subjects fought side by side with us in the Middle East, so our soldiers, sailors and airmen will go to the Far Eastern front to defeat Japan.

"The war against Japan is just as urgent and just as serious as that against Germany. There can be no thought of our packing up and returning to a peace footing until Japan has unconditionally surrendered."

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NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS

RESTRICTIONS ON PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Caused Marked Swing Against Labour

"The regimentation of the individual and the restrictions on private enterprise were the chief reasons for the marked swing from Labour in the recent New Zealand elections," said a prominent Wellington professional man in an exclusive interview with Industrial News Service.

"Labour was returned by the soldiers' votes," he continued, "and the large Labour majority amongst these votes was due to the propaganda visits of Labour politicians to Egypt and other battle fronts, and to the promises made by the newly appointed Minister for Rehabilitation (Major Skinner).

"The swing from Labour by the farming community was another interesting feature of the elections.

"Everyone connected with secondary industries—both employers and employees—is most pessimistic about the future of New Zealand if Government restrictions are continued. People in general are much antagonised by the internal marketing restrictions, which have made supplies poor and prices high. Practically every commodity has to be purchased through the Government. For instance, if a man runs a restaurant and keeps fowls, he can't supply the restaurant direct with his own eggs, but has to sell them to the Government and buy them back again. The Minister responsible for internal marketing, by the way (Mr. Barclay), lost his seat at the last elections.

"Another cause of much heartburning," the visitor went on, "is that in spite of all promises made before the introduction of Social Security, the public hospitals are supported largely by levies made by local bodies on property owners.

"All enterprise is so cramped by restrictions that no one will risk putting any capital into any concern, thereby damaging New Zealand's future prospects. There is no encouragement for enterprise or thrift. If a man has managed, by good honest toil, to save a certain amount of money, he is ineligible to benefit from old age, disablement, or invalid pensions.

"And if he has put his savings into property, his tenure is threatened by a most unpopular measure rushed through just before the elections. This is the Land Sale Bill, whereby under the guise of helping the returning soldier, all sales of land, homes or town properties were taken over by the Government. Under this Bill it is possible for the Government to subdivide a man's property into uneconomic sizes and to leave him with nothing but his homestead and a property too small to work.

"As the Government has arbitrary powers to force sales, no land, home or town property can any longer be regarded as a personal asset.

"In Mr. S. G. Holland, the Leader of the Opposition, the Nationalist Party has a leader of more statesmanlike qualities than has offered for many years. He is at present in Australia, to obtain first-hand information on Australia's war efforts, and in view of the fact that he is inspecting many engineering works, it is interesting to know that he himself runs an engineering factory on profit-sharing lines."

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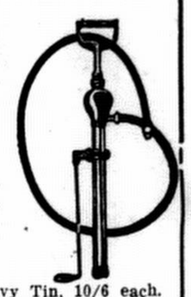

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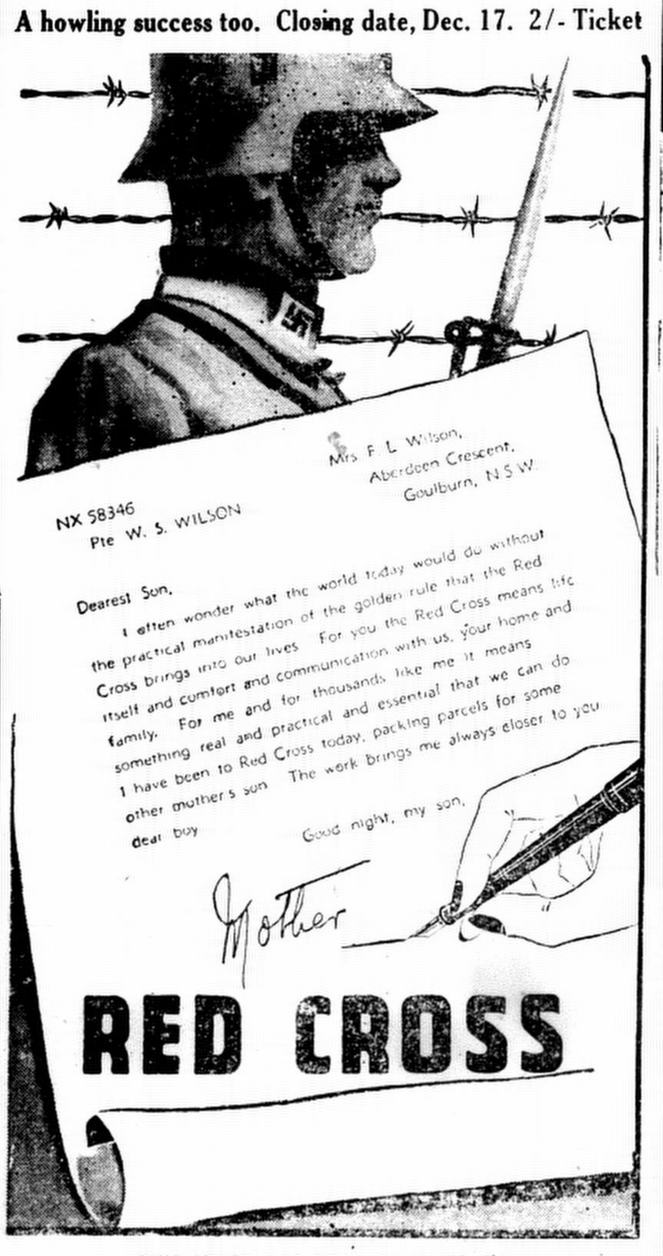

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A silent thought brings many a tear,
For one we loved and miss so dear.

(Inserted by his loving wife and children, Mary, Walter, Colin, and Dorothy.)

LUSK.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Elizabeth Isabella, who passed away 24th November, 1942.

May she rest in peace;
No one near to say good-bye, dear.

(Inserted by her mother and father, sisters and brothers.)

LUSK.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Elizabeth Isabella, who passed away on the 24th November, 1942.

It's just a year ago to-day
Since our dear mother passed away
She was a mother, one of the best,
And in our hearts her memory rests.

(Inserted by her loving son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughters—Edward, Nell, Alma, and Joyce.)

LUSK.—In fond and loving memory of my darling sister, Lizzie, who passed away on 24th November, 1942

Forget her? No, we never will,
For in my heart she liveth still,
Her memory is as fresh to day
As on that day she passed away.
Peace, Perfect Peace.

(Inserted by her loving sister and brother, Phyllis and Charlie, neices, and nephew.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

RED CROSS DANCE.

Mrs. Phillips (president of the Red Cross Society) advises that she has arranged to run a dance in aid of the branch funds on Thursday (to-morrow) night, in the Trocadero Theatre. Good music will be provided, and dancers are asked to make a note of the date, to-morrow night.

PORT CURTIS DAIRY ASSOCIATION.

At the first meeting of the directors of the Port Curtis Co-operative Dairy Association since the elections and the recent annual meeting, Mr. A. H. Bulow, of Mulgeldie, representing the Monto zone, was elected chairman of directors. Mr. Bulow succeeds another Monto resident, Mr. G. B. Mouatt, who was defeated at the elections last month.

A.C.F. TOYLAND.

Don't forget the A.C.F. gift and toy stall, which will be opened at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 3, in the A.C.F. rooms in the Grand Hotel building. A fine selection of toys will be offered for sale, and parents would be well advised to get in early to avoid disappointment. Donations of cash or kind would be much appreciated by the convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and W. Keller). Town and country residents are asked to note that all donations of toys must be left at the A.C.F. rooms not later than Tuesday, November 30.

WOMEN'S AUXJLIARY.

The Women's Auxiliary of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. desire to return thanks to the kind friends who contributed to their last street stall. The tray of groceries (which was raffled) was won by Miss Estelle Gardiner, West Gladstone, and the iced cake by Mr. Ken Drewe, c/o Mrs. Taylor, Roseberry Street. Next month a beautiful dressed doll (donated by Mrs. L. M. Walker) will be one of the raffles.

P.O.W. NOTES.

Following last week's canvass of the lower end of the Valley and main Bundaberg Road, official books have now been left at Mrs. Eggstein's store, and contributors in and around that locality are asked to kindly leave their amounts with this lady, who has kindly consented to collect. Miss L. Watson has taken over Toolooa Street from the Railway Station to the Anglican Church, and Miss Pek Bruce is to collect Eden Street and Off Lane. Any other resident of the outlying portion of that end of the town not already canvassed can have their names added to the books by contacting Mrs. Eggstein or any nearby collector.

There are 44,707 women serving in the service. At the outbreak of the Pacific war there were only 3638.

TOWN COUNCIL

HARBOUR BOARD VACANCY

Mr. L. R. Weiske Elected

A special meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin).

The business of the meeting was to appoint a qualified person to represent the town of Gladstone as a member of the Harbour Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. E. W. Crow.

Ald. Busteed, in nominating Mr. S. C. Wilson, said he was a very able man, and as representatives of the Board from time to time visited the district in connection with trade matters, he contended that Mr. Wilson would fill the position excellently, as he was in close touch with the people of the hinterland.

Ald. Anderson nominated Mr. R. L. Weiske, as he had faced the public, he said, in the recent election, and was next on the list.

On a vote being taken Mr. Weiske was elected by 4 votes to 3, the voting being:—

For Mr. Weiske, the Mayor (Ald. Dennis), and Aldermen Anderson, Deveney and Smith.

For Mr. Wilson, Aldermen Busteed, Golding and Tudman.

COMFORTS FUND

OCTOBER STREET STALL £42/10/-

Xmas Hamper Appeal £140/1/6

At the monthly meeting of the A.C.F., held in the A.C.F. rooms, Grand Hotel buildings, there were present: The President (Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan), the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. W. J. Garrett), and Mesdames C. Chapman, W. Beale, R. Jones, J. Stewart, C. McTaggard, J. Turner, W. Richards, J. Worthington, J. Picton, and D. Smith. Apologies were received from Mesdames G. Hughes, H. C. Smith, A. D. Hopper, W. Buettel, W. Keller, G. Gordon, and F. F. Pope.

Accounts amounting to £123/12/- were passed for payment.

The convenors of the Knitting and Sewing Circle (Mesdames J. Worthington and R. Jones) reported the following for the month:—

32 prs. socks, 97 handkerchiefs, 44 mess bags, 13 suits pyjamas, and 16 washers.

Donations of books and magazines were received from Mesdames J. A. Mills, Jefferis senr., W. Dwyer, R. S. Wilson, A. Beak, and Jas. Worthington.

The convenors of the October street stall reported a net profit of £42/10/-

The convenors of the toy and gift stall (Mesdames C. Chapman and W. Keller) reported that the manufacture of toys was progressing very well, and fixed the date for the sale of the toys, etc., for Friday, December 3, and the stall will open at 11 a.m.

Games and articles of furniture were sent to the naval patrol quarters, and were much appreciated by the men.

The Xmas hamper appeal closed with a total of £140/1/6.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

L.A.C. J. Ambrose, R.A.A.F., who has just returned from New Guinea, spent a fortnight's leave with his sister, Mrs. R. Wilson, and has now returned to his unit.

Corporal F. Williams, of the 42nd Battalion, who has recently returned from New Guinea, spent his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Williams, Auckland Street, and will leave for a southern base to-day (Wednesday).

Subtracting the 840,000 occupied women and about 16,000 female wage and salary earners who are unemployed through sickness and accidents from the 2,814,000 who are over 11 years, there remain 1,958,000 women who are not seeking paid employment.

FLY MENACE AT GENERAL HOSPITAL

ACTION TAKEN EXPEDITE NEW SANITARY SITE

PRESENT DEPOT CONDEMNED BY DR. BYRNE

In connection with the fly menace at the General Hospital, the following additional correspondence was read at the Council meeting, held on Monday night:—

TELEGRAM TO MINISTERS.

On November 17 the following telegrams were sent to the Minister for Lands (Mr. E. J. Walsh) and the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. T. L. Williams):—

"Relative to applications of September 27, to Land Ranger, Gladstone, and November 15 to the Land Administration Board, Brisbane, for the vesting of portion 22, parish of Auckland, county of Clinton, under control of Council for sanitary depot purposes. Owing to fly menace at Gladstone Hospital have wired the Acting Premier and Minister for Lands, urging early action enabling the use of the new depot."

COVERING LETTER.

The covering letter to both Ministers stated: "As there is an infestation of flies at the present time in Gladstone, and with a view to lessening the menace at the Gladstone General Hospital, it is considered that the abandonment of the present depot, which is in close proximity to the Hospital, for the new site, would be in the best interests of the community."

"MATTER EXPEDITED."

Minister for Lands (Mr. Walsh) forwarded the following telegram:—

"Your telegram relative to application for portion 22, parish of Auckland, in the Calliope Shire, for sanitary purposes. Calliope Council and Department of Public Health consulted, and now asked to furnish their views urgently. Matter is being expedited as much as possible."

LETTER FROM LANDS MINISTER.

Minister for Lands (Mr. Walsh), through the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Williams), has written the Council as follows:—

"With reference to your further representations on behalf of the Gladstone Town Council, relative to the Council's desire to have portion 22, parish of Auckland, set apart as a reserve for sanitary purposes, under the Council's control as trustee, I desire to say that as the land concerned is in the Calliope Shire Council, it was necessary that the views of the Calliope Shire Council be ascertained.

"The proposal was referred to the Shire Council on November 4 for advice as to its views. A reply has not been received to date, and a telegram has been despatched to the Shire Council, asking for early advice.

"The proposal has been referred to the Department of Public Health, also for advice as to whether the site meets with the approval of that department for the purpose required. This is done in all such cases before reservations, under the Land Acts for sanitary purposes is decided upon.

"Oral inquiry has been made, and it has been ascertained that the Department of Public Health is awaiting advice from its Health Officer, which is expected to arrive at any time now.

"Consideration of the proposal will be expedited in every way possible by this department after receipt of advice regarding the views of th Calliope Shire Council and the Department of Public Health."

DR. SKINNER.

The Medical Superintendent of the Gladstone Hospital (Dr. H. B. Skinner) wrote:—

"A few days ago I forwarded a personal letter to each member of the Council regarding the plague of flies and the accompanying epidemic of gastro-enteritis in the town, and I also pointed out two obvious breeding grounds for flies.

"To-day (November 18), on his return from a country trip, I further discussed the matter with Health Inspector Browne, who informed me that his recent inspection of the slaughter yards and an adjacent piggery in the hospital end of the town showed these to be swarming with flies, and that, in his opinion, all are in an unsatisfactory condition.

"These also may be breeding places for flies, and I urge immediate inspection of these places, followed by any necessary action.

"A copy of this letter has been sent to the local Stock Inspector, under whose jurisdiction, I understand, such places come."

HOSPITALS BOARD.

Gladstone Hospitals Board (Mr. J. Burrows, secretary), wrote:—

"In view of reports received, particularly from its Medical Officer, and from personal observation of its members, this Board is gravely concerned about the dangers, both actual and potential, arising from this fly menace, and gave the matter serious consideration at its meeting held last night.

"Mr. Woodley, senior inspector of the Health Department, who is highly regarded as an authority on these matters, has made certain suggestions regarding improvements in drainage disposal at the Hospital, which the Board has adopted.

"Although no evidence of fly breeding was apparent at the Hospital, this Board has a letter from the Health Department which states, inter alia, 'the conditions at the sanitary depot were unsatisfactory and insanitary, and that fly breeding was apparent, and the danger of fly borne disease very real.'

"The following resolution relating to the above was carried:—

"That the Town Council be asked to take immediate steps to remove the sanitary and rubbish depots, and failing immediate action the Health Department be petitioned with a view to affording immediate relief.

"The Board understands that steps are being taken by your Council to remove the sanitary depot, but in view of the increased danger, the removal should be carried out immediately, and your Council can be assured of the fullest co-operation from the Board."

A DEPUTATION.

Representatives of the A.M.I.E. Union (Messrs. T. Caterson, P. Vock, and J. G. Darling) attended the meeting, and put their views before the Council in regard to health matters, more especially the fly menace at the General Hospital.

The President of the Union (Mr. Caterson) drew attention to the unsatisfactory state of the sanitary depot, the garbage dump, and also the big drain through the Valley, apart from back yards. The most important, of course, was the fly menace at the General Hospital, and the action taken by Dr. Skinner should have been taken years ago by the Council. His members considered that no action had been taken by the Council to rectify these health matters, and he hoped that immediate steps would be taken in the interests of public health to protect the people.

Mr. Vock, who endorsed the remarks of Mr. Caterson, said he would like to see Mr. Woodley's report published, and the members of the Union would also like to see all matters appertaining to the health of the town speeded up.

SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL.

Mr. Darling said that Dr. Skinner had practically told the Council what to do, and with a view to speedier action members of the union had suggested the holding of a stop work meeting in connection with the fly menace at the General Hospital. He suggested they should get their shoulders to the wheel and get the town cleaned up from a health point of view.

STATEMENT REFUTED.

The Mayor definitely refuted the statement that nothing had been done. The Council had done everything possible, and at present they were held up by the Land Administration Board in regard to the new sanitary site, which was Crown land.

NEW SITE.

The Mayor went on to say that as soon as the Council got control of the land the new sanitary depot would be established. It must not be overlooked that at the present time the fly menace was Statewide, and the present depot was not responsible for all the flies that had invaded Gladstone. At present it was practically impossible to get all the liquids for spraying purposes, and that was a serious drawback.

NOT LOST SIGHT OF.

He assured the deputation that the matter had not been lost sight of, and everything had and and would be done to get the land and establish the sanitary depot at the new site.

INSPECTION MADE.

Ald. Deveney said he had made an inspection of the Hospital in company with Ald. Anderson, and he found the institution invaded with flies. He also made an inspection of the sanitary depot, and he was convinced it was breeding flies.

SITES INSPECTED.

Ald. Golding said that from the remarks of members of the deputation it was apparently thought the Council had not concerned itself with the present epidemic of flies, but this was not the case. He had inspected three probable sites for a new sanitary depot last September, and the Council had selected an area, portion 22, parish of Auckland, containing 21 acres.

CROWN LAND.

Ald. Golding went on to say that he had taken the Crown Land Ranger and the Health Inspector out to view the site. The land in question, he said, was Crown land, and an application had immediately been made to the Lands Department for this area, and a covering letter had been sent to the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Williams), asking him for his assistance in the matter.

ACTION TAKEN.

As a satisfactory reply had not been received up till the previous meeting of the Council, it was decided to write again on this matter. In the absence of Ald. Smith, Dr. Skinner had interviewed him on two occasions. He (Ald. Golding) had also visited the Hospital, where he noticed the flies were very bad. He had then issued instructions to the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. Breslin) to wire the Lands Department, asking that their application for the block of land for the new sanitary depot be expedited in view of the fly menace at the Gladstone Hospital. A copy of the wire had also been sent to the Acting Premier (Mr. Hanlon), and the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Williams).

MINISTER OF LANDS.

Continuing, Ald. Golding said, last Friday they had received a reply from the Minister of Lands to the effect that the matter had been taken up with the Calliope Shire Council, asking if it had any objection, and that the Health Department had been requested to report on the suitability of this site. He had made an inspection of the sanitary depot, which, mainly due to the humid atmosphere, was not in a good condition, and flies were plentiful. There was, however, no evidence of any refuse having been freshly dumped there.

GARBAGE TIP.

The garbage tip had got out of hand, and he had put on the works gang to clean it up, and had issued instructions to them to see that all refuse dumped there was well covered.

INTOLERABLE POSITION.

Everyone, he said, appreciated the earnestness of Dr. Skinner's letters, and his concern for the welfare of those in his charge, and every decent minded citizen would put himself or herself out to remedy this intolerable position.

The Mayor: We hope the menace will be cleaned up as soon as possible.

AIR CLEARED.

Mr. Caterson suitably returned thanks for the manner in which the deputation had been received. The air, he said, had been cleared considerably, and the members of his union were only too pleased to come along and assist the Council.

It was decided to notify Dr. Skinner and the Gladstone Hospitals Board that definite steps had been taken to expedite the securing of the land for the new sanitary depot.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

Yesterday morning the Chairman of the Health Committee (Ald. R. E. Smith), accompanied by the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. J. Byrne) and the Medical Superintendent of the General Hospital (Dr. Skinner), made an inspection of the depot, and Dr. Byrne condemned it as unfit for further use.

A TEMPORARY SITE.

The Health Committee has selected a temporary site, situated some two miles out of town, which it is proposed to use until the new site has been made available by the Lands Department.

COMFORTS FUND

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appeal Now Closed

Gladstone and district has responded well to this appeal, which has closed with an amount of £140/1/6.

The following goods are included in the hamper:—

One tin fruit, tin cream, pkt. chocolate, 2 ozs. tobacco, pkt. papers, writing pad, envelopes, cake, 2 air-mail letter cards, shaving stick, tube toothpaste, 3 pkts. chewing gum, handkerchief, washer, hussif, pkt. mixed fruit, tin pudding.

	£	s	d
Mrs. F. Shaw (Boyne Island)	1	0	0
Matron Redmond		15	0
Mrs. H. J. Bott		10	0
Mrs. S. Mellefont		7	6

TOWN COUNCIL

BOYNE WATER SCHEME

Tenders for Pipes and Castings Approved

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin).

TENDERS APPROVED.

Minister for Public Works (Mr. H. Bruce) wrote relative to the Boyne River water supply scheme, and advised that he was submitting to the next meeting of the Cabinet a recommendation that the tenders of certain firms for the manufacture of pipe line and the supply of valves and castings, be accepted. The prices were £24,842/16/3 and £2253/12/7. A later letter stated that the Governor in Council had approved of the acceptance of the foregoing tenders.—Received.

PUMPING.

Director of Local Authority Affairs, Brisbane, wrote relative to the Boyne River water supply scheme, and more particularly to the question of power generation for the pumping plant. The report of Water Supply Engineer Mortley supported the Department's contention that electric pumping was preferable, and the Department considered the Council should reconsider its decision to instal suction gas.

Ald. Busteed intimated his intention to move at the next meeting that the motion standing in the books of the Council to carry out the work of pumping by suction gas be rescinded.

AUCKLAND STREET CROSSING.

General Manager, Central Queensland Railways, wrote stating that the railway crossing at Auckland Street was in need of renewal. It was proposed to take up the rails and sleepers and renew these with new material, and thoroughly reballast the railway so that it should not require attention again for many years.

After the railway was finished it was intended to make a good roadway, and it would be necessary to rebitumenise the part that had been disturbed, and he would like to know if the Council could do this, and if so at what cost. If not, would the Council supply two drums of bitumen, and the department would carry out the work, but on account of the Council having the plant it would be better if the work was carried out by it.

It was decided that no objection be offered to the work at the railway crossing. The Council was prepared to supply two drums of bitumen, and the department could carry out the work, or the Council would do the work and charge the cost to the department.

NEW ENGINE SHED.

General Manager, Central Queensland Railways, advised that work had commenced on the construction of the new engine shed for the new locomotive depot at Gladstone. The water supply from the railway dam had already been connected to the depot, but it would be necessary to have an auxiliary supply, and in this regard it was desired to connect the town water supply to the coal stage and to the 10,000 gallon tank.—No objection offered.

A PENNANT FOR GLADSTONE.

Queensland Patriotic and Australian Comforts Fund, Brisbane, advised that following the Statewide battle stations competition, it was forwarding a special award (a pennant) as a small but lasting token of appreciation of the meritorious help which Gladstone afforded.—Received.

PORT CURTIS DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

Port Curtis Development League notified that a league had been formed in Gladstone, the objects being to encourage the development and watch the interests of the Port Curtis district and its hinterland. Naturally, a league of this sort would require considerable funds to carry out its purposes, and if the Council could see fit to make a donation towards the funds it would be greatly appreciated.

It was decided to become a member, give a donation of £10, and Ald. Golding was appointed the Council's representative.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Gladstone Fire Brigade Board advised that in connection with Fire Prevention Week, it was proposed to give a public demonstration at the town dam, and asked if the Council would agree to participate.

It was agreed to participate, and the various units, under the control of the Council, would be made available.

FOUR REQUESTS.

South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association made application to the Council to accept a deputation for the purpose of discussing the following:—

(1) A previous request by the Association, that of draining flood water that caused inconvenience to Mr. Geo. Doble and residents in that locality.

(2) Relief for Mr. T. Jenkinson and Mr. F. Salgado for inconvenience caused as a result, it was stated, of the Council diverting water, which now flowed through their properties.

(3) An offer by the Association to act as caretakers of the waiting sheds in its area.

(4) A suggestion regarding a certain strip of land in their suburb at present owned by the Council. The land referred to is between Bonar and Walsh Streets.

Messrs. H. E. Daly (president) and J. O'Malley (secretary) appeared and supported the requests on behalf of the Association.

In regard to requests 1 and 2 it was decided to make an inspection.

No. 3.—The offer was accepted.

No. 4.—It was decided to obtain a legal opinion.

GENERAL.

It was decided to give the Railway Department one month's notice that no more water could be supplied, as same was being conserved for the use of consumers. However, if rain fell in the meantime the present arrangement would be continued.

The Mayor stated that the tags for dogs had arrived, and residents who refused to register their dogs with the Herdsman would be proceeded against.

It was decided that the retiring age of all Council employees be 65, and employees after ten years' continuous service be given three months' holiday on full pay.

BOWLING

Week-End Games

Results of social games played at the local rinks over the week-end are as follows:—

Pring, Bycroft, Dunning, Johnston v. Garrett, Ladner, Skinner, Golding 25-24.

Browne, Henery, Drewe v. Hando, Hunt, Weiske, S. Wilson 33-18.

Witty, Gardner, Archay v. Hunt, Mackay, G. Wilson 26-20.

Fewster, Ladner, Weiske v. Schmidt Browne, Skinner 18-14.

Hogan, Smith, Joyner, Greasley v. Garrett, Dennis, Friend, Golding 37-9.

E. Barker, Skerman, Dunning, Busteed v. Ferris, Fraser, Pushack, Loveday 23-19.

Norris, McPherson, Jackson v. Pring, Drewe and Johnston 23-14.

Mackay, Skerman, Cameron, Breasley v. Young, Fraser, Chapman, G. Wilson 41-21.

Barker, Friend, Joyner, Jackson v. Ferris, Weeks, Buettell, Loveday 29-20.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Andrew's Concert

The second annual St. Andrew's concert, to be held in the Town Hall on December 3, will provide a first-rate popular entertainment which the public of Gladstone has been expecting since the first concert last year.

Owing to call-up for national services, the pipers will not be available on this occasion. But the committee has much pleasure in introducting to Gladstone the noted singer from Bundaberg, Mrs. E. W. Ewald. The fine talent and highly trained technique of this artiste is highly appreciated wherever she goes. Her repertoire has been carefully selected to provide a widely varied selection of excellent solos.

Children under the direction of Mrs. Bryan will repeat several of their pleasing items given at a former concert.

Shirley McCrae's Youth Troupe will also appear in numbers specially arranged for the occasion.

There will be other pleasing features rendered by local artists, and a popular quizz will be presented.

Intending patrons are advised to book early at P.M. Jones, to avoid disappointment.

The yield from income tax on individuals has increased by 281 per cent. from £25,900,000 in 1938-39 to £98,700,000 in 1942-43. Increases in uniform income tax on individuals adopted in February, 1943, are estimated to produce an addition £40,000,000 in a full taxation year.

GLADSTONE TURF CLUB

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING

Saturday Next, November 27

The Gladstone Turf Club is to race again on Saturday for the combined Gladstone and Calliope patriotic bodies, including the Red Cross, Prisoner of War, Red Shield, Patriotic Fund, and Comforts Funds of both centres. Splendid nominations, approaching those of the record October meeting, have been received, and the handicappers (Messrs. Clarris and Burrows) have issued the weights.

The two big handicaps should provide attractive racing. The President of the club (Mr. Hugh Ballantine) is running his well-known mare Lady Gladstone, holder of a record at Callagan Park, Rockhampton, and making its first appearance on the Gladstone track. Beverley, which annexed a double at the October meeting, has gone up into open company, and has many admirers.

As usual, the hack events have brought many nominations, there being as many as 12 in one race. Taken all round, the fields should be among the best balanced seen in recent years.

With good racing assured town and country residents have the added incentive to help the patriotic effort, as the proceeds go to the same funds as the October fixture, which brought over £200 to the various organisations.

The committee members have gone to considerable trouble to give patrons of the meeting added facilities. The track has had attention from two working bees, and water has been provided at the grandstand. The Gladstone Patriotic Fund will again control the liquor booth, while a combined committee of Comforts Fund and Red Shield ladies, supervised by Mrs. C. W. Macfarlan, will look after the afternoon teas. Mrs. Phillips, of the Red Cross, and a committee of ladies, will run a soft drink booth.

Mr. Vic. Summers, of War Loan Art Union fame, will again have Messrs. A. Hopper, E. W. Phillips and Herb. Peters running the grocery wheel in a patriotic drive. Mr. A. Andrews will again provide the broadcast system on the course, so that patrons can listen to the running of southern events.

At least two local and several visiting bookmakers, including Mr. Johnny Walters, of Thangool, will field, and Messrs. V. P. Breslin, Alec Stabb, J. Shepherd, etc., will be in charge of the totalisator.

Mr. H. Rolleston has again arranged to run his busses from town to the course, and guided by the attendance at the last meeting, he is providing additional busses for Saturday. These will leave Meatworks Road at 1 p.m., Club Hotel corner 1.15 p.m., and Queen's Hotel 1.30 p.m., whilst a final bus will leave the Grand Hotel just prior to 2 p.m. to land passengers for the first race. Popular prices of admission will be gents 3/- ladies 2/-

RACE DANCE AT NIGHT.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Power, V. Fry, and Jenkinson were appointed by the club to run the dance at night. This function will be held in the Trocadero Theatre. Mrs. H. V. Phillips, who already had the hall booked for her usual Saturday night dance in aid of the P.O.W. fund, generously handed over the booking to the race club, and is co-operating with the committee in organising the function. Ladies of the Red Cross, Comforts Fund, and Red Shield are also to assist. Soft drinks will be on sale. A good orchestra is available, and a pleasant night's dancing is assured. Proceeds go to the combined patriotic funds.

THE WEIGHTS.

A.I.F. MAIDEN HANDICAP
4 Furlongs.

	st.	lbs.
Mr. Winston	9	7
Hughie's Hope	9	5
Beaufighter	9	3
All Waves	9	3
Hardy	9	3
Narvik	9	3
Glenacre	9	3
Sleepy Bill	9	3
Windsor Lady	9	1
Moonshine	9	0
Evermore	9	0

FINSCHHAFEN HACK HANDICAP, 5 Furlongs.

Beverly	10	10
Clever Lady	10	3
Mr. Luigi	9	10
Beaudesert Beauty	9	7
Swagger	9	3
Royal Ribbleson	9	0

R.A.A.F. FLYING HANDICAP, 6 Furlongs.

Lady Gladstone	11	0
Master Globe	11	0
Foxlyn	9	0
Beverly	9	0
Battle Prince	8	7
NEW GEORGIA HACK HANDICAP, 5 Furlongs.		
Clever Lady	10	10
Myrtle	10	3
Beaudesert Lady	10	0
Home Brew	10	0
Mr. Winston	9	7
Narvik	9	3
Sleepy Bill	9	3
Royal Ribbleson	9	0
Moonshine	9	0
SHROPSHIRE HANDICAP. 7 Furlongs.		
Master Globe	11	3
Lady Gladstone	11	3
Foxlyn	9	3
Beverly	9	3
Battle Prince	8	10
Mr. Luigi	8	10
Hughie's Hope	8	10

AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

100 Yards to R. Ringuet

Another good night's entertainment took place at the baths last Thursday night. Results:—

MEN'S 50 YDS. HANDICAP.

First heat: N. Spencer 1, F. Knott 2, G. Onions 3. Time30 and 4/5ths.

Second heat: T. Smith 1, F. Ringuet 2, D. Beale 3. Time 31 and 4/5ths.

Third heat: J. Starmer 1, P. Crow 2, C. Bykoff 3. Time 28½ secs.

Final: J. Starmer 1, N. Spencer 2, T. Smith 3. Time 28 and 1/5th.

JUNIOR BOYS' 50 YARDS.

First heat: K. Onions 1, M. Bauer 2, P. Ogden 3. Time 31 and 2/5ths.

Second heat: M. Gillespie 1, R. Smith 2, G. Breslin 3. Time 36 and 3/5ths.

Final K. Onions 1, M. Gillespie 2. Time 31 and 2/5ths.

100 YARDS MEN'S HANDICAP.

First heat: R. Ringuet 1, F. Knott 2, G. Onions 3. Time 1.7 and 1/5th.

Second heat: P. Crow 1, N. Spencer and T. Smith dead heat 2. Time 1.11½.

Final: R. Ringuet 1, P. Crow 2, N. Spencer 3. Time 1.6.

50 YDS. JUNIOR GIRLS.

N. Herbertson 1, J. Ringuet 2, P. Rigby 3. Time 35 and 3/5ths.

MEN'S RELAY RACE.

Won by Green's team. Time 4.21 and 4/5ths.

JUNIOR BOYS' DIVE.

Nine competitors faced the starter. R. Smith 1, W. Noon 2, G. Breslin 3.

JUNIOR GIRLS' DIVE.

J. Ringuet 1, N. Herbertson 2, P. Rigby 3.

MEN'S DIVE.

P. Crow 1, R. Ringuet 2, G. Onions 3.

NOTES.

(Received by whisper.)

New faces are the order of the day or night at the swimming baths each Thursday night, and gradually the old-timers are creeping back and toeing the mark.

Mick Norris bucked somewhat when they stood him back, but he'll be there with them before many swims.

Long Jack has been along to see us, and promises to swim next start. Really, Jack, they should stand you back to the baths wall to give the other boys a chance in that first jump.

In any case, every new face is welcome, and do not think you are hard done by if for the first night the handicapper sees fit to stand you back. Remember, size doesn't count in the art fo swimming: it's the performance.

Now, I would like to see the ladies and girls come along in greater numbers; there's no need to be shy. Join the club now. The more competition we get from the girls the greater the game.

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NAGOORIN SPORTS

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A Great Success

A picnic sports meeting was held at Nagoorin on Saturday, November 6, in aid of the Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund. There was a large attendance, and the meeting, both socially and financially was a great success, the takings amounting to £103.

Mr. G. Lawson, as chairman of the committee, ably carried out his duties, as also did the hon. secretary (V. L. Clark). Refreshments were served on the grounds by the ladies' committee, and were much appreciated.

A soft drink, sweets, and ice cream stall was carried out by Mesdames R. Punter, B. Clarson, and E. Stapleton, and was well patronised.

The committee desire to thank all those who assisted in any way with the success of the function.

Bending race: W. Williams' Blackboy 1, H. Dahl's Watchman 2.

Open flag race: E. Aldous' Sally 1, J. Bruce's Bessie 2.

Figure eight: J. Mossman's Scrubber 1, L. Keitley's Moonshine 2.

Open hunt: R. Lindley's Socks 1, Miss Toby Stapleton's May 2.

Boys' bending race: K. Marxsen's Socks 1, D. Lawson's Rebel 2.

Tilting the ring: J. Dahtler's Jumbo 1, F. Whetter's Venus 2.

Walk, trot and gallop: R. Lindley's Big Ben 1, Toby Stapleton's May 2.

Melon race: J. Bruce's Bessie.

Pony flutter (maiden): Mary Eton's Little Rose 1, E. Aldous' Raymond 2.

Saddle hack flutter: Eric Jacobsen's Mary Quay 1, G. Lawson's X.Y.Z.J. 2.

Donkey race: Stephenson's Beauty.

Cigarette race: J. Young.

Threading the needle: Ron. Lindley.

Throwing at wicket: Alf. Davis.

Stepping the distance: Arthur Stephensen.

Ladies' nail driving, Mrs. W. Dennis.

Throwing the broom: Mrs. G. Lawson.

Catching the pig: R. Mortensen.

Catching the rooster, Tony Jacobsen.

DANCE RESULTS.

A vice-versa ball was held at night, the prizes being won as follows:—

Best dressed gent, Mrs. Carson.

Best dressed lady, Ron Lindley.

Chocolate waltz, B. Sewell.

Monte Carlo, Betty Morris and A. Rowe.

Euchre tournament (ladies), Mrs. Hoskings; gents, Mr. W. Christie.

RAFFLES.

Cake (donated by Mrs. A. J. Booth), P. Whetter.

Bed jacket (donated by Mrs. S. Viney), R. G. Ironmonger.

Bag of vegetables (donated by A. Stapleton), Miss D. Lindley.

Bag of chaff (donated by G. Dahtler), M. Marxsen.

DONATIONS.

Mr. V. Duckham 5/-, Mrs. J. Vallis 10/-, Mr. A. R. Wagner £1/1/-, Mr. H. Bates 10/-, Mrs. S. Carson 10/-, Mr. A. Dunnitt £1, Boyne Valley Sawmilling Co. £10/10/-, A. Stapleton £1/1/-, A. Thompson 10/-, Friends (Pty.) Ltd. £1/1/-, A. Kimmence 5/-, F. Stephensen 5/-, W. A. F. MacDonald £1, J. Ross £1/1/-, R. Barten 10/-, W. Young 5/-, J. Morrison 10/-, J. Hanton 5/-, Eric Ba[illegible] £1/1/-, a friend £1/1/-, C. K. Cave £1/1/-, J. Drynan £1/1/-, W. Smythe 10/-, E. Stapleton 10/-, W. Dickensen £1/1/-, E. Steele £1/1/-, H. N. Ballantine £1/1/-, R. Waite 10/-, T. Gennery 10/-, J. Morris £1.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE attention of Nominators and Horseowners is drawn to an error in the Programme of the Turf Club Meeting, to be held on Saturday next. In No. 1 Race, the A.I.F. Maiden Handicap, the description should read:—A.I.F. Maiden Hack Handicap. The word "Hack" was accidently omitted from the original Programme.

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PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING

SATURDAY NEXT, November 27

PROGRAMME OF SIX EVENTS.

Busses from Town to Course.

Admission: Gents 3/-, Ladies 2/-

BIG DANCE IN TROCADERO AT NIGHT.

D. J. CONNELLAN, Hon. Sec.

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AT BENARABY.—A Patriotic Sports Meeting be held on Saturday, December 4. Comprehensive Programme of Horse and Pedestrian Events. Come along and spend an enjoyable day. A Gala Dance at night.

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BOY SCOUTS.—2nd Gladstone Group will hold a Jumble Stall on Saturday, December 11, in Gondoon Street, in aid of its funds.

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A senior medical officer at Indian general headquarters said that his staff would try to popularise the tablet, but "if the worst came to the worst we will have to order special pill parades."

India herself is now producing many specialised foods for the army, such as meat extracts and shark liver oil, and imported vitamin powders are being made into tablets in Indian factories.

From 431,300 at the outbreak of war in the Pacific, the number of men who have enlisted in the three fighting services has increased to 842,160.

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Church View Outlined

"The large increase in venereal disease among civilians and those serving in the forces since the war began has brought ruin and unhappiness to thousands of homes and become a grave danger to the health of the nation," declare the Archbishops of Canterbury (Dr. Temple) and York (Dr. Garbett) in a joint statement.

"The problem is moral as well as medical. The chief cause of the spread of the disease is fornication, or, as it is sometimes called, promiscuity.

Christian teaching fully recognises the right to use sex as a contribution to happiness as well as to life, but its demands should be treated with reverence and respect, as the means God has ordained for the creation of children.

"It therefore condemns fornication as a sin, for it misuses for momentary pleasure what is intended both as an expression of abiding love and for the creation of new life. It thus degrades personality.

"We therefore call on all who claim to be followers of Christ to take their stand against this sin. In loyalty to their Master they must bear witness against practices, amusements, and conversations that assume that fornication is natural and of slight significance. They must be loyal to the Christian standard, namely, that all sexual intercourse, except between man and wife, is sin.

"But while we condemn the sin, we understand how great are the temptations to which many are now subject. Therefore, we would remind them that God will help those who pray to Him, and to those who have yielded to temptation He offers pardon if they are truly penitent.

"We also make our appeal to men and women of goodwill who do not call themselves Christians to help in withstanding the present drift in the direction of moral laxity. Promiscuity threatens to destroy home life. It leads to great physical and mental agony, and may inflict on innocent and unborn children long years of terrible suffering.

"No mere physical precautions can give any guarantee of safety. Moral self-control is essential if the spread of this evil is to be checked."

The statement welcomes the instruction given by the Ministry of Health, provided it is made plain that moral resistance is of greater value than physical precautions.

It urges: (1) Increased provisions for healthy recreation in barracks, camps and stations.

(2) More women police.

(3) More clinics.

(4) Intensification of education of the national conscience against moral laxity.

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Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
24	7.19	7.14	12.50	1.06
25	7.59	7.56	1.30	1.55
26	8.38	8.37	2.08	2.43
27	9.15	9.17	2.45	3.30
28	9.54	9.57	3.20	4.18
29	10.34	10.40	3.58	5.09
30	11.17	11.26	4.38	6.01

THE MOON.

Last Quarter ... ... Novembtr 20
New Moon ... ... November 28

DECEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.	Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	——	12.01	5.24	6.56
2	12.11	12.50	6.16	7.53
3	1.13	1.45	7.17	8.52
4	2.17	2.45	8.28	9.52
5	3.33	3.53	9.40	10.50
6	4.51	5.04	10.52	11.43
7	6.02	6.08	12.00	——
8	7.00	7.04	12.33	1.02
9	7.48	7.53	1.19	2.00
10	8.32	8.37	2.01	2.52
11	9.12	9.20	2.40	3.39
12	9.50	10.00	3.17	4.25
13	10.30	10.38	3.53	5.09
14	11.06	11.32	4.31	5.51
15	11.45	——	5.10	6.34
16	12.04	12.21	5.50	7.18
17	12.47	1.00	6.36	8.02
18	1.36	1.40	7.27	8.48
19	2.31	2.28	8.25	9.37
20	3.35	3.22	9.30	10.27
21	4.41	4.26	10.31	11.16
22	5.45	5.32	11.35	——
23	6.40	6.36	12.04	12.34
24	7.28	7.23	12.50	1.31
25	8.12	8.12	1.33	2.24
26	8.55	8.58	2.15	3.15
27	9.38	9.45	3.00	4.07
28	10.20	11.32	3.44	5.00
29	11.06	11.20	4.30	5.50
30	11.50	——	5.20	6.44
31	12.10	12.38	6.13	7.35

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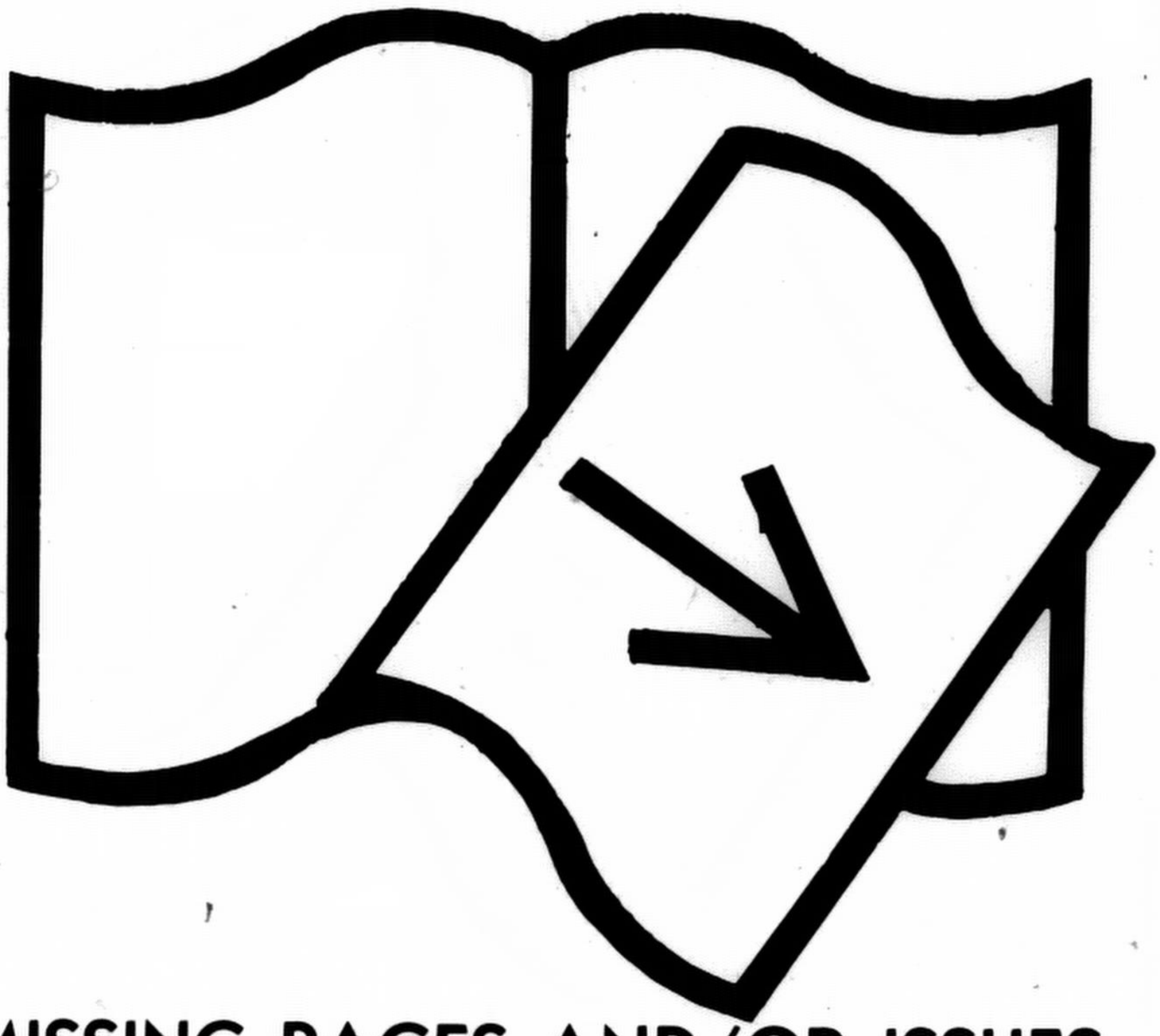

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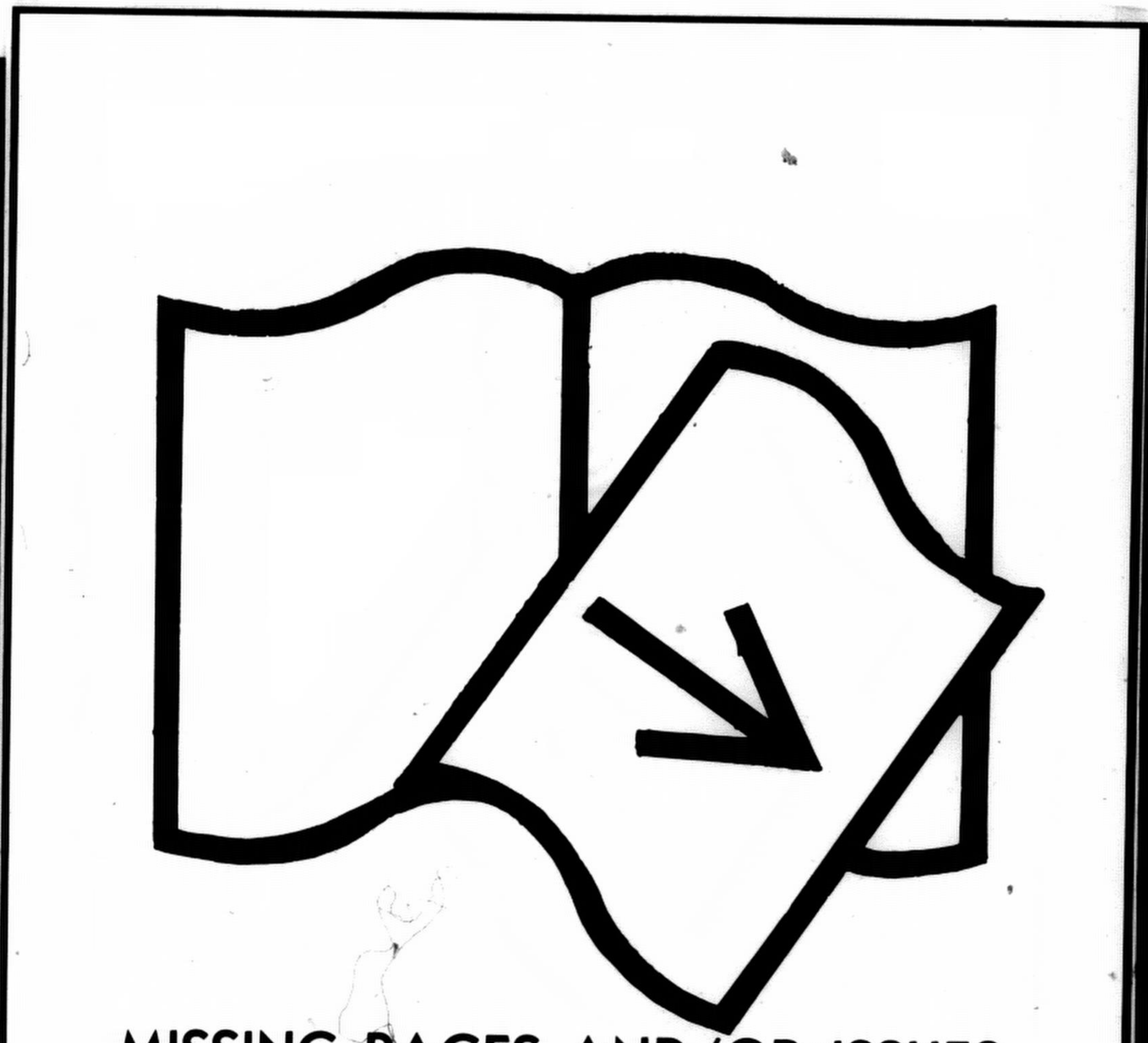

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"The advance of synthetic fibres can't be kept back any more than you could keep back the Pacific Ocean with a mop," said Mr. O. G. Doepel, managing director of Impression Textiles (Pty.) Ltd., of Alexandria, commenting to "Industrial News" on the threat of synthetic materials and imitation wool to Australia's wool industry.

"But," he added, "there is no reason why something can't be done in regard to the wool industry, which is marketing the greatest asset to humanity.

"To-day 10,000,000 men and women in the Allied forces are wearing woollen uniforms because it has been proved repeatedly that wool is the healthiest fabric under all conditions. Wool has hygroscopic qualities, which is not an attribute of synthetic fibres, and by this quality wool is able to absorb body perspiration and therefore keep the body at a fairly even temperature. That is why common colds are so rare in the army.

"Despite the boasts of enemy countries that they have produced synthetic fibres for their troops and don't need the wool they formerly imported from Australia and other wool producing countries, it is significant that one of the first acts of robbery when German troops occupied countries was to commandeer all woollen goods from blankets and rugs to socks and scarves.

"One wool authority stated that more Germans on the Russian front during the winter months died of pneumonia and cold through lack of woollen clothing than from Russian bullets.

"What Australia can do," Mr. Doepel continued, is to take advantage of every scientific means to have wool more readily worn because of its worth rather than for any sentimental reason.

"One means of increasing its popularity is by printing wool fabrics in attractive colours, for one reason for the success of artificial silk was the fact that it was printed in multi-coloured designs varied to suit the fashion of the season.

"Actually, the printing of Australian wool is the reason for the existence of Impression Textiles, which was established in 1940. At present the factory is printing material for the defence forces, but it will undertake the printing of Australian wool for markets at home and overseas as soon as the war is over."

PAYMENT OF TAXES.

The Federal Treasurer, Mr. Chifley, warns taxpayers that extension of time for the payment of assessments due at an early date couldn't be granted in every instance. He said the volume of work to be dealt with would be beyond the taxation department's capacity. With the lowering of the taxable minimum to £104 the number of assessments to be issued this year would be 2,000,000, an increase of 500,000 over last year.

RADIO IN NEW GUINEA

Jungle-Born Problems

Radio operators in New Guinea have had a good many headaches to contend with, but they would have had far more if technicians in Australia had not solved a good many of their possible difficulties beforehand.

For many years radio sets have been manufactured in Australia to suit the humid conditions of Northern Queensland and the islands of New Britain, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands.

Sometimes unforeseen troubles arose. For instance, mice were found to have a strong liking for the wax on the coils, which they ate with gusto, and nibbled through the delicate wires as well.

Cockroaches like eating wax too, but the technicians had discovered and encountered these little peculiarities long before the war.

But war brought plenty of problems of its own. One of these was ensuring that sets would function successfully when they were drenched when men leapt ashore with them from landing barges, or set up their posts under eternally dripping trees.

A.W.A., under Mr. C. P. Healy, head of their materials test laboratory, set up a radio research department to deal with these and other jungle-born problems, including the very serious problem of fungus covered sets. The fungus, which attacks jungle sets in New Guinea, had already been divided into two main groups; one is a white hairy growth about an inch long, and the other a green felt-like growth. Under the best conditions the fungus grows all over a set in a night.

A.W.A.'s progress to combat this problem would in peace time be on the secret list. Now all their experiments are passed on to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, through whom any Government Department or radio firm can obtain copies free of charge.

£1,000 FOR WRITERS

A.B.C.'s COMPETITION FOR RADIO SCRIPTS

THE A.B.C. announces a Writers' Competition, with prizes totalling £1,000, for original literary work dealing with Australian life, history or characters. The Competition awards separate prizes for novels, plays, documentary features, short stories, poems, and discussions.

In addition to thirteen prizes, the Commission will award special bonuses.

Nationals of all English-speaking countries are eligible to compete. Entries for the Novel Section will close on September 30, 1944. Entries for the other sections will close on June 30, 1944. Entry forms, with full conditions of the Competition, may be obtained from the A.B.C. Offices in each State.

Announcing the Competition, the General Manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Colonel Charles Moses, said: "The Commission's object is to secure material of a quality that will be readily acceptable for broadcasting over stations as well as in Australia, but that will be thoroughly Australian in all respects.

PRESENTS FOR SERVICEMEN

FATHER CHRISTMAS looks on approvingly as Misses Miriam Bordiss, Robina McIntosh and Betty Edwards, of the Administrative Building Staff at the Newcastle Steelworks, pack Christmas hampers for Servicemen. Approximately 1,000 B.H.P. employees have joined the Services.

GLADSTONE GOLF CLUB

1943 SEASON TERMINATED

Presentation of Trophies

The Gladstone Golf Club terminated its 1943 season on Saturday, when members and associates gathered at the club house for the annual presentation of trophies.

The afternoon competition, a Canadian mixed foursomes event, attracted a large field, and resulted in a win for Mrs. H. C. Moore and R. F. Power, who returned a nett 60 from a gross 86.

The low markers, Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Sing, had the best gross (78), including a 37 over the final nine. The winners received a handsome pair of towels, donated by Mr. Harry Moore.

WINNERS CONGRATULATED.

Introducing Rev. Father Cullen, who presented the trophies, the President (Mr. D. J. Connellan) said that since coming to Gladstone he had assisted the club materially. His trophy for the best four ball pair had resulted in some excellent golf, and would be completed early next season.

Father Cullen then handed each winner a war savings certificate or stamps in an envelope, and tendered his congratulations.

Other speakers included Mr. H. C. Moore, who congratulated the committee on being able to carry on under difficult circumstances.

Mr. Jas. O'Donnell (vice-president) and Mr. W. H. Hall referred to the splendid work of Miss L. Burrows and her associates, and Mr. Frank Peardon (captain).

The awards were as follows:—

Mrs. H. O'Sing, two war savings certificates for winning seven monthly events including eclectic, monthly medal and sticker competition.

Mrs. J. Starmer one war savings certificate, six events.

Miss L. Burrows, President's and Captain's trophie, two events.

Mrs. H. C. Moore, war savings stamp, three events.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, delegates' trophy.

Mrs. Burnham, Vice-president's trophy.

MEMBERS.

R. Elliott, two certificates for seven events, including eclectic.

H. O'Sing, one certificate, five events and eclectic.

F. Peardon, three events and Secretary's trophy.

H. C. Moore, three events and V.P. trophy.

L. Collins, two trophies and eclectic.

M. Clifford, two events.

"WALNUT" SEARCH-LIGHT

Rescue Airmen From Sea

A searchlight fitted to a band round the head, like a miner's cap, has been designed by Westinghouse engineers to help in rescuing airmen forced down at sea. The searchlight is only the size of a walnut, but it is powerful enough to send out a 1500 candle-power beam for 60 nautical miles.

Each member of the plane crew will wear one of the lamps, which are wired to hand-cranked generators, and have a "life" of about 100 hours; that is, about ten nights. Half the lamp bulb is silvered so as to reflect the rays in a beam.

STATE ELECTIONS.

The prospect of an early State election has disappeared, and the general feeling in political circles now is that it will be held towards the end of March or early in April. It is expected the Government will adhere to the decision to meet next month. The sitting, however, will be brief, as the Labour-in-Politics Convention will be held in February.

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THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

ORIGIN

RED CROSS in Australia came into being in 1914 as a branch of the British Red Cross Society. Early in 1914 some quiet preliminary work had been done in New South Wales towards the forming of a Voluntary Aid Organisation and the promotion of classes for training, but it was not until August 13th, 1914, at a public gathering in Melbourne called by Her Excellency Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, the wife of the Governor General of Australia, that the Australian Red Cross Society was acutally formed.

A CENTRAL COUNCIL was appointed to direct the Society, machinery was put into action to organise Red Cross in all States, in the Northern Territory, and in Norfolk Island.

LADY HELEN MUNRO-FERGUSON was appointed the first President of the Society. In each State the wife of the Governor became President of the State Division.

Very soon 2200 Branches were working throughout the Commonwealth, with a membership of 82,000 women and 20,000 men and boys.

THE WAR OF 1914-1918

During 1914-1918 more than £3,500,000 was collected and spent on Red Cross service to the Australian Forces and Empire Forces.

Items of expenditure on Red Cross work in Australia and overseas included:—

Money remitted to the Commissioners, England, Egypt and Cape Town, including special donations for prisoners of war	£979,007
Money expended in providing in Australia for sanitoriums, rest homes, invalid equipments, etc	£465,746
Money donated for and remitted to the British Red Cross Society	£253,920
Money donated for and remitted to Allied Societies	£64,530
Value of goods supplied to transports for use of sick and wounded	£103,905
Value of goods exported to Commissioners abroad	£1,266,731
Value of goods supplied to military hospitals in Australia	£462,697

The present War is making much larger calls on the Red Cross. You can helpon FRIDAY NEXT, 10th at

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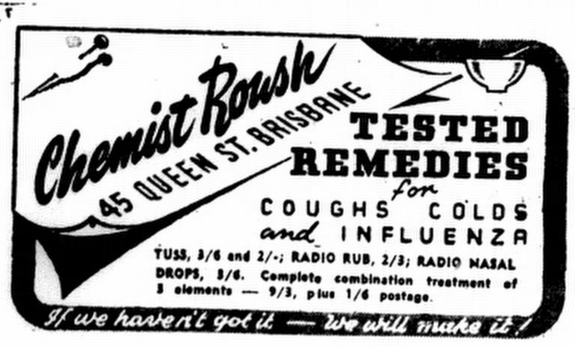

Engagement

CHRECEE-DRAKE.—The engagement is announced of Iris May Chrecee, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Chrecee, Tank Street, Gladstone, to Corporal Arnold Frank Drake, second son of Mrs. P. Shepherd and the late Mr. Drake, of Somerville, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Thanks.

MRS. J. GRANT and Family, of Glenlyon Street, Gladstone, wish to thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron and Nursing Staff of the Gladstone District Hospital for medical and kind attention to her dear husband and their father during his illness.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

MRS. J. GRANT and Family, of Glenlyon Street, Gladstone, desire to thank all kind relatives and friends for their floral tributes, telegrams, letters, cards, and expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

In Memoriam

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, James Wright, who departed this life on 5th December, 1942.

It is just one year ago to-day
Since our dear dad was called away.
The blow was hard, the shock severe;
We little thought his end was near.
He went to bed in perfect health
Not knowing death was near.
He hadn't time to say good-bye
To those he loved so dear.

(Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Roy and Kath, also grandchildren, Delores and Julie Anne.)

FRY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, our dear father and grandfather, George Henry ("Bob") Fry, who passed away on December 9th, 1942.

God's greatest gift, Remembrance.

(Inserted by his loving wife, family and grandchildren.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

RAIL AWARD REVIEW

Hearing began in the Industrial Court on Monday of applications by the Railways Commissioner, Combined Railway Unions, Amalgamated Engineering Union, and other metal unions for review of the Railway Award.

CHRISTMAS MAIL DELIVERY.

The Postal Department advises that to obviate disappointment in the delivery of mail matter before Christmas the public are advised that all mail matter should be posted not later than December 18.

BOY CHOKED BY CHEWING GUM.

A verdict of death from asphyxia while playing a game was returned at Auckland (New Zealand) at the inquest on a schoolboy, Patrick Dillon, 11 years. The bay was chewing gum while engaged in a game. The gum lodged in his windpipe, and he died in a few minutes.

PADDY'S MARKET.

The final Red Cross Paddy's market of 1943 will be held at the Red Cross grounds next Friday, December 10, when the usual assortment of high grade fruit, flowers, vegetables, jams, cakes and home manufactures will be available to patrons. A special feature of this function will be the Xmas gift and toy stall. There will be something here for the boys and girls for Xmas, filling a unique want for the festive season. A supper set donated by Mrs. C. Davidson will be raffled, also the special Xmas dinner basket. Mrs. A. H. Friend and her committee are already hard at work organising the maret, and town and country supporters are asked to kindly send consignments in to Friends (Pty.) Ltd. in good time for the morning sales.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, December 17.

The energetic convenors (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlane and J. W. Garrett) would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at the Gladstone Cash and Carry.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

PROCESSION AND DEMONSTRATION

An Educational Display

In common with other centres throughout the State, Fire Prevention Week was held in Gladstone, terminating on Saturday with a grand display by the Fire Brigade at the old town dam, preceded by a procession through the main street.

The weather may have prevented some from attending, but despite the threatening condition the number to take part in the procession and in attendance at the site of the display was disappointing.

CIVIL DEFENCE UNITS.

All Civil Defence units had been invited to take part in the procession, but whereas the heads of the several branches of civil defence were present, only three wardens and three W.N.E.L's. took part, and it would appear that the others have lost all their keenness in these activities.

HOWE FIRE ENGINE.

In the procession all Fire Brigade vehicles and two Ambulance cars took part, the new Howe International fire engine, making its first appearance, being at the head of the procession.

The body of this engine was built by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade and his staff, and reflects great credit on their workmanship, much favourable comment being made by officials of the Board and onlookers. Altogether the Brigade now has three fire engines and four trailer pumps, capable of pumping in the aggregate 2000 gallons of water per minute.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

During the procession and at the demonstration a public address system was in operation, giving, first of all, useful hints to, the public on fire prevention, and later explaining the several items of the demonstration.

INTERESTING DISPLAY.

The Chairman of the Fire Brigade Board (Mr. M. A. Busteed) and the executive officer of all Civil Defence units (Mr. J. F. Donovan) congratulated the Brigade on the interesting and educational display given. Mr. Busteed stating that, following the personal call of members of the Brigade to every house and business place in the town during the week, when a card containing useful information was handed in and useful advice give on fire prevention, he felt sure the week would have the desired results.

Mr. Donovan expressed the appreciation of the Government in the action of the Fire Brigade Board in co-operating in the week, and stated he would make a very favourable report to the Government on the display given by the Brigade.

FIRE RESCUE METHODS.

During the demonstration the public was shown how a fireman would rescue a person from a burning building, method of resuscitation, use of soda acid, foam, and C.T.C. extinguishers, stirrup pump and knapsack pump, special fires being prepared to demonstrate the use of each of these means of fire extinction.

EXTENSION LADDER USED.

The Brigade's extension ladder was used to show how water would be pumped into a second story of a building or over one building into another.

The fog nozzles, fire gun and foamite machine were also demonstrated.

PUMPING DIRECT.

A turnout of the Brigade, with the unit pumping direct from a water supply followed, and the public were able to appreciate the pressure of water these pumps can supply through several lengths of hose, three units at one stage sending out a good pressure of water through eight lines of hose. To demonstrate that the Brigade, by means of using one pump as a relay or booster pump, could fight a fire at a good distance from any available supply, 900 feet of hose was then run out in a matter of moments, and the Dennis engine sucking water from the dam pumped it through this 900 feet of hose, where it was received by one of the trailer pumps, which pumped it through a further 200 feet of hose, sending a great stream of water high into the air.

ONE COMPLAINT.

Altogether the display was most interesting. Those present had only one complaint to voice, and that was that more people had not shown sufficient interest to witness the display and learn something about fire fighting equipment and its uses in combatting fires of varying types.

RAILWAY STATION

"WHY THERE IS NO CLOCK"

Vibration Effects

The Secretary of the Gladstone branch of the Trades and Labour Council (Mr. J. Gosschalk) writes:—

"The enclosed letter was received in answer to our request for a clock to be installed for the convenience of travellers at the Gladstone Railway Station.

"We would point out that electric clocks installed at every other major station give satisfaction, and we have taken the matter up with the Commissioner for Railway.

"We consider this letter may be of interest to your readers."

THE LETTER.

"The letter from the General Manager of Railways, Rockhampton, stated: 'The reason why there is no clock on the platform at Gladstone is that vibration seriously affects the works of a clock, and I feel sure you will admit that it is better to have no clock than one which does not keep the correct time."

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES GRANT

The death occurred at the Gladstone District Hospital of a well-known and highly respected resident in the person of Mr. James Grant, after a short illness.

Deceased, who was 73 years of age, commenced work in the early days carting and hauling bridge timber and mine timber for the Mt. Morgan mine.

Afterwards he went to Baffle Creek, where he punted sugarcane to the mill.

His next job was running the mails. This took him between Gladstone, Kroombit and Galloway Plains, and then back by horse to the contractor, the late Mr. James Boles.

It included the Turkey Station mail to Rosedale and Bundaberg twice a week by pack horse and saddle horse.

Mr. Grant's next attempt was deep sea fishing around Bustard Heads and Baffle Creek. He made some fine hauls of mackerel, which were railed from Rosedale to Brisbane markets.

Deceased then came to Gladstone with his wife and faimly, and entered the deep sea fishing properly, running a boat to the Barrier Reef. For years large hauls of mackerel, salmon, red emperor and other reef fish were brought in to the Gladstone Fisheries. He held the record for the largest mackerel to be caught on a line. It weighed 84 lbs. He was an excellent navigator, bringing many small vessels into the uort from Sydney and Brisbane in the early days

Deceased is survived by his wife, one son (Donald), two daughters (Mrs. Albert Burrows, Gladstone, and Mrs. Sid Lewis, Gladstone), and four grandchildren.

WHITE AUSTRALIA

"Is Not Just"

"In China we do not like your White Australia policy," said Mr. Andrew Kwong, addressing Rotarians at their luncheon in Brisbane on Monday.

"You have done me the honour of inviting me to speak at your luncheon," he continued, "and I am sure you would wish me to speak the truth.

"China looks forward to the future with confidence. We have found our strength, and for you to have a policy of racial distinction against us is not just.

"Among the Chinese you see here now, none misbehaves himself in the streets, and that, after all, is the mark of good citizenship."

Mr. Kwong, who is a student of Hangchow University, spoke of China's post-war problems, and mentioned the progress that was being made in industry, education, and international relationships.

"The food problem is one of the most dangerous things in China," he said.

"There is only enough food for nine-tenths of our population, and foreign trade only feeds one-fourth of the remaining tenth.

"One reads where Australia must play an important part in the feeding of the people of the starving countries, and this should contribute to a spirit of mutual helpfulness between our two countries."

GLADSTONE SHOW SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Ballantine President

The annual meeting of the Gladstone Show Society was held on Friday night. Present: The President (Mr. H. N. Ballantine), and Messrs. C. Golding, A. Watson, D. Hardy, C. N. Joseph, L. B. Cameron, E. Jefferis, L. S. Johnston, W. J. Wyndham, G. Crow, A. Cameron, C. W. Macfarlan, and the Secretary (Mr. A. E. Easterby).

ANNUAL REPORT.

The President (Mr. H. N. Ballantine) submitted the 56th annual report and financial statements of the Gladstone Show Society as follows:—

In common with other similar organisations, no annual show was held, and it is not anticipated that a show will be held in 1944.

PATRIOTIC RODEO.

The Society held a patriotic rodeo, which was well supported. The total receipts were £483/13/4, and payments £140/19/2, leaving a credit balance of £342/14/2. This amount has been equally divided between the following five bodies:—Gladstone and District Patriotic Fund, Gladstone Branch Red Cross Society, Gladstone Branch Australian Comforts Fund, Calliope Branch Australian Comforts Fund, and Red Shield Fund.

I take this opportunity of thanking all who gave donations, assisted in the running of the function, patronised same, or in other ways assisted in making the rodeo the success it undoubtedly was.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members were again appealed to to pay their annual subscription. It is pleasing to report that of the 124 members who paid in 1942, 98 have paid in 1943. Several have also paid for 1944, and one member has paid his subscription up to 1946. To all these members I express my thanks. It is a matter for regret that 25 of last year's members have not seen fit to renew their subscription for this year. Two additional members have joined the services, thus making the number of members with the services 19.

CREDIT BALANCE.

At the commencement of the period under review we had an overdraft of £25/5/11. We have since met all commitments, and the year has closed with a credit balance of £21/16/1.

DEEPLY REGRETTED.

Death claimed two old and valued members in the persons of Mr. J. E. Rideout and Mr. F. F. Menzies. Their passing is deeply regretted.

THE GROUNDS.

Our grounds have not been utilised by the usual sporting bodies, but we now have an application from the Cricket Association for the use of the grounds for the current season. The Military have, on several occasions, made use of the grounds.

GENERAL.

I will not be seeking re-election as president, and I take this opportunity to thank all members for their very loyal support. During my term as president we have carried out many building improvements, and have also greatly improved the financial position of the Society.

In conclusion, I thank the chairman and members of the committee, and our honorary secretary, for the work they are doing, and for their continued interest in the Society.

COUNTRY PEOPLE.

Mr. G. Crow contended that the town was not pulling its weight, and the Society was being kept going by the country people.

POSITION IMPROVED.

Mr. Ballantine, in moving the adoption of the annual report, said there were dozens of citizens who should be members of the Society. However, credit was due to those loyal Gladstone citizens and the country people who had from year to year renewed their subscriptions. They had improved the position of the Society, and had finished the year with a credit balance of £21. The rodeo, in aid of patriotic bodies, was a great success, the financial result being really wonderful. He did not wish to seek re-election as president, and would like to see someone who lived closer to the town elected to the position. He took the opportunity to thank all those who had loyally assisted him to carry out his duties, the willing band of workers who had performed a good job, and especially Mr. Easterby, who had carried on in an honorary capacity.

WONDERFUL GESTURE.

Mr. Crow, in seconding the motion, endorsed the remarks of Mr. Ballantine. He (Mr. Ballantine) had brought in 70 head of cattle for the rodeo, which was really a contribution of £70. It was a wonderful gesture on the part of Mr. Ballantine, and he had carried out a magnificent job. However, the support given by the town for this patriotic function was not sufficient.

ACT APPRECIATED.

Mr. Jefferis said Mr. Ballantine's effort was wonderful, and very few people knew that in bringing the cattle to Gladstone Mr. Ballantine had remained with them for four days, sleeping with them, which in itself was an act that should be appreciated on all sides.

CATTLE KNOCKED ABOUT.

Mr. Ballantine said he was disappointed at the time that no mention was made that he had donated the cattle for the patriotic rodeo. He had travelled some considerable distance to get the cattle, but all he could get was twenty-five, and Mr. Jefferis had promised some. He then decided to donate the cattle for the rodeo, and it must not be overlooked that cattle are knocked about in bringing them in. All of the townspeople did not appreciate the work in bringing the cattle in to Gladstone, concluded Mr. Ballantine.

The motion for the adoption was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted:—

Patron, Mr. T. L. Williams, M.L.A; president, Mr. H. N. Ballantine; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Jefferis and A. Watson; treasurer, Mr. C. N. Joseph; country members, Messrs. A. L. Dahl, W. F. Whitty, A. H. Mann, G. B. Rideout, P. A. Friend, R. S. Wilson, W. J. Wyndham, A. D. Cameron, J. Bruce, R. C. Hoddinott, C. Gill, A. Chapman; town members, C. H. Golding, L. S. Johnston, G. Crow, A. D. Hopper, L. B. Cameron, C. W. Macfarlan, R. F. Power, D. Hardy, J. Burrows, J. Busteed, A. E. Easterby; auditor, Mr. L. S. Johnston.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The first business at the committee meeting was the appointment of a chairman. Mr. G. Crow declined the position on account of health reasons, and Mr. E. Jefferis was elected to the position.

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Mr. Ballantine said he regretted Mr. Crow was unable to accept the position, a position he had carried out for a number of years with credit to himself and the Society, and he considered a minute should be placed in the books recording the wonderful work Mr. Crow had carried out and the appreciation of members. He moved a motion accordingly, which was seconded by Mr. Johnston and carried.

Mr. Jefferis then took the chair.

CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

Port Curtis Cricket Association made application for the use of the grounds for the 1943-44 cricket season.—It was decided that permission be granted at a fee of £7-10/- for the season.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The following committees were appointed:—

Finance: Messrs. L. B. Cameron, P. A. Friend, and A. D. Hopper.

Works: Messrs. C. H. Golding, A. Watson, and G. Crow.

NO SHOW.

It was decided that under the present circumstances no arrangements be made to hold a show this year, or until such time as the committee decided otherwise.

TOKEN OF APPRECIATION.

Mr. Jefferis considered that a little present should be made to the Secretary (Mr. Easterby) as a token of appreciation of the work he had carried out in an honorary capacity.

HONORARIUM OF £5/5/.

Mr. Watson moved that an honorarium of £5/5/- be made to Mr. Easterby. Seconded by Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Easterby said he appreciated the gesture, but he hoped the motion would be defeated.

Mr. Watson: We should acknowledge the work carried out by Mr. Easterby in an honorary capacity, and thus show our appreciation.

Mr. Ballantine, in supporting the motion, said £5/5/- was little enough.

The motion was then put and carried.

The next meeting of the committee was fixed for the first Friday night in February next.

NEW GUINEA MILITIA.

Now on leave for the first Christmas among their people since 1940 are some members of one of Queensland's most famous Militia battalions. They were with the first troops to go to Port Moresby, and many of them have been in New Guinea since.

In the leave drafts arriving almost daily in Brisbane are many men who have served nearly two years in the New Guinea jungle. It is a long stretch, but most of them look remarkably fit.

COMFORTS FUND

SUCCESSFUL TOY STALL

Receipts £102/5/10

A very successful function took place on Friday last, when the Gladstone branch of the Comforts Fund conducted a toy stall at the A.C.F. rooms, Grand Hotel buildings.

A large assortment of toys were offered for sale, and both the quality and quantity of the articles on display were indeed a credit to the convenors (Mesdames C. Chapman and W. Keller), and to the band of willing helpers who always work hand in hand with the convenors for the success of all functions.

For weeks prior to the date of the function the convenors worked day and night to ensure the success of the stall, and as a result of their efforts and the patronage of the public, the Joint Appeal Fund will be augmented by the sum of £102/5/10, a really magnificent effort.

THE RAFFLES.

The doll made and dressed by Mrs. J. Worthington and Mrs. J. Picton was won by W. A. Lenz, and the teddy bear (made by Mrs. W. Keller) by M. Pitt, Off Lane.

NORTH QUEENSLAND SEATS

Hermit Park Labour

Failing unity between the Queensland Labour movements and the unofficial Labour, the Hermit Park branch of the A.L.P. decided to run candidates at the forthcoming State elections.

On the motion of Alderman F. Aiken the meeting resolved to thank the Queensland Trades and Labour Council for its efforts to bring about unity in the Labour movement, and asked the Council to endeavour to convene a conference of the Q.C.E., and executive of the Trades and Labour Council, with the object of bringing about unity in the Labour movement.

Failing such unity the Hermit Park A.L.P., with a desire to prevent anti-Labour candidates from winning North Queensland seats, would run its own candidates.

GERMANY'S FORCES DOOMED

KNOCK-OUT PLANNED

Increasing Attacks

Britain, the United States, and Russia agreed at the Teheran Conference on plans for the destruction of the German forces.

The scope and timing of the operations, which will be undertaken from the east, the west, and the south, have been arranged.

The leaders of the three nations assert that no power on earth can save the German forces from destruction under the relentless and increasing attacks.

FINAL BLOW SOON.

The final Allied blow on Germany is about to fall, reports the Exchange Telegraph special correspondent near Teheran. Never before in the whole course of the war have the Allied leaders shown such complete confidence in the operations to come against Germany.

The three greatest Allied leaders (Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt) have drawn up blue prints not only for the final terrific assault on Germany, but also for the peace to come.

The talks revealed one vital thing, the complete understanding existing between the combined Allied chiefs of staff.

The three great leaders made it plain by their demeanour that there now was no chance of major reverses, and that the war in Europe was near an end.

Thomas Stanley Hammond, manager of the Associated Tobacco Co., was attacked with an iron bar, thrown from his car to the road, and robbed of £1000 at Dandenong on Monday afternoon.

His assailants were two young men whom he had given a lift.

Hammond pleaded with them not to leave him helpless and bleeding, and persuaded them to drive him to Murrumbeena.

ALLIED MARRIAGES

CARE URGED

Serious Plight of Young Wives

Senator Dorothy Tangey, who is on her way to Canberra to interview the Federal Attorney General (Dr. Evatt) on behalf of Australian girls who had been deserted by their American soldier husbands, said when passing Adelaide: "I would urge girls contemplating marriage with Allied soldiers to look closely into the legal position before committing themselves.

"Because of the law of domicile many of the girls were unable to obtain either divorce or maintenance orders in this country.

"I have been amazed at the number of Australian-American marriages that have foundered. In Perth eight or nine girls came to see me, and others rang me up. Not one of them was more than 24, and some had been younger than 18 when they married and had had to obtain their parents' consent to do so.

"They had seen little of their husbands. One girl had known hers for only three days. Some had babies, and were without maintenance of any sort from their husbands."

Senator Tangney explained that under the present law of domicile these young wives could obtain redress or divorce only if they went to America, or if they could afford to pay the fees of an American solicitor to act in America on their behalf.

The law was made before such a situation was envisaged, but she believes that a National Security regulation could overcome the difficulty.

"Most of these unhappy marriages were contracted before June, 1942, when the American laws respecting the marriage abroad of their service personnel were tightened up," she said.

There were faults on both sides, Senator Tangney added, and it was difficult to make recriminations at this stage. In many instances she felt that parents of young girls were at fault. It seemed that education was needed for some parents as much as for the youngsters themselves.

GLADSTONE TURF CLUB.

Members of the committee of the Gladstone Race Club are reminded that a meeting of the club will take place at the Club Hotel to-morrow (Thursday) night at 8 o'clock.

TO CAN MORE CABBAGES.

Cabbages will be canned in Brisbane at the rate of approximately 10 tons a day from this week, when a second cannery will begin operations. Installation of bean and pea canning facilities is also being considered.

GROSS WASTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS

Astounding Revelation

An astounding revelation of gross wastage of foodstuffs and taxpayers' money is in the transport of 10 tons of beans from the glutted Sydney market to Melbourne, and subsequent dumping at the Melbourne City Council's tip.

The official explanation of the transaction, which was made on Wednesday last, was that the beans were taken off the glutted Sydney market after trading operations to relieve a bean shortage in Melbourne, and to prevent them from being dumped in Sydney.

Instead of being dumped on the spot they were transported 600 miles, adding 4/- a bushel to their purchase cost, and then dumped.

Officials in Canberra hesitated to declare whether the 10 tons dumped in Melbourne were identical with the 10 tons sent from Sydney, but the quantities agree, and so does the fact that both lots were contained in 750 bags.

Now the central authorities are endeavouring to find an official explanation. Originally it was stated that there had been a vegetable shortage in Adelaide, and that the beans had to be sent there from Melbourne, leaving that rising market short. Government operators then tried to relieve the Melbourne shortage.

WAR PLANTS

For Farm Machines

Munition factories which are to be closed down or converted to other war uses under the Federal Government's new scheme of production readjustment may be used to manufacture agricultural machinery.

This has been suggested to the Ministry of Munitions by the Deputy Director of Manpower (Mr. Bellemore).

Mr. Bellemore revealed this when commenting on a complaint from Mudgee that 300 workers would lose their jobs and £2000 weekly would be lost to the town in wages as a result of the decision to close down a munitions plant there and switch it to textile manufacture.

Mr. Bellemore said that no decision had yet been reached to use the plant for textiles, which required younger people to operate the machinery.

"I suggested that with a few additions of plant most of these factories could make agricultural machinery. The Munitions Ministry is now considering the suggestion," he said.

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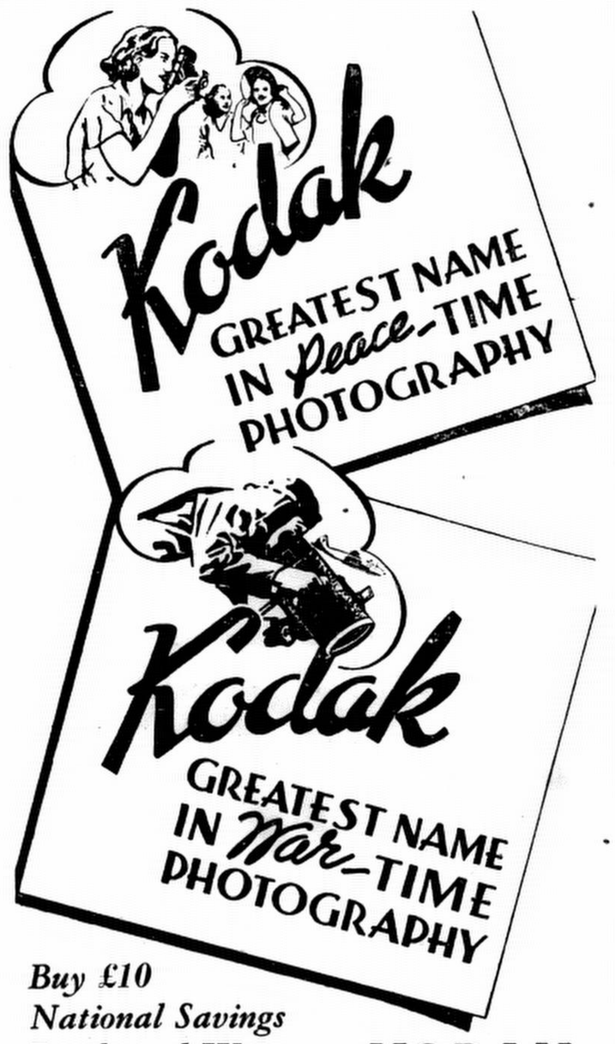

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Prevention is best. At regular intervals take all stored woollen, wool-rayon and wool-cotton garments, etc., into the open air. Shake and brush thoroughly, especially under lapels and collars. Clean cupboards, chests of drawers, using vacuum cleaner where possible.

Silverfish feed on rayon, starched linen and cotton. Books, prints and pictures are common feeding grounds. Clean bookshelves, backs of pictures and stored papers at intervals.

How to make bait cards: Bait cards may be purchased or may be made at home. Boil 3 pints of thin flour-and-water paste; add 1 oz. sugar, ½ oz. salt, 1 oz. sodium fluosilicate. Apply, hot, to both sides of cardboard; then dry, place in infested places. This bait is **POISONOUS TO HUMANS.**

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WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, December 17. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the convenors, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and J. W. Garrett.

BABY RUGS, in Pink, Blue, Cream, 27 x 36 8/11; in Dark Pink and Dark Grey, 28 x 34, 7/6 each. Coupon free at Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

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J. GOSSCHALK, Secretary.

NOTICE.

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ANNUAL RENTS AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

ALL RENTS on Miners' Homestead Leases, Gold Mining Leases, Mineral Leases, and other Mining Tenements, are payable at the Warden's Office on or before 31st December, 1943. After that date penalties will be imposed.

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6.45 a.m.	7.45 a.m.
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The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

ITALIANS IN AUSTRALIA.

Italian prisoners of war held in Australia total 6103. This is revealed in a War Office announcement, which states that Italian prisoners of war held in the United Kingdom, the Dominions and elsewhere, number 357,630.

FEWER OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The number of persons receiving old-age pensions has decreased by 11,000 in the last 12 months. At the end of November 261,786 old-age pensions were in force in Australia. The decrease, which is the largest ever recorded for and 12-months period, is due to the re-employment of old-age pensioners resulting from the general manpower shortage.

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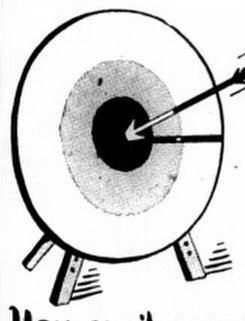

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Production of the spread at teh Hamilton factory of the Queensland Butter Board, which is turning out scores of tons for the armed forces in tropic zones removed from refrigeration facilities, was stepped up last week from 50 to 75 tons weekly as the result of a new formula.

With sufficient labour, 100 tons weekly can now be produced, and by the end of January the output is anticipated at 150 tons weekly. However, the aim is 200 tons, so great is the demand.

It has been idscovered that by the addition of 16 per cent of water and salt purchasers have a ready means of converting the spread into butter, equal to first quality butter.

The conversion is made by the slow addition to every 1 lb. of spread of five teaspoonsful of water in which has been dissolved a heaped teaspoonful of salt.

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It has been found that sea water is equally as effective for purposes of conversion.

MEAT RATIONING.

Final details of the meat rationing scheme as they affect consumers probably will be announced on January 8, but certain aspects will be made known as soon as practicable to enable the plan to operate smoothly from its inception.

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DECEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
8	7.00	7.04	.....	12.33	1.02
9	7.48	7.53	.....	1.19	2.00
10	8.32	8.37	.....	2.01	2.52
11	9.12	9.20	.....	2.40	3.39
12	9.50	10.00	.....	3.17	4.25
13	10.30	10.38	.....	3.53	5.09
14	11.06	11.32	.....	4.31	5.51
15	11.45	——	.....	5.10	6.34
16	12.04	12.21	.....	5.50	7.18
17	12.47	1.00	.....	6.36	8.02
18	1.36	1.40	.....	7.27	8.48
19	2.31	2.28	.....	8.25	9.37
20	3.35	3.22	.....	9.30	10.27
21	4.41	4.26	.....	10.31	11.16
22	5.45	5.32	.....	11.35	——
23	6.40	6.36	.....	12.04	12.34
24	7.28	7.23	.....	12.50	1.31
25	8.12	8.12	.....	1.33	2.24
26	8.55	8.58	.....	2.15	3.15
27	9.38	9.45	.....	3.00	4.07
28	10.20	11.32	.....	3.44	5.00
29	11.06	11.20	.....	4.30	5.50
30	11.50	——	.....	5.20	6.44
31	12.10	12.38	.....	6.13	7.35

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... December 4
Full Moon ..... December 12
Last Quarter ..... December 20
New Moon ..... December 27

JANUARY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	1.04	1.26	.....	7.11	8.30
2	2.01	2.21	.....	8.15	9.24
3	3.09	3.21	.....	9.21	10.16
4	4.20	4.39	.....	10.34	11.19
5	5.35	5.39	.....	11.42	——
6	6.37	6.39	.....	12.01	12.49
7	7.30	7.31	.....	12.48	1.49
8	8.14	8.19	.....	1.32	2.41
9	8.54	9.00	.....	2.14	3.27
10	9.32	9.42	.....	2.54	4.09
11	10.08	10.22	.....	3.32	4.49
12	10.44	11.01	.....	4.10	5.26
13	11.19	11.40	.....	4.50	6.04
14	11.52	——	.....	5.29	6.40
15	12.19	12.26	.....	6.10	7.18
16	12.59	1.00	.....	6.54	7.58
17	1.41	1.38	.....	7.41	8.40
18	2.34	2.22	.....	8.40	9.30
19	3.35	3.20	.....	9.47	10.24
20	4.46	4.33	.....	10.55	11.17
21	5.55	5.49	.....	——	12.04
22	6.55	6.55	.....	12.11	1.06
23	7.46	7.50	.....	1.03	2.05
24	8.35	8.44	.....	1.54	3.00
25	9.20	9.32	.....	2.44	3.52
26	10.05	10.20	.....	3.32	4.44
27	10.50	11.07	.....	4.24	5.32
28	11.35	11.56	.....	5.15	6.20
29	——	12.20	.....	6.05	7.08
30	12.47	1.06	.....	7.00	7.56
31	1.40	1.55	.....	7.58	8.45

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First Quarter ..... January 8
Full Moon ..... January 10

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AFTER THE WAR

Economic Security

In the last few months there has been some evidence of a more settled national mind and a consequent clarification of national thought. People are beginning to examine more closely the shape of things to come, and to appreciate more keenly some of the problems that will follow immediately after the war.

Recent public pronouncements by our leaders, representing both main schools of political and economic thought, have reflected the vision of the future that is now coming so much more closely into focus than it was earlier in the war. It is evident that the general outline of reconstruction plans and requirements are taking shape, and that these plans are based on a clearer appreciation of the trend and goal of humanity's strivings.

The vital urgency of war has demonstrated the inadequacy of many of our economic idols, and their downfall is assured if not already accomplished. At the same time there are certain signs that our political leaders have not allowed themselves to be carried away by the glowing gospels of extremist enthusiasm which sees a social paradise springing up at the wave of a legislative wand.

These leaders, representing every shade of thought, are unanimous in believing that an improved standard of life can be attained, and they have stated their resolve to see that the employment of the nation's physical and natural resources will be directed towards the common welfare. But they also see that any improvement in our general standard of living depends eventually on the labour of men's hands and not alone on Governmental plans.

Goods and services can only be provided at the cost of someone's work, and the extent of these goods and services is limited in the ultimate by the enterprise and earnestness of the individual men and women providing them.

The war has cleared away many of the shibboleths that previously stood in the way of justice, and that impeded the progress of the ordinary man struggling upward to a state of economic security and happiness. We can look forward to the future with great hope and enthusiasm, confident that we are facing in the right direction, and that our leaders see the goal quite clearly.

But we must remember that the road is not yet made; that although the plans are ready, the labouring has yet to be done.

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DRIED APPLE OUTPUT.

Dried apple production in Australia has increased more than tenfold since the outbreak of the war. For the coming season Australia will produce 4000 tons of dried apples, compared with 2000 tons last season, and 350 tons annually before the war.

REWARD FOR A HERO

DENIED RIGHT TO EARN LIVING

"Cold-Blooded Bureaucracy"

(By "Old Digger")

Last week one of the newspapers printed a small story about an Adelaide digger, badly disabled in Tobruk, who had been refused permission to sell toys which he had been making as a means of eking out the princely pension which a grateful country provides.

The department responsible was the Department of Import Procurement, administered by Mr. Beasley, and one of the mushroom shows which the Government thinks worth while retaining in the post war years.

The same paper featured the capture of Satelburg, a heart-warming achievement carried out largely by men of South Australian units.

What a contrast! On the one hand the battle-toughened, hale and hearty warriors lauded by those they are protecting, and on the other their shattered comrade being denied the right to earn a living, which he would have been so much better fitted to do had he stayed at home.

Perhaps Sergeant Derrick and his men might have paused a little in their glorious charge up the steep Satelburg slope had they stopped to think of a cobber who was finding the brave new world for which he had fought and bled, a stamping ground for bureaucrats to whom liberty is merely a word in a dictionary.

But they didn't stop, and they won't stop, until the job is done, or until a shell, bomb or bullet writes "finis" to them.

But they won't forget. They get letters from home, and this particular story will be told in many of those letters.

For this is cold-blooded bureaucracy at its worst, the type of reasoning which would withhold a rope from a drowning man unless he first agreed to sign a receipt for the rope.

There are no rights or wrongs or human factors about the reasoning of Australia's dictators. They act with the coldness of a striking snake.

For instance, the bureaucrat who rejected this digger's application saw no difference between the maimed man in Adelaide and a million pound company which might have been floated for the purpose of acquiring the entire market of toys at the expense of firms who have been diverted to essential work.

According to the Digger, the reason given by the department for not granting his application was that it did not see fit to allow new manufacturers to make capital out of the downfall of other firms.

But, apparently, there is nothing wrong with anybody who stayed at home making capital out of the absence abroad of a soldier.

Surely, after two and a half years away from business, disabled and under constant medical treatment, this man is sufficiently handicapped to warrant even the most optimistic of people doubting whether he is likely to be a threat to firms formerly engaged in making toys, when they eventually resume their normal function.

Rather, it would be apparent to everybody but one of our brilliant bureaucracy, to whom this war shattered man represents that most hateful of all spirits—the spirit of individual enterprise and industry.

For the man who will return to civilian life, and despite disablement, set out to make a living from his own efforts, without crawling to any politician or jack-in-office, is a dangerous man to have around.

He likes independence, and if you get enough of him in the same place and at the same time, he is likely to sweep away the hordes of people who have been running the war, and will want to run the peace by regulation and control.

Which, of course, would not suit the bureaucrats and petty dictators.

CARBON PAPER

From Sugarcane Wax

Over 13,411,441 lbs. of wax of different varieties were imported into Australia in 1942. This amount included 334,175 lbs. of Carnauba wax, used in the manufacture of carbon paper and gramophone discs, 156,484 lbs. of beeswax for boot and floor polishes, and 12,00,000 lbs. of parafin wax.

Carnauba wax came from Brazil; before the Japanese war paraffin was was largely obtained from the East Indies.

The falling away of supplies of wax has forced Australia to look around for substitutes. Scientists suggested the wax of the sugarcane, and it is now being tested.

Carnauba wax, which occurs as a coating on the leaves of the Brazilian wax palm, comes off in scales when the sun-dried leaves are beaten. It is refined by melting the scales in boiling water. When cooled, the hard layer of wax is removed and further purified.

The wax is valuable for its quality of hardness, its high melting point, and its capacity for gloss and polish. Its use in the manufacture of carbon paper gives a uniform, hard shining coating when spread on paper.

Sugarcane wax occurs as a thin layer on the outside of the cane. When the cane was crushed, much of the waxy material was removed and carried away with the juice. Lime was added and, after heating for clarification, the wax was carried down with the precipitate and discarded in the filter mud and used as a fertiliser.

PROCESSING WAX.

Now the crushed cane is dried in cakes and the first wax extracted by a salvent such as benzol. This crude wax is soft and contains a fatty substance which must be separated from the pure wax. This can be done by the use of acetone. The final pure sugarcane wax is regarded as a probable suitable constituent for high grade carbon paper, while the cruder first wax can be used for polishes and for teleprinted carbon paper.

A considerable amount of carbon paper is being made under contract to the Government, and the estimated annual requirements for this trade are 15 to 20 tons annually.

It should be possible to produce sugarcane wax at a reasonably competitive price in Australia. The process is basically simple, and the only problem would be the installation of the needed plant in the raw sugar factories.

ELECTION SIGN BAN.

A ban on the display of electoral posters, imposed by the Federal Government during the Federal election campaign, will be extended to cover State elections and the referendum. State elections will be held in several States early next year, and under the posters larger than 10 x 6 inches will be prohibited.

LODGING PRICES FIXED.

An order has been issued which limits the maximum rates for full board and lodging which may be charged by any new boarding house to 35/- a week, or 5/- a day. Under the new order boarding houses or hotels which were operating on April 15 last year must not charge higher rates than then in force. Establishments opened since must not charge higher rates than 35/- a week inclusive, 17/6 a week, or 2/6 a day for lodging only, or 17/6 a week or 2/6 a day, plus 9d for each meal for any kind of lodging or any meals.

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THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

ORIGIN

RED CROSS in Australia came into being in 1914 as a branch of the British Red Cross Society. Early in 1914 some quiet preliminary work had been done in New South Wales towards the forming of a Voluntary Aid Organisation and the promotion of classes for training, but it was not until August 13th, 1914, at a public gathering in Melbourne called by Her Excellency Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, the wife of the Governor General of Australia, that the Australian Red Cross Society was acutally formed.

A CENTRAL COUNCIL was appointed to direct the Society, machinery was put into action to organise Red Cross in all States, in the Northern Territory, and in Norfolk Island.

LADY HELEN MUNRO-FERGUSON was appointed the first President of the Society. In each State the wife of the Governor became President of the State Division.

Very soon 2200 Branches were working throughout the Commonwealth, with a membership of 82,000 women and 20,000 men and boys.

THE WAR OF 1914-1918

During 1914-1918 more than £3,500,000 was collected and spent on Red Cross service to the Australian Forces and Empire Forces.

Items of expenditure on Red Cross work in Australia and overseas included:—

Money remitted to the Commissioners, England, Egypt and Cape Town, including special donations for prisoners of war	£979,007
Money expended in providing in Australia for sanitoriums, rest homes, invalid equipments, etc	£465,746
Money donated for and remitted to the British Red Cross Society	£253,920
Money donated for and remitted to Allied Societies	£64,530
Value of goods supplied to transports for use of sick and wounded	£103,905
Value of goods exported to Commissioners abroad	£1,266,731
Value of goods supplied to military hospitals in Australia	£462,697

The present War is making much larger calls on the Red Cross. You can helpon FRIDAY NEXT, 10th at

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Church Services

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, established 1867, Sunday December 12th: 9.45 a.m. conclusion of Sunday School Session 1943, Christmas Lesson, 11 a.m. Morning Worship, 3 p.m. Hazeldean, 7.30 p.m. Evening Worship. Minister, Revd. H. MacNeil Saunders, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH, Minister Rev. G. T. A. Phillipson. Services will be held in the C.W.A. Hall on Sunday, December 12th, as follows:—11 a.m. preacher Rev. David Fletcher, of Brisbane. 7.15 p.m. Praise Service. 7.30 p.m. preacher Rev. David Fletcher, of Brisbane. A cordial invitation is extended to you to attend these services. Service personnel especially welcome.

In Memoriam

FRY.—In loving memory of our dear father and father-in-law, who departed this life on December 9th, 1942.

We were not there to clasp your hand
Or bid a long farewell,
But the sorrow in our lonely hearts
Only the ones that mourn can tell.

(Inserted by Archie and Dot and family, Cracow.)

JONES.—In loving memory of our dearest friend and pal, Hazel Jones, who passed away on 19th December, 1942.

Just a memory fond and true
To show, dear Hazel, we think of you.

(From your loving friends, Joan, Bud, and Dave.)

The Gladstone Observer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

REFERENDUM.

The taking of a referendum next year to give the Commonwealth Parliament the powers agreed to at the constitutional conference with the the States last year was agreed to by the Federal Cabinet on Wednesday.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE.

A big gala night, in the form of a New Year's dance, will be held in the Trocadero, under the auspices of the Church of England. Excellent music will be supplied, and the programme includes modern and old-time dancing.

£1 LESS FOR POTATOES.

The Commonwealth Prices Commissioner (Professor Copland) has announced a further reduction of £1 a ton in the price to growers of potatoes in Queensland. This lower price took effect on Wednesday on all potatoes delivered by road to Brisbane, or delivered to country sidings.

BUTTER PRODUCTION.

Australia's butter production for the first four months of the current year declined nearly 20 per cent on the corresponding period of the previous two years. Production for the four months ended October 31 was 43,965 tons, compared with 53,071 tons for the corresponding period last year, and 52,422 tons for the same four months of 1941.

COUNTRY PUPILS' HOSTEL.

Country school children attending State high schools, more of which are to be erected, may live in hostels provided by the Government. The Education Minister (Mr. Jones) said that many country children were now prevented from attending secondary schools because accommodation could not be obtained by them. The department was now giving close attention to the proposal.

GIFT FULLY APPRECIATED.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gollnick, Gladstone, have made a valuable contribution of books and reference books to the Gladstone State High School library. One of the books is of historical interest to all residents of Gladstone, and it is fitting that it should be available to all students passing through the local school. The Principal of the school states that on behalf of the school he deeply appreciates such parental interest in education.

FOUREX.

Commencing on Wednesday next, December 15, a special delivery of Fourex for the Xmas season will be made to local hotels, when approximately 300 dozen bottled Castlemaine will be made available. Hotelkeepers have agreed to retail this in small quantities to regular customers at a reasonable price. Old customers are therefore asked to get in touch with their favourite hotel next Wednesday to ensure a few bottles for the festive table.

Thargomindah had the best record of Queensland towns for 4th Liberty Loan contributions. It was the third successive war loan in which it led the State.

HARBOUR BOARD

MONTHLY MEETING

Interest Payment to Treasury

The monthly meeting of the Board was held yesterday. Present: The Chairman (Mr. C. W. Macfarlan), and Messrs. W. P. Golding, L. R. Weiske, A. W. Drewe, R. S. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. A. D. Hopper).

The Town Council notified that Mr. L. R. Weiske had been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Mr. E.W.Crow.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Weiske, who suitably responded.

Apologies were received from Messrs J. F. Donovan and C. S. Schache, who were granted leave of absence from the meeting.

POST WAR SCHEMES.

The Co-ordinator General of Public Works wrote in connection with schemes for post war development.

It was decided that the Works Committee prepare a list of proposed works for submission by the Board.

FINANCE.

Payments amounting to £448/15/- were confirmed, and accounts amounting to £228/18/- were passed for payment.

It was decided to make a remittance of £2041/16/3 to the Treasury on account of the current half year's interest.

GENERAL.

The Chairman (Mr. Macfarlan) extended the compliments of the season to members of the Board and staff.

GLADSTONE TURF CLUB

PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING

Net Profit of £247/3/9

The patriotic meeting of the Gladstone Turf Club, held on November 27, was even more successful than the previous record fixture, and when the Secretary (Mr. Connellan) presented the financial statement, duly audited by Mr. V. A. Summers, at the committee meeting last night, it disclosed that the nett profit would be £247/3/9, allowing a distribution of £35/6/3 to the seven Gladstone and Calliope patriotic bodies. Members commented favourably on the prompt finalisation of accounts and early distribution of proceeds, which has been a feature of the Turf Club's patriotic efforts.

After some discussion it was decided to ask all intending members to forward their annual subscription of £1/1/- to the Secretary or Treasurer before December 31 next, and that an annual meeting of such financial members should take place on Friday, January 7, to elect a committee and officials for 1944. The club intends to race again early in the New Year.

There was a lengthy discussion on the advisability of racing for a track improvement fund, it being pointed out that extensive improvements were necessary to the track, race rails, grandstand and committee box, some of these fixtures being in a dangerous condition.

Many members felt that the general public would realise that as the club had already distributed large amounts from patriotic meetings, the club itself was deserving of a bumper meeting to repair and improve the course and appointments. The question is, of course, bound up with the problem of taxation, and will, no doubt, be finalised at the annual meeting and subsequent business of the new committee.

It was generally agreed that the recent patriotic meetings had put racing on its feet in Gladstone and district, and had given a new lease of life to the sport of kings locally. This is due to splendid work by old members and the enthusiastic co-operation by patriotic officials, who were very active in giving fresh impetus to the club's operations.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss C. Gilmour left by the mail train yesterday for Brisbane, en route to Stanthorpe, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ogg, "Araluen."

Mrs. C. W. Ewald, after her appearances in St. Andrew's concert and at divine service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, returned on Monday to Bundaberg. During her stay in Gladstone she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Young

GLADSTONE AND DISTRICT

POST WAR PROJECTS

Some Important Proposals

The Chairman of the Gladstone Employment Exchange Board (Mr. J. F. Donovan) writes as follows:

Acting under instructions from this Board, I am attaching a list of post war projects which are having our attention.

"I further attach copy of a report furnished by the Chief Inspector of Fruit Culture at Rockhampton (Mr. W. J. Ross), dealing with the citrus growing on lands in the vicinity of Calliope Range.

"I am directed to ask that you publish these details for the information of the public generally, and thanking you in anticipation.

GLADSTONE HARBOUR BOARD.

1. Extension of reclamation work from the present position to Barney Point, at an approximate cost of £90,000. A report on this project from a town planning expert is awaited.

2. In conjunction with No. 1 is a small scheme from Lord Street down to the present water front, and to embrace an area of approximately 8 to 10 acres.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL.

Hydro electric generating plant to supply the whole of the Dawes Range right down to and including Gladstone, and including all small towns en route.

CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL.

1. The construction of the road from Calliope River Crossing to Yarwun.

2. The construction of the road from the end of the Yarwun-Targinnie main road, near the Targinnie School, to the locality where boring operations for shale oil deposits are being carried on.

3. The construction of the road from Many Peaks to the top of the Dawes Range via Green Wattle Creek.

4. The construction of the road from Littlemore to Miriam Vale via Blackman's Gap.

5. To cover test borings in the Mt. Larcom district to ascertain whether a supply of suitable water could be obtained for irrigation purposes.

6. A tentative investigation of a gorge in portion 3 parish of Radley, through which Ridler Creek runs, to ascertain if it would be suitable for the impounding of sufficient water for an irrigation and hydro electric scheme for the Boyne Valley.

7. Isolation ward for infectious diseases at the Gladstone District Hospital.

8. Cleaning of land in the shire by bulldozers of noxious weeds and animals, and for better roads to all farms, and opening of the coast line for fishing and recreation.

TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

1. New railway line from the Station to Parson's Point Meat Works.

2. Double railway line from Gladstone to Boyne Valley Junction.

3. The establishment of an aerodrome at Gladstone.

4. Complete drainage of town and reclamation of all saltpan land.

5. Opening of cotton ginnery at Gladstone.

6. Assistance to cotton growers in the Calliope Valley to be assisted from funds from the Unemployment Trust Account by way of grant or subsidy.

7. Railway line between Lawgi and Monto to be connected.

BY MEMBERS OF THE EXCHANGE BOARD.

1. Irrigation and water conservation scheme, embracing the lands on the Calliope River basin, containing approximately 300,000 acres.

2. Suitability of land in the vicinity of the Calliope Range for the growing of citrus.

3. Coal mining operations at Callide Valley and Littlemore.

4. Electricity scheme for Rockhampton, Gladstone and Bundaberg, and country districts generation point in the Callide coal fields.

5. Miriam Vale lands for the growing of tobacco.

CALLIOPE RANGE LAND.

Senior Instructor in Fruit Culture (Mr. Ross) reported as follows:—

With reference to your B/c and copy of letter sent by you to Mr. J. F. Donovan, chairman Gladstone Employment Exchange Board, Gladstone, dated 24th August last, in respect to the inspection of land in the vicinity of the Calliope Range, and its suitability for fruit growing, I have now to report as follows:—

In company with Councillor H. N. Ballantine and Mr. A. Walker (settler) an inspection of the land in question was made.

GOOD WATER SUPPLIES.

Situated at the top of the Range, about 5 miles south-west of Gladstone, and in the vicinity of Mount Seaview, the area is known as the Tableland. It was a mining field with considerable activity many years ago, but at present the three or four remaining residents are chiefly engaged in grazing pursuits.

The soils are granitic and basaltic, and in places very fertile, with good drainage, especially along the water courses, and are capable of producing good results in respect to the growing of citrus and other fruits and vegetables.

From observations made, and backed by information collected from settlers who have had long experience in the area, good water supplies can be obtained from wells and creeks in sufficient quantities to permit of small scale irrigation being practised. This water is, in most cases, of good quality, both for domestic and crop purposes.

FRUIT FARMS.

The total area considered suitable for the establishment of fruit farms is not extensive. The largest concentrated area of reasonably good land is estimated to be approximately two miles square, on which probably from ten to twelve orcharding enterprises might be established, with provision for sufficient acreage being available to each settler to permit of mixed farming being indulged in, and for the maintenance of a few horses and cows necessary for efficient working and home comforts and requirements.

SMALL FLATS.

Along both sides of the route by which the aforementioned country is at present approached there are situated on the eastern slopes of the Calliope Range a number of small alluvium flats or pockets scattered over a large area, which could be utilised for the successful growth of such crops as already mentioned.

Individually, however, these flats are small in area, ranging perhaps from 3 to 8 to 10 acres, but by the inclusion of several or more of them (according to size) in each block surveyed, reasonable prospects for successful cultural activities would be afforded each settler.

A further number of similar areas to the last mentioned are, I understand, existent further along the Calliope Range at higher altitudes, but in respect to these road facilities are not at present available.

In respect to those areas mentioned as being on the eastern slopes of the range, road facilities not at present existing to provide ingress and egress might be a little difficult in places; but by no means insurmountable.

TRANSPORTATION.

Regarding transportation of production, I have to mention that there is a rather steep and narrow, but otherwise fairly satisfactory road at present serving the Tableland area, and the nearest point of railway is Calliope, about 30 to 35 miles distant.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

In conclusion, I desire to suggest that in the event of further steps being taken to design a scheme for the closer settlement of these areas, a more detailed inspection involving more time and travel be organised before any definite action is taken. This would assist in the planning of areas being carried out to include considerations of facilities, such as roads, water and sufficient arable land being available for each settler.

T. & G. MUTUAL LIFE SOCIETY

SOUND PROGRESS

Bonuses Maintained

In to-day's issue an advertisement of the T. & G. Mutual Life Society appears.

For the year ended 30th September, 1943, the income of the Society amounted to £7,424,880, and the new business completed in the ordinary and industrial departments (excluding reassurances) totalled 100,450 policies, assuring £10,654,229.

The assets, which are held to meet policy liabilities, are now £42,354,744, while assurances in force increased to £111,015,786.

£3,170,147 was paid to policy holders. Over 1,600 members of the Society's staff have enlisted for war service, and the Society subscribed over £4,000,000 to war loans last year.

Bonuses have been maintained on the same scales as for last year.

The sound investment policy, with careful selection of risks, and fair dealing with its policy holders, have made the Society one of the strongest life offices in the British Empire.

AQUATIC CLUB

HANDICAP RACE

Win for Susan

(By "Harbour")

Members of the Port Curtis Aquatic Club organised a handicap race last Saturday, which was held on the Auckland Creek course, as the club was unable to secure a launch to follow up the boats for the harbour course. However, under very unfavourable conditions, a very light northerly prevailing, the race commenced at 3.15.

Seven boats faced the starter, viz: Chelsea (E. Fisher) scratch, Ace (P. Crow) 1 min., Susan (A. Wicks) and Valiant (N. Flack) 3 mins., Cutty Sark (P. Byrne) 5 mins., Memories (J. McDough), and Defiant (R. Brennan) 8 mins.

Chelsea held her lead throughout the first lap, followed by Susan, with Valiant third.

During the second lap Chelsea was overtaken by Susan, Valiant and Defiant. Cutty Sark pulled out at the completion of this lap. Maybe we'll bring some wind for the next race, Pat.

Susan held her lead to the finishing line, with Defiant gaining second honours, while Memories came from last position earlier in the race to finish third.

On the adjustment of handicaps Defiant completed the course in the fastest time, 1 hr. 26 mins.

As this was the first organised race for over a year, things went well. So, until we are able to race again, good sailing.

"USELESS"

Dingo Rifles

Complaint was made at the annual meeting of the Selectors' Association of Queensland this week that rifles made available to destroy pests were so old and inaccurate that in many cases they had proved useless.

Delegates suggested the establishment of buffer areas between sheep and cattle areas to check the spread of dingoes. It was claimed, however, that graziers in such areas should be given special concessions to compensate them for maintaining netting fences and because of losses sustained through being adjacent to dingo areas.

The meeting supported a proposal for a uniform dingo bonus of 10/- throughout the State.

Alarm was expressed at the increasing number of dingoes.

A report from the Western Queensland Local Authorities' Association showed that for the year ended March 31 7876 dingoes were destroyed in 14 Central Western and North Western shires.

Despite diminishing facilities to cope with the pest this kill was 3800 more than the previous year, and nearly 5000 greater than in 1938-39.

PENSIONS RESTORATION

Four Weeks' Back Pay

Arrangements are being completed by the Federal Treasury to pay the pensions restoration of 6d a week from the pensions pay day in the week preceding Christmas.

The decision was not made in time to enable the inclusion to be paid this week.

As the restoration will be made retrospective to the date of the cut last month, pensioners, in addition to having their pension restored to 27/-, will receive four weeks' back pay.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, December 17.

The energetic convenors (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlane and J. W. Garrett) would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at the Gladstone Cash and Carry.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT

Delightful Evening

A large and appreciative audience filled the Town Hall on Friday night, December 3, at the second annual St. Andrew's concert.

After the National Anthem had been sung the Minister apologised for the absence of Mrs. C. N. Joseph, Mr. D. Smith, and Miss Beverley Williams on account of illness. He also explained that the pipers, under the lead of Mr. C. Duncan, of Rockhampton, were unable to fulfill their promise to be present on this occasion owing to their duties in various forms of national service.

The programme began with a delightful pianoforte selection rendered by Mrs. J. Busteed, who was the accompaniste for the evening. Her skilfull sympathetic execution, given with tireless patience to each item, was the firm foundation on which the whole programme was built, and made so enjoyable to the audience.

The guest artiste, Mrs. C. W. Ewald, of Bundaberg, made an early appearance on the programme, and at once captured and held the interest of the audience.

She was gowned in an old gold ripple satin evening frock, with a contrasting shoulder posy in cyclamen shade.

Her gracious unassuming personality and commanding presence were matched by her rich contralto voice. In timbre full and flawless, and in range wide and effortless, it enabled the singer to produce notes of high artistic quality. Her rendition provided pathos in gentler passages, passing easily to fervour and vigour in forte. The phrasing was delicate and well balanced, combining true tempo and rare interpretation.

The opening bracket of songs was "Dawn" and "Somewhere a Voice is Calling." This was followed at intervals by "My Ain Folk" and "Waiata Poi," "Melisande in the Wood" and "Angus MacDonald," and "I'll Walk Beside You" and "Danny Boy."

The climax of Mrs. Ewald's numbers was reached in "Homing" and "A Perfect Day," which was the best wine kept till the last.

Under the direction of Mrs. E. J. Bryan the children's party of the Sunday School repeated three items of the Children's Concert held in July—"The Doll's Dance," "Alice Blue Gown," and "Nursery Rhymes." In each item the young performers brought credit upon themselves, winning warm applause from the audience. Beris McKenzie deserves special mention for her clever rendering of a double part in the "Doll's Dance."

"The Blue Bells of Scotland" was sung by Miss Beth Miller in costume. She gave a pleasing rendition and agreeably surprised her listeners with the quality and strength of her voice.

Two popular items were performed by Miss Shirley McCray's Youth Troupe, "Gypsy Turn" and the "Naval Turn." These items never fail to please Gladstone audiences, and on this occasion the troupe excelled itself, particularly in the "Gypsy Turn." The frocking lent a realistic atmosphere to each scene, and stage management and performance were perfectly synchronised, implying long and careful preparation. Shirley herself, in addition to her part in the turns, danced the Highland Fling in national costume.

The solo "A Brown Bird Singing" was daintily rendered by Miss Esme McTaggart, and Miss Broadhurst in her solo, "Concerto for Two," demonstrated again the fine qualities of her voice, for which she is always an appreciated performer.

A playette entitled "Radio Ripples," presumably put on the "air" from 4-B.O., Benaraby, was given by four members of the Fellowship, Misses E. McTaggart and J. Perkins, and Messrs D. Rose and C. Power. This item was a solemn warning to all listeners to avoid "4-B.O., Benaraby."

The only instrumentalist on the programme was Mr. T. Rees, who appeared twice with his saxophone, and rendered brackets of numbers selected from the classics and popular airs.

Mr. Rees is well known as the master of his instrument. His numbers were received with well earned appreciation.

During the evening the youthful humourist, Max Garrett, appeared in variety turns which provoked much amusement.

The Minister sang the solo "Youth" and staged a musical competition based on the humourous song "The Egg." The winner was Miss E. McGahan.

Exquisite shoulder posies, made by Mrs. A. E. Easterby, and other floral tributes were presented to Mrs. Ewald, Mrs. Busteed, Mrs. Bryan, and Mrs. McCray.

The evening's entertainment closed with the singing of "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot."

The Minister proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the artists and other helpers, which was carried by acclamation.

A RECORD OF

SERVICE AND PROGRESS

The Annual Report for 1943 shows that the sound progress of the T. & G. has been well maintained

SERVICE—The T. & G. is a Mutual Life Society. In the forefront of its ideals it places fair dealing and service to its Policyholders. During last financial year over £3,170,000 was paid to Policyholders—more than £10,000 every working day in the year.

POPULARITY—The esteem in which the Society is held is shown by the fact that during the year many thousands of existing Policyholders, in addition to new members, purchased protection for themselves and their dependants. In all 100,450 new Policies assuring £10,654,229 were effected, while the total Assurances in force increased to £111,015,786.

SECURITY—The assets, which are held in trust to meet Policy liabilities, now exceed £12,350,000 invested in first-class securities.

WAR EFFORT—Over 1,600 members of the Society's staff have enlisted for war service. The Society has invested to the limit of its capacity in the various War Loans in Australia and New Zealand, the sum of £4,090,000 being contributed during the past year. Every premium paid and every new Policy effected strengthens the Society's support to the War Effort.

THE T. & G. SERVES THE NATION

IT SPECIALISES IN GROUP, PROBATE, ENDOWMENT AND CHILDREN'S ASSURANCES ON THE MUTUAL PRINCIPLE

Purely Mutual No Shareholders

THE AUSTRALASIAN T. & G. MUTUAL LIFE SOCIETY

CLOTHING MATERIAL

Easing Restrictions

Easing of the restrictions on the manufacture of clothing material to enable the output of cloth to be expanded both in quality and in design will probably be considered by the production executive.

Some Federal Ministers are dissatisfied with the range of design and quality offered by wartime cloths. They say that it is much more limited than in either Britain or America, and that if present restrictions are continued Australian mills will be in a disadvantageous position to compete with other manufacturers of cloth after the war.

AMERICANS LIVING ABROAD

Must Register

Registration for U.S.A. selective service has been extended to all male civilian citizens of the United States residing abroad.

Those born after December 31, 1898, and before January 1, 1926, and not previously registered, must register on or before December 31, 1943.

Such persons residing in Queensland should communicate at once with the American Consul at Brisbane (Mr. Joseph P. Ragland) for particulars.

Heavy penalties are provided for failure to register.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION.

After December 14 the collection of waste paper, cardboard and strawboard cannot be carried out without a license from the Salvage Commission.

If you have anything to dispose of try a casual advertisement in the "Observer," 16 words for 1/6. Three insertions 3/-.

Make yours war-winning presents this Christmas. Give 5/- National Savings Stamps, War Savings Certificates, or several 6d. War Savings Stamps. These are the fashionable patriotic presents this year.

5/- National Savings Stamps May be Used:

1. Full booklets of 40 stamps pay for a £10 War Bond.
2. In filled pages (of 8 stamps—£2) they may pay a deposit (while a loan is open) or an instalment on a Bond at any time.
3. In filled pages of 8 stamps they may be credited to a Savings Bank Account.

Buy them for yourself and give them as presents this Christmas.

5/- National Savings Stamps

At Savings Banks or Money Order Post Offices anywhere.

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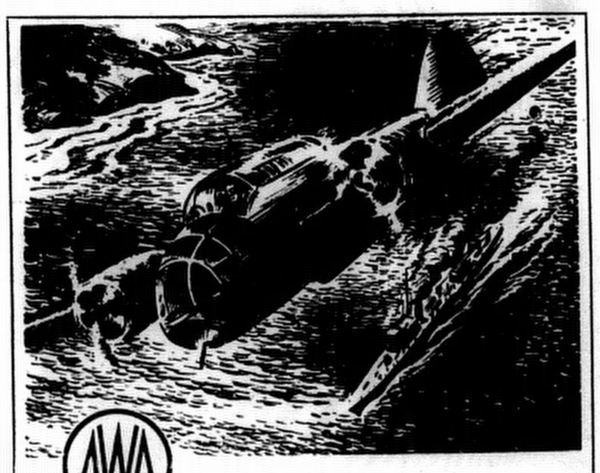

AWA . . . is wholly engaged in the manufacture of Wireless and other equipment for the Navy, Army, Air Force and the Merchant Navy. When Victory is ours, the Fisk Radiola will again be available throughout Australia . . . Until then, your local Radiola Distributor will gladly service your present Radiola.

THE FISK RADIOLA

AUSTRALIA'S FINEST BROADCAST RECEIVER

AMALGAMATED WIRELESS (A/SIA) LTD.

Australia's National Wireless Organisation

QUEENSLAND RADIOLA DISTRIBUTORS:

CHANDLERS PTY. LTD.

BRISBANE

CROWN LAND FOR OCCUPATION LICENSE.

AN Area of 5½ square miles, being portion 25, Mount Larcom, and Portions 45 and 85 to 87, Calliope, about 5 miles south-west of Yarwun, will be open for Occupation License at 12 o'clock noon on 12th January, 1944, at an annual rental of £3 the lot.

For further information apply to the Land Agent, Gladstone.

City Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd.
307 Queen Street, Brisbane.

LOST POLICY.

ONE MONTH from date it is the Society's intention to issue Special Policy in lieu of Policy No. 47047 for £500, issued to ALLAN BOYLE FERRIS, of Ubobo, B.V. Line, by the City Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd., on the 15th May, 1926, which has been declared to have been lost.

(Sgd.) J. M. HANNAN,
Manager.

Brisbane, 7/12/1943.

FOR SALE.—Golf Clubs, good as new, in holders. Inspect at Weiske's.

W. HENDERSON
SADDLER

FORMERLY of Blackall and Rockhampton, has commenced Business. Counterlining a speciality.

Sufficient Address:
MAKOWATA, N.C. Line.

TO STAND THE SEASON AT "HURST HILL," BUILYAN

Blood Horse "Almond"

Sire, Seremond (imp.) 5.

All care taken but no responsibility. Fee £3/3/-

For further information apply LEN ONIONS, "Wongalee," Builyan.

CYCLE PARTS, Accessories.—At the White Service Station in the Valley you can purchase all of your requirements. This week's purchase: 100's of Pump Connections pre delivery announcement: 28 x 1¾ front and rear rims are expected in February; Cycles arriving early in the New Year. See Port Curtis Motors first.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

A.C.F. MONTHLY STREET STALL be held on Friday, December 17. Donations of cakes, flowers, sweets, etc., be appreciated by the convenors, Mesdames C. W. Macfarlan and J. W. Garrett.

BUSTEED'S for Batteries. All users with priorities one to six are assured of immediate delivery. Call today. Limited stocks of Patching Cement and Rubber also available at Busteed's, opp. G.P.O.

BUY your Mosquito Coils, Citronella, etc., early, and don't be disappointed. Good stocks on hand at present. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

CANVAS.—24in. heavy Water Bag 7/11 yard, 30in. Jute 2/11, 36in. heavy White Duck (10½oz.) 5/6 yd., all coupon free. Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

CAMPERS.—Canvas Compact Folding Camp Stretchers 23/6, Camp Mattresses for same 14/6; Pine Kitchen Chairs, round seat, 10/6 Friends (Pty.) Ltd.

CONQUER Smoking Habit in three days. Success guaranteed. Thousands of genuine testimonials. Send stamp for Free Booklet and instructions. G. L. Elwood, Box 2444, G.P.O., Sydney.

DRIPPING.—1 lb. Pats now available at Friends at 5½d lb.

DON'T WORRY over Constipation when you can buy a bottle of Pills for 2/- that will give you the relief you want. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

FOR SALE.—Aladdin Lamp, almost new, £3; Gramophone Records 2/- each, Fencing Brace and Floor Clamp. Inspect at Weiske's.

FOR SALE.—In handy position, 32 perches Freehold Land, near Bowling Green. Price £120. Please apply Weiske's.

FOR TYRES and Tubes at Government regulated prices. Write or call. Busteed's, the Tyre People. Sufficient address, Gladstone.

INTERESTING BOOKS.—Moresby Mice 4/9, Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels 2/9, East of Malta, West of Suez 2/6, One World (Wilkie) 7/6, Report From Tokyo (Grew) 3/9. Limited stocks. P. M. Jones, Bookseller.

IT'S the "Open Season" for Calendars. A very nice range at present, but don't delay; also Blotters, Calendars, Book Marks, etc. P. M. Jones, Stationer.

JUST LANDED.—Large Stocks of Car and Truck Jacks. Made in Australia of first quality and fully guaranteed. Busteed's (the Tyre People), opp. G.P.O.

LOST.—Bay Draft Mare, lump under jaw, brand indistinct. Reward on information or delivery to A. McLean, Benaraby.

MOTOR Cycle for Sale.—Will sell Mr. N. Milne's (now R.A.A.F.) Velocette 1939 Model 500 c.c. OHV Motor Cycle. Naturally, must get best possible price (within reason) for him. See Williams, Port Curtis Motors.

NAVAL Officer wishes accommodation private home, Gladstone. Apply Naval Office, Court House.

POOL PETROL, Castrol, Mobile and Shell Oils in all grades. Motor parts and accessories. Give yourself an A-1 chance of getting an accessory by coming along to the White Service Station in the Valley. See Port Curtis Motors first.

RAZOR Blades last longer by using the Keena Sharpener. Only 1/4 each. Get one while stocks last. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

SPECIALS.—Front Line, the story of the Air Raids on Britain, 3/9; His Majesty's Mine Sweepers, 2/; Achievements in British Aircraft, 4/6. All beautifully illustrated and lovely books. P. M. Jones, Bookseller.

RUBBER Garden Hose.—Supplies are now being made available, subject to regulations. Forms to be completed are available at Friends.

SHOWROOM GIFTS.—Ladies, you will find a lovely lot of Undies, suitable for gifts, at Friends, the Big Department Store.

SEWING MACHINES of all makes repaired by fully qualified mechanic. Work guaranteed. Will also pay highest cash prices for any make of Machine. Needles, Oil and Spare Parts stocked.—W. F. Bartlett, Sewing Machine Expert, Glenlyon Street, Gladstone.

STOP SMOKING in three days. Feel fitter, save money. Success guaranteed. Recommended by satisfied thousands. Send stamp for Free Booklet to G. L. Elwood, Box 2444 G.P.O., Sydney.

SWIMMING every Thursday Night at 8 p.m.—50 yards Sprint. See the back liners in action. Weekly Novelty events. Keen competitors. Watch for special announcement.

STOP PRESS, Hold Everything! Urgent Refrigerator news. First releases Cold Flame Kerosene operated Refrigerators already made. Fully expect all releases to be made and deliveries effectd before Christmas. Persons eligible (four or five in household) should make enquiries now for January deliveries. Phone or write. Port Curtis Motors, Gladstone.

WANTED.—A Man to cut grass, about two days. Apply "Observer" Office.

WANTED.—Ice Chest or Ice Box. Reply this Office.

Church of England Dance New Year's Eve

TROCADERO

Big Gala Night, Modern and Old-time Dancing, MonteCarlo, Novelties.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL.

SANITARY AND REFUSE CONTRACT.

TENDERS, endorsed "Sanitary and Refuse Contract," and closing with the undersigned at noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1943, are hereby invited for the Removal and Disposal of Nightsoil and Refuse and Dead Animals, within the Gladstone Council's area.

Approximate number of Services per week:—

1292 Sanitary
1105 Refuse

Period: Three years, from 1st January, 1944, to 31st December, 1946.

Successful Tenderer to take over present Plant and Equipment from Contractor. The successful Tenderer to continue with Rubber Tyred Regulation Motor Wagons. All Pans to be supplied by the Contractor; daylight service and otherwise in accordance with specifications of Department of Public Health and the Council.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained from the Office of the Council; Deposit to be lodged with Tender, £100, in bank cheque or draft.

Lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

V. P. BRESLIN,
Acting Town Clerk.

Gladstone, 3rd December, 1943.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

OWING to the shortage of Manpower and Packing, and the extreme war time conditions, we ask all our customers not to write in for supplies of Drinks, but to call with bottles and take delivery unpacked.

This procedure will be strictly adhered to except in the case of country shops and our present business delivery, which we will endeavour to supply as usual.

A. WARD & SONS
Aerated Water and Cordial Manufacturers

P.O.W. ART UNION

£140 PRIZES

A good chance to Help a Worthy Cause

Full Ticket 2/-, Half Ticket 1/-

HELP THE LOCAL EFFORT

CALL OR WRITE FOR TICKETS

P. M. JONES
Casket Agent

'Phone 75 :: P.O. Box 28

Also from A. Burrows and J. Comino.

SHIPPING CONTROL BOARD

INTERSTATE STEAMSHIP SAILINGS

CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING

Under Government instructions, the Sailing Dates of Vessels cannot be advertised.

Shippers and Passengers are requested to communicate with the Agents shown below.

CARGO to and from Southern and Northern Ports.

PASSENGER SAILINGS to and from Southern and Northern Ports.

Full particulars of Freights, Fares, etc., ascertainable on application to

DALGETY & Co. Ltd.
(Incorporated in England)
GONDOON STREET
'Phones 126 and 219

WANTED.—Good Car or Utility. My need is extremely urgent, and I will pay a good price for a late Model low mileage vehicle. Sedan Oldsmobile, Buick, Ford, Chev., or similar preferred, but would buy small car. Apply c/o Miss J. Fellows, Bramston Street, Gladstone.

WANTED.—Piano, any make, must be in fair condition. Cash buyer waiting. Please apply Weiske's.

WANTED Purchase.—S.H.Boy's Cycle 20 x 1¾ in good order, if possible before Christmas. Phone or write Pt. Curtis Motors, Gladstone.

WANTED.—Small House Property up to £500; also larger Home. Please advise Weiske's.

Your Personal Post-War World

6 practical things you can do to make it a happy one

A COMFORTABLE home, good food and clothing, education for your children and *a feeling of security.*

Doubtless that is your idea of a personal Post-War world. How can you attain it?

Here are 6 practical things that you and your family can do:

(1) Buy and hold War Bonds to the limit of your capacity.
(2) Pay willingly your share of the taxes—even of increased taxes.
(3) Work as hard—and as long—on your job as you can so as to keep down the cost of the things or services you are producing.
(4) Provide for your own and your family's future by adequate life assurance. (Most of the money you put into Life Assurance will go into War Loans and so serve a double purpose.)
(5) Buy only what you need and make what you have last longer.
(6) Live faithfully by the rationing Rule and the Price Fixing codes.

If you do these things you will play your part in avoiding the tragedy of inflation and in making your personal Post-War world a happy one.

A.M.P. SOCIETY

Incorporated in New South Wales.
The Largest Mutual Life Office in the Empire.
L. C. WILSON, Esq., C.B., C.M.G., Chairman, Queensland Board.
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VOTE FOR THE A.M.P. SOCIETY'S CANDIDATE IN THE RED CROSS BABY COMPETITION. EVERY PENNY BUYS ONE VOTE.

WAR SERVICE FUNDS

ARE BENEFITTING regularly by Donations from GEO. ADAMS' (TATTERSALL) Subscribers and Geo. Adams' Estate.

THE PLAN was launched in November, 1940, and already well over £55,000 has been paid to the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. (Federal Executive) for distribution amongst the War Funds in all Australian States and New Zealand.

Write to GEO. ADAMS, Hobart
FOR PARTICULARS.

Help the War Funds ... Help Yourself

Kill Two Birds with the one stone — There are 10,000 reasons why.

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(Established in 1893)

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Gladstone Agent —— A. E. EASTERBY

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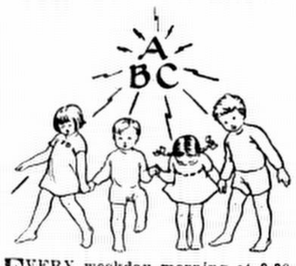
Words.	One insertion.	Two insertions.	Three insertions
16	1/6	2/6	3/-
24	2/-	3/8	4/-
32	2/6	4/-	5/-
40	3/-	4/9	6/-

TREWHELLA GRUBBERS AND JACKS for LAND CLEARING
Obtainable from your local hardware store

KINDERGARTEN OF THE AIR

DOES YOUR CHILD LISTEN?



EVERY weekday morning at 9.30 all over Australia children are united in one big Kindergarten. They join in the songs, enjoy the stories, interpret music and learn to observe and appreciate nature. The songs, music and play activities all have an educatonal value. Children live and learn by play, and the play activities are planned to help them to get the best out of living.

If you have not already done so, tune in to this session. Clear a space in front of the wireless and help the children to enter into the activities by joining in yourself. They like to share their pleasures and you will learn to understand something of their feelings as they gather around their unseen teacher.

The Parents' Session, at 1.30 p.m. (E.S.T.) every Sunday on the National Stations, is planned specially for you. For 10 minutes the problems that all parents have with their children will be discussed and advice given on the handling of those situations that so often confront parents.

Monday to Saturday at 9.30 a.m. (E.D.S.T.), 9 a.m. (C.D.S.T.).

2FC, 2CY, 2NR, 2NC, 3AR, 3GI, 2CO, 4QG, 5AN, 5CK, 7ZL, VLQ.

Out of a staff of 550 conductors on Brisbane trams 370 are women, the highest number on record.

From Tropical Heat
TO THE COOLNESS OF CANE-ITE

Cane-ite huts for returned men of the A.I.F.

With all walls of ½-inch Cane-ite Insulating Board, and with Cane-ite under the iron roofs to avoid condensation, these huts are perfectly insulated against all extremes of temperature. The construction of such huts is only one of the many ways in which Cane-ite is being used by the services.

CANE-ITE
INSULATING BOARD
The Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. (Building Materials Division)
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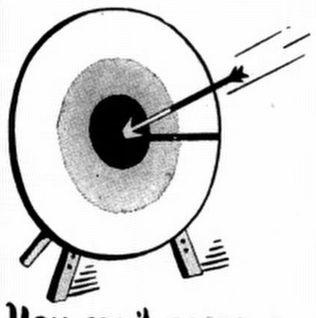
CANE-ITE .. MASONITE .. C.S.R. SLAG WOOL and PLASTER PRODUCTS
★ INVEST YOUR SAVINGS IN WAR BONDS



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You can't win
£6,000
if you don't buy a ticket
1,255 CASH PRIZES
TICKETS 5/6 each

GOLDEN CASKET

If writing, add 5d extra for postage and result slip.
F. BURKE, Mgr., Box 551J, G.P.O., Brisbane

Local Agents: P. M. JONES, J. COMINO, and A. BURROWS; Mr. A. E. A. NEILSON, Mt. Larcom.

WORK OF CORVETTES

Freedom of the Seas

The corvettes which Australian shipyards have been building since 1940 have made a name for themselves in the Mediterranean and Pacific, where they have been mine sweeping, patrolling, convoying, and doing anti-submarine work.

In the Mediterranean, together with British and American naval forces, they convoyed transports and landing craft in the Sicilian invasion. They had previously shared the hazards of the vital phase of the long struggle for control of these waters, and have been highly praised by the Commander in Chief of the Levant, to whose command they were temporarily attached.

When Japan came into the war a number of corvettes were in the Singapore area.

In the grim weeks that followed these little ships played a part out of all proportion to their size.

During the exodus from Singapore they escorted convoys of precious merchant ships to Java and to Australia.

The notorious bomb alley of Sunda Strait was one of their patrol grounds. They were on the job again later when Tandjog Priok Harbour was crowded with ships from Singapore.

Although these 900-tonners withstood the concentrated fury of enemy attacks during the Malayan and Netherlands Indies campaigns, not one of them was lost.

Very little has been revealed of their Pacific activities to date, but one of them acted as anti-aircraft and anti-submarine guard, a fire float, a hospital ship, and a salvage tug when the shipping in Milne Bay was raided by a hundred Japanese bombers earlier this year.

To-day scores of these little ships named after Australian country towns go about their job of maintaining the freedom of the seas around our coasts.

Savings stamps, war savings certificates, Commonwealth loans, are vital instruments in waging the war against the powers of darkness. You have a part to play.

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If so, try—

DR. MORSE'S INDIAN ROOT PILLS

BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

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SPECIALISTS IN GROCERIES AND FOODSTUFFS

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

AS OUR BUILDING on North Quay has been taken over for National Work, we have gone back for the duration to our parent company, Queensland Pastoral Supplies Pty. Ltd., Bowen Street, Brisbane.

WRITE FOR PRICE LIST. We still have a comprehensive list of ALL GROCERIES, notwithstanding the rationing. We supply anyone direct. Largest and most Up-to-date Grocery Establishment in the Commonwealth.

Buy Direct and Save the Middlemen's Profit

QUEENSLAND GROCERIES LIMITED
—AND—
QUEENSLAND PASTORAL SUPPLIES PTY. LTD.
Both at BOWEN STREET, (near Fire Brigade), Brisbane.

HE GETS 66 UNITS OF VITAMIN B1 DAILY.

YES! HIS MOTHER GIVES HIM DELICIOUS UNCLE TOBY'S OATS FOR EVERY BREAKFAST.

HIS MOTHER READ THIS:

A plate of a pre-cooked, ready-to-eat breakfast food without milk gave 2 units of Vitamin B1, while a plate of porridge of rolled oats gave 66 units—33 times as much!

Extract from article in "Australasian Baker" (July, 1942, issue) by Professor Priestley, of Sydney University.

If UNCLE TOBY'S OATS is not as readily available at your grocers these days, remember it is but a temporary inconvenience, due to present day conditions. There is no shortage of Uncle Toby's Oats.

UNCLE TOBY'S OATS

A Product of CLIFFORD LOVE & CO. LTD., Eagle St., Brisbane.

TIDAL DIARY

The following predictions are given in standard time, and not in Australian daylight saving time. Adjustment to the table must be made by adding one hour to the times given.

DECEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
11	9.12	9.20	.....	2.40	3.39
12	9.50	10.00	.....	3.17	4.25
13	10.30	10.38	.....	3.53	5.09
14	11.06	11.32	.....	4.31	5.51
15	11.45	——	.....	5.10	6.34
16	12.04	12.21	.....	5.50	7.18
17	12.47	1.00	.....	6.36	8.02
18	1.36	1.40	.....	7.27	8.48
19	2.31	2.28	.....	8.25	9.37
20	3.35	3.22	.....	9.30	10.27
21	4.41	4.26	.....	10.31	11.16
22	5.45	5.32	.....	11.35	——
23	6.40	6.36	.....	12.04	12.34
24	7.28	7.23	.....	12.50	1.31
25	8.12	8.12	.....	1.33	2.24
26	8.55	8.58	.....	2.15	3.15
27	9.38	9.45	.....	3.00	4.07
28	10.20	11.32	.....	3.44	5.00
29	11.06	11.20	.....	4.30	5.50
30	11.50	——	.....	5.20	6.44
31	12.10	12.38	.....	6.13	7.35

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... December 4
Full Moon ..... December 12
Last Quarter ..... December 20
New Moon ..... December 27

JANUARY.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
1	1.04	1.26	.....	7.11	8.30
2	2.01	2.21	.....	8.15	9.24
3	3.09	3.21	.....	9.21	10.16
4	4.20	4.29	.....	10.34	11.10
5	5.35	5.39	.....	11.42	——
6	6.37	6.39	.....	12.01	12.49
7	7.30	7.31	.....	12.48	1.49
8	8.14	8.19	.....	1.32	2.41
9	8.54	9.00	.....	2.14	3.27
10	9.32	9.42	.....	2.54	4.09
11	10.08	10.22	.....	3.32	4.49
12	10.44	11.01	.....	4.10	5.26
13	11.19	11.40	.....	4.50	6.04
14	11.52	——	.....	5.29	6.40
15	12.19	12.26	.....	6.10	7.18
16	12.59	1.00	.....	6.54	7.58
17	1.41	1.38	.....	7.41	8.40
18	2.34	2.22	.....	8.40	9.30
19	3.35	3.20	.....	9.47	10.24
20	4.46	4.33	.....	10.55	11.17
21	5.55	5.49	.....	——	12.04
22	6.55	6.55	.....	12.11	1.06
23	7.46	7.50	.....	1.03	2.05
24	8.35	8.44	.....	1.54	3.00
25	9.20	9.32	.....	2.44	3.52
26	10.05	10.20	.....	3.32	4.44
27	10.50	11.07	.....	4.24	5.32
28	11.35	11.56	.....	5.15	6.20
29	——	12.20	.....	6.05	7.08
30	12.47	1.06	.....	7.00	7.56
31	1.40	1.55	.....	7.58	8.45

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... January 3
Full Moon ..... January 10
Last Quarter ..... January 19
New Moon ..... January 26

SAVE IT... for Australia...

REDUCE personal spending — that means more tanks, aeroplanes, ships, munitions, equipment, to be used by our men for our defence.

Here is a vital war-time job for you — to see that not a single penny is wastefully or unnecessarily spent, and that every penny so saved goes into the total war effort. Until Victory is won, the Government needs all your savings, not only the money you have now but all that you can put aside.

£10 National Savings Bonds mature 1952, bear interest at 3% payable half-yearly, are purchaseable for cash or by 10% deposit and instalments of £1 monthly.

BUY £10 NATIONAL SAVINGS BONDS

AND WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

APPLY TO ANY BANK OR MONEY ORDER POST OFFICE

ADVERTISING PAYS
Wise Newspaper Publicity
INCREASES BUSINESS
BUILDS UP TRADE
BRINGS NEW CUSTOMERS
Advertise in the "Observer"
Support Local Industry.

The Gladstone Observer
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GOOD PRINTING PAYS
An Aid to Good Business
UP-TO-DATE PLANT
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IN NEW ZEALAND

Profit Sharing in Action

"For the past 15 years we have shared the week's profits with the employees in the manufacturing section of my engineering business," said Mr. S. G. Holland, Leader of the Opposition in the New Zealand Government, in Sydney during an exclusive interview with "Industrial News Service."

"This profit-sharing system has been most satisfactory, for it has meant a more contented staff, lower prices for goods, increased production at a lower cost, and better returns for ourselves.

"I believe that such systems as profit sharing and co-partnership contribute greatly to the bringing down of suspicion and in bridging the gap between employer and employee.

"The main reasons for the swing from Labour in the last New Zealand elections," Mr. Holland went on, "were, I think, the restlessness against the growing restrictions, and the large number of new men of a younger generation who represented the Nationalist Party. Civilians welcomed the advent of a party which had a progressive and far-sighted programme to offer them. They actually put Labour out. It was the servicemen's vote which kept Labour in office.

Mr. Holland and Mr. F. W. Doidge, member for Tauranga, have been some weeks in Australia inspecting war factories and plants in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

"Undoubtedly what impressed us most," said Mr. Holland, "was our two-day tour of the Newcastle Steelworks. They are wonderful works, and one of Australia's greatest assets.

"Australia," he continued, "has many goods New Zealand needs, but Australia must find some means of letting us pay for them. In other words, she must encourage two-way trade."

PEOPLE IN LIFE BOATS

Drinkable Sea Water

British research chemists have developed a number of stills to take the salt out of salt water, and therefore make it fit to drink by people in life boats.

Three types are now in general use in life boats. One produces half a gallon of fresh water for every hour it works. It burns either briquettes or kerosene. The other two burn kerosene and produce more fresh water relative to the fuel consumed, but the advantages of the briquettes is that they can be stored in odd corners of the lifeboat and the briquette can still be used to make hot drinks or to dry wet clothes.

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

Help the Boys

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.

ACHIEVED THE "IMPOSSIBLE"

SIR ERNEST FISK AND A.W.A.

Radio Put Australia on The Map

Australian radio history and the Great War jumped off together to a flying start.

Actually Australia had amazed the world in 1911, when the young radio operator on the Otranto, Ernest Fisk, had established communication with H.M.S. Powerful, lying in Sydney harbour, when the Otranto was two days off Fremantle. The Otranto's wireless had a limit range of 200 miles. Beyond that it couldn't go. Fisk sent his message 2000 miles! And he has been doing the impossible ever since.

Between 1911 and the outbreak of the Great War nothing much happened in Australian radio development. But war developed the industry almost overnight. A.W.A. (founded in 1913 with Fisk as general manager and director) erected a land station on Garden Island in four days, and six stations were shipped (with Fisk) aboard H.M.A.S. Melbourne for "unknown destinations."

These destinations turned out to be New Guinea and New Caledonia, and the staff and equipment sent with the young radio engineer were responsible for capturing the German radio stations there, while the establishment of watching stations saved the east coast of Australia from attacks from enemy ships.

HISTORY REPEATED.

History is now repeating itself, for Australian wireless has played a vital part in the present New Guinea campaign.

"Practically every move in New Guinea is dependent on radio," said the famous aviator, Ray Parer, in Sydney recently. He has just spent six months in New Guinea as an engineer with a U.S. service. "In fact," he added, "our present success there has been made possible by the superiority of Australian-made equipment over Japanese equipment. Our wireless is the best 'secret agent' in the world."

Establishing wireless stations in the tropics was a new experience to the young engineer, but he had already had experience of the Arctic, for in 1909 he went there on behalf of Marconi to test the possibilities of wireless communication for the Newfoundland seal hunting fleet.

This was one of the many "impossible" experiments which he carried through successfully.

A.W.A. AT WORK.

Fisk was always keen on Australia developing her own radio manufacturing industry, and Australia's big chance came in 1914, when A.W.A. was asked to supply radio equipment for every transport sailing from Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, and South Africa.

In those days wireless was still a novelty, but now it has entered our daily lives. Every hour it is used to bring aid to ships in distress, to direct naval battles, to direct civilian and military aircraft, to inform troops, and to shorten the miles between Australia and the other side of the world.

BEAM WIRELESS SERVICE.

One of Fisk's greatest achievements was the establishing of beam wireless service in the face of years of opposition from Government officials and "experts" who vowed it couldn't be done. He had been working on his experiments for some years before the opening of the service in 1927. In 1921 he was much encouraged when General Smuts asked him to discuss his experiments in Cape Town. They had met during the Imperial Conference of 1921, when Fisk was an adviser to Mr. W. M. Hughes, then Prime Minister of Australia.

South Africa, like other countries, was doubtful of this scheme for wireless communications over long distances, but after their discussion Smuts shook Fisk's hand, saying, "I'm all with you."

India soon followed South Africa's active encouragement, and in spite of almost overwhelming pressure from experts who ridiculed the scheme, Fisk went ahead with his scheme, which culminated in the opening of beam wireless communication between Australia and England in 1927.

Experts had predicted a complete failure, but although the scheme was entirely new, commercially, technically, scientifically and on the operating side, it was carried through successfully, and with a 100 per cent Australian team.

186,000 MILES PER SECOND.

Beam services provide the longest and fastest telegraphic communications in the world. They go at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, and put a girdle round the earth in less time than it takes a Melbourne Cup winner to get into his stride.

When the service was opened the previous cable charge had been 5/- a word. A.W.A. beam service opened at 1/8 a word. Rates to-day are even cheaper (1/3 a word for full rate), and press cables (telling the world to Australia, telling Australia to the world) are now only one penny a word.

The number of errors in messages sent by beam wireless is less than two in a million words, so thanks to Fisk's success in "impossible" ventures, Australia has been given quick, cheap and accurate communications.

SUCCESS ACHIEVED.

It was Mr. W. M. Hughes and Sir Joseph Cook (then Minister for the Navy) who sent the first direct wireless messages from England to Australia in September 1918. They were transmitted by arrangements with Marconi from his station at Carnarvon, in Wales, and received instantaneously by Fisk at his own experimental station at Wahroonga. He designed his own apparatus, and it was manufactured in Sydney by the staff of A.W.A.

Fisk has described the receipt of this message as one of the greatest thrills of his life.

It was certainly a day of tremendous importance for Australia, for it marked the successful conclusion of a long series of researches and the foundation of all the long distance wireless telegraph, wireless telephone and broadcasting services which to-day link Australia with the rest of the world.

Now any telephone subscriber in Australia can speak to any one of more than 35 million telephone subscribers in other parts of the world.

To-day, thanks to beam picturegram service, newspaper readers can see, within a few hours, photos of world events—the Casablanca Conference, the bombing of the Eden and Molme dams in the Rhur, the blasting of the Rumanian oilfields.

GREAT SERVICES RECOGNISED.

E. T. Fisk was knighted for his great services to Australia in 1937. In 1939 he was appointed secretary to the Economic Cabinet and Director of Economic Co-ordination, being lent to the Government by A.W.A., who continue to pay his salary. At present Sir Ernest is carrying out Government business in the United States, and will return to Australia within the next few weeks.

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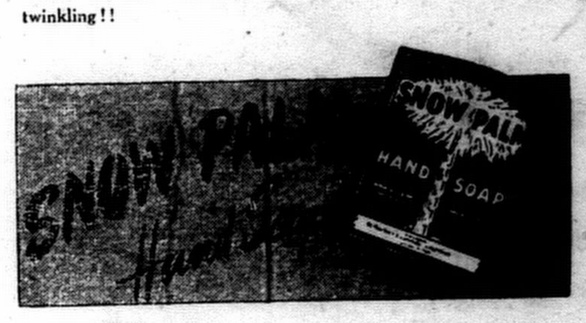

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FAIR RENTS COURT

APPLICATIONS TO DETERMINE

Rent Reduced in Both Cases

Applications were made in the Fair Rents Court to the Acting S.M. (Mr. J. F. Donovan) by Thomas Howard and Edwin Arthur Chappell for the determination of the rent of flats known as Seivers' Flats, situated in Auckland Street, Gladstone.

By consent the applications were heard together.

Mr. Chappell and Mr. Howard appeared on their own behalf.

Mr. W. J. Sievers appeared on behalf of his wife, Mrs. E. Seivers.

THE EVIDENCE.

Lancelot Roy Weiske stated he was an auctioneer and commission agent, also an approved valuator. He was well asquainted with the property, the subject of this action. He valued the property at the request of the landlord, and found the building reasonably cool and nice sized flats, and valued the building with fixtures at £650. He considered the present rentals were quite within reason in comparison with other rentals charged for other flats in Gladstone, and this was based on relative values. He valued the furnishings at from 5/- to 6/6 each, and this was included in the rents charged, which were reasonable.

BUILDING WORTH £650.

By Mr. Chappell: The house was re-erected in 1924, but he did not know when it was erected. He was satisfied that the house was approximately 20 or more years old. He considered the building was worth £650, and a fair depreciation would be about 2 per cent. It was about seven or eight years since it was painted.

FAIR MARKET VALUE.

By Mr. Howard: He considered his valuation was reasonable, also the 5/- and 6/6 for the furniture, and that £650 represented fair market value of the house. He also considered that all flats that he controlled were within reason so far as rents were concerned.

25/- PER WEEK PAID.

Thomas Howard deposed that he was a tenant of a flat owned by Mrs. Seivers, and was an applicant to have the rent determined. The amount of rent payable was 25/- per week, and the flat was partly furnished. He valued the furnishings at £50, and all rents were paid up. He considered the value of the house to be £450, and the land to be worth £25. He knew a chap named Beale paid 25/- per week, including furniture and electric light, but the house was worth about £900, and the owner occupied part of it. The witness did not pay any rates and he considered the portion he occupied to be worth 15/- or 16/- per week, and the furniture 3/- per week.

By Mr. Sievers: He claimed that the portion of the house he occupied was worth only 15/- or 16/- per week.

VALUED HOUSE AT £450.

Edwin Arthur Chappell deposed that he was the tenant of a flat owned by Mrs. Seivers, and he was an applicant to have the rent determined. The amount of rent he paid was 23/- per week, and the flat was a furnished one. He valued the furnishings at £45/10/-, and all rents were paid up. He considered that the house was worth approximately 15/- per week, including furniture, and the value of the land at £25, and the house at £450. He did not know the rents of other flats in the locality, and he did not pay any rates.

£650 TOO HIGH."

By Mr. Seivers: He based his rental of 15/- on the valuation of the premises, after allowing deductions and 5 per cent profit in addition. He considered that £650 was too high a valuation.

FURNISHINGS VALUED AT £100.

Ethel Seivers stated that she was the owner of the flats, the subject matter of this action. She valued the land at £60 and the house at £650. Mr. Chappell paid 23/- a week and Mr. Howard 25/-. The furnishings were valued at £100, and these were included in the rental. She had been told that her rents were reasonable, and the place was painted about five years ago.

HOUSE COST £650.

By Mr. Chappell: The actual cost of the house was £650, and she considered that £5 per year was a fair expense since the place was turned into flats. The rents she was charging were reasonable.

RENTS DETERMINED.

Mr. Donovan determined Howard's rent at 16/- per week, and 3/- per week for the furniture, a total of 19/-, such rent to commence as from December 9.

Chappell's rent was determined at 15/- per week, furniture 2/6 per week, a total of 17/6, such rent to commence as from December 9.

GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

NEW SANITARY DEPOT NOW BEING USED

BOYNE WATER SCHEME - PUMPING BY ELECTRICITY

The fortnightly meeting of the Council was held on Monday night. Present: The Mayor (Ald. G. G. Dennis), and Aldermen J. Deveney, M. A. Busteed, W. R. Golding, H. Anderson, R. E. Smith, R. R. Tudman, and the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. V. P. Breslin).

RAILWAYS AND WATER.

General Manager, Central Queensland Railways, acknowledged letter giving one month's notice for the discontinuance of the water supply. He proposed to reduce the draw on the town supply by taking one train per week from Barmundu, which was equal to 20,000 gallons. He would appreciate if approximately 1000 gallons weekly could be supplied to avoid coal dust being blown across on to the men when coaling engines.

It was mentioned that the department was now running two trains per week from Barmundu, and it was decided to supply the water as asked for.

APPROVED.

Department of Public Health, Brisbane, notified that the Deputy Director General, Health and Medical Services, had approved of portion 22, parish of Auckland, as a sanitary depot for the Council's use.—Received.

SITE CONDEMNED.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. G. J. Byrne) wrote as follows:—

"At the request of your Chairman of the Health Committee I have made an inspection of the sanitary disposal depot, and the inspection showed:—

(1) Great prevalence of flies.

(2) Infestation of the disposal trenches by maggots in many places less than one inch below the surface of the covering material.

(3) Insufficiently covered trenches.

(4) Fly infestation of the tip-truck and areas along its track.

(5) Re-using of the former disposal trenches, and the condition of the depot and its proximity to the District Hospital present a very real danger, and I must condemn the site for any further use as a disposal area.

The present site should be treated now by lime, or by other means to destroy the fly larvae at present infesting parts of the area.

Ald. Smith stated that lime was unprocurable at the present time, and it was decided that the sanitary men be asked to pick up a load of sawdust with a view to burning the fly larvae, and failing this being carried out immediately that Ald. Golding be asked to carry out the work, and that he be reimbursed for the petrol used by his truck.

NEW SITE.

Land Administration Board, Brisbane, advised that the Department of Public Health had approved of the new site for sanitary purposes, and advice had now been received from the Calliope Shire Council that the site had been inspected by the Chairman of the Council in company with the Mayor and Health Inspector, and that no objection would be raised by the Shire Council to the proposed reservation. The Council pointed out, however, that the land drained into Briffney Creek, from which, in dry times, residents of Gladstone drew water for household use, and that on the northern side of the road, down stream, a dairy was in operation.—Received.

EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OBTAINED.

The Board advised by telegram that executive authority had been obtained to reserve portion 22, parish of Auckland, for sanitary purposes under the control of the Council as trustee.—Received.

NEW SANITARY DEPOT.

Minister for Health and Home Affairs (Mr. E. M. Hanlon) wrote pointing out that the adequate maintenance of public health played a very important part in the nation's war effort. An outbreak of epidemic disease would immobilise large numbers of the fighting services and the civil population engaged in war and food production and other associated avenues, as well as causing high mortality, which would divert the people's attention from the paramount thing, which was the maintenance of the war effort. He placed these factors before the Council with confidence that it would proceed at the earliest possible moment to place Gladstone's sanitary conditions on a plane befitting the wartime as well as peace-time importance of the town to the State. He would appreciate early advice as to the action the Council proposed to take in the matter.

It was decided to inform the Minister that action had been taken to establish a new sanitary depot, and it was now being used.

ACTION TAKEN.

Gladstone Hospitals Board wrote expressing appreciation of the abandonement of the old sanitary depot, following its condemnation by the Government Medical Officer, and the Council was asked to take immediate steps to cover the infested area as recommended by the Medical Officer. The Council was also asked to take steps to prevent the unauthorised use of the area as a dumping ground for rubbish, etc., particularly by shopkeepers.

To be informed that action had been taken in accordance with the views expressed in the letter.

SANITARY CONTRACT.

Department of Public Health, Brisbane, wrote relative to the sanitary and refuse contract, and intimated that the draft contract submitted met with the approval of the department.—Received.

BOYNE RIVER WATER SCHEME.

Minister for Public Works (Mr. H. Bruce) notified that the draft documents prepared for the letting of a contract for the construction of a water supply main, the Boyne River water supply scheme, had been approved of by him.—Received.

AUCKLAND HILL PARK.

Chamber of Commerce drew attention to the state of the grass in Victoria Park, which was considered to be a rather serious fire risk. In view of the amount of work which the Council had carried out in the park, it was hoped action would be taken to afford the necessary protection.

To be informed the Council would attend to the park as soon as convenient.

HOSPITAL PRECEPTS.

Gladstone Hospitals Board advised that the precept for the current year amounted to £288/6/6, the first precept of £48/1/1 being due on December 1. The contributions from the component Local Authorities for the current financial year were as follow:—Gladstone Town Council, valuation £107,125, precept £288/6/6; Mirlam Vale Shire Council, valuation £263,943, precept £710/8/9; Calliope Shire Council, valuation £355,389, precept £956/10/6.—Received.

CEMENT FOOTPATH.

R. Corones, Niagara Cafe, Gladstone, made application to have a cement footpath for an approximate distance of 92 feet running along the west side of the Cafe, commencing at Tank Street and facing Off Lane. This, he said, would be a useful public facility and an improvement to the street. He was agreeable to pay half the cost, and if the Council was not agreeable to share half the cost, he asked to be advised as to what portion it would bear.

To be informed that the Council was not prepared to entertain the proposal at the present time.

TRANSFER OF LAND.

Messrs. Kellett & Joseph, solicitors, Gladstone, wrote as follows:—

"We asknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, requesting advice as to whether your Council had power to transfer certain lands to the control of the South Gladstone and Barney Point Progress Association for park and library purposes.

"Your Council cannot transfer this land to the Association itself, as such an Association has no power to hold land. The Association, however, could appoint trustees, and your Council could transfer the land to these trustees.

"The trustees would complete a declaration of trust, setting out the trusts upon which the land is to be held and power could be retained for the Association to alter the trustees as they think fit.

"As this suggestion is for the benefit of the town, we would be prepared to do the necessary work for out of pocket expenses only. If, therefore, your Council decides to proceed with the matter you might inform the Association accordingly."

It was decided to forward a copy of the letter to the Association.

ERECTION OF SEWER.

Messrs. Kellett & Joseph, solicitors, Gladstone, wrote as follows:—

"We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30th ultimo, requesting advice as to who would be responsible for the cost of the erection of a sewer to carry the overflow from the town dam through certain private properties, if your Council should see fit to construct such a sewer.

"In our opinion, the cost of the construction of such a sewer would have to be borne by your Council, and we can see no powers whereby any part of the cost could be passed to the owners.

"Of course, the Health Acts and regulations, and the Local Government Acts give powers of abatement of nuisances, but we do not consider that such powers would extend to compelling any person to erect a sewer.

It was decided that the matter be considered as a post-war job.

PUMP BY ELECTRICITY.

Ald. Busteed moved his notice of motion that the pumping from the Boyne River to the town of Gladstone be done by suction gas be rescinded.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Anderson.

The question as to whether the pumping should be carried out by suction gas or electrical energy was fully discussed some time ago at a Council meeting from every point of view, and reported at some length in these columns.

Ald. Busteed said that to pump by any other means than by electricity would be to retard the Boyne River scheme.

Mayor Dennis again contended that it would be more economical to pump by suction gas than electric current, and every alderman knew that pumping from the Power House had not been satisfactory for a long time. On the charges for wood, Water Engineer Mortley, of the Irrigation and Water Supply Department, had admitted that it would be 45 per cent cheaper to pump by suction gas.

On a vote being taken the motion was carried, and it was decided to revert to the original scheme, and carry out the pumping by electricity.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Engineer (Mr. E. W. Phillips) reported that since last meeting he had pumped for 643½ hours, using 12,477 units. The electric pump was off for one week during repairs and drying out, etc., and since installing again the pump had run continuously for one week, and so far appears satisfactory.

The report was adopted.

GENERAL.

It was decided to instruct Mr. W. J. Reinhold, consulting engineer, to order the electric plant for the pumping.

Following accounts were passed for payment:—General £961/9/4, water £861/2/1, electric £363/16/3, and after all accounts had been paid the credit balance will be £8200/9/2.

Electric Light Authority

INFORMATION ASKED FOR.

Trades and Labour Council (Gladstone branch) asked to be furnished with the following information:—

What is the interest rate charged on the loans acquired by the Town Council, and which would be included in the Council's Electric Authority indebtedness of £22,754?

The cost of generating electricity in Gladstone, per unit, and any additional cost which might be involved between the actual generating and delivery to the meter of the consumer.

The annual repayment of interest and redemption on the Council's indebtedness of £22,754.

The total number of units consumed annually, or for the last twelve month period, say 30/6/43, for each of the following:— Domestic, commercial (lighting), commercial (power), shop window lighting.

As it was desired to place this information before members at their meeting on December 17, it would be appreciated if the information could be made available by that date.

Mr. J. V. Vallis, Gladstone, asked to be notified of the cost price of units generated and delivered at terminal points.

PRESSURE OF WORK.

In regard to both requets the Acting Town Clerk (Mr. Breslin) intimated that owing to pressure of work and shortage of staff, he would be unable at present to supply the information.

It was decided to notify the Trades and Labour Council and Mr. Vallis that owing to pressure of work in the office it would be impossible to supply the information at the present time.

SHIFT ENGINE DRIVER.

Mr. H. C. Mingay, of Monto, who was appointed shift engine driver at the Power House, has accepted the position, and is expected to commence duties on December 22.

APPRENTICE ELECTRICIAN.

Five applications were received for the position of apprentice electrician at the Power House, and they were referred to the Lighting Committee to make a selection.

TENDERS.

Seven tenders were received for the supply of certain poles for the Power House, and it was decided to refer them to the Lighting Committee with power to accept.

GENERAL.

Mayor Dennis stated this would be the last meeting this year, and he took the opportunity to extend seasonal greetings to the Aldermen for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year, and to the staff for the work carried out under most trying conditions. He also paid a compliment to Mr. Macfarlan for his excellent and impartial reports, and wished him the compliments of the season.

Eleven o'clock had passed when it was decided to call it a day.

Engagement

BENSTED-SCHEINO.—The engagement is announced of Dorothy Jean, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bensted, of Bramston Street, Gladstone, to Sergeant Michael Scheino, of the U.S. Army, second son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Scheino, of Billings, Montana, U.S.A.

Thanks

MR. and Mrs. STAN BENSTED, of Gladstone, wish to thank Dr. Skinner, the Matron and Nursing Staff of the General Hospital, Gladstone, for their kind attention to their daughter Joyce, whilst an inmate of the institution.

In Memoriam

RIGBY.— Cherished and loving memories will always remain of our twin daughters, Edith Lydia, who passed away on December 16th, 1932, and Linda Beatrice, on January 16th, 1943.

(Inserted by mother, father, sisters and brothers.)

PRIZEMAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Walter James Prizeman, who passed away on 16th December, 1941.

Sadly Missed.

(Inserted by his loving wife and family.)

The Gladstone Observer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1943.

CURRENT TOPICS

"RATS FAIRLY PREVALENT."

At the Town Council meeting, held on Monday night, the Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne) reported that rats were still fairly prevalent at certain sections in the town, and baits were in constand demand.

ARMY MEAT WORKS.

An Army meat works in North Qld., which began operation on October 1 this year, had by November 20 supplied 1,728,563 lbs. of beef for consumption by troops.

GLADSTONE P.O.W.

During the week several letters and cards have been received from Gladstone boys P.O.W. in Japanese territory. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore received another welcome card from Lieut. Clive Moore, which stated: "Don't worry, unwounded, fit and well, sport and entertainment plentiful, clothing scarce, looking forward home cooking." Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters had a card from their son Darcy, which stated: "Am unwounded, health fair, good spirits, no need worry, thinking of you always." Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barker, Fowler Street, received a card from their son, Gunner H. O. Barker, which advised that he was well and in good health. Most of the cards were dated last February. The Publicity Officer (Mr. Connellan) would be pleased to have any further advices from Gladstone and district boys who have written home. Often the names of other P.O.W's. are mentioned, and this news is appreciated by their relatives.

CONVENT SCHOOL

COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS

Successful Candidates

The following candidates from the Convent School have been successful in the recent examination:—

SENIOR SHORTHAND.

100 words per minute: Monica Groth and Pauline Jackson.

50 words per minute: Val. Curran, Patricia Jordon, Dawn Hickman, and Mary Owbridge.

JUNIOR SHORTHAND.

Una Evans and Shirley McKenna, each 92, honours.

Intermediate shorthand: Daphne Scott 89, merit; Joan Jordon 88, merit.

Intermediate book-keeping: Monica Groth 98, honours; Daphne Scott 94, honours.,

Elementary book-keeping: Pauline Jackson 90, honours.

Junior typewriting: Una Evans 92, honours.

FLY MENACE

VERY BAD AT PRESENT

Inspection of Breeding Places

At the Council meeting, held on Monday night, the Health Inspector (Mr. P. F. Browne), reporting in regard to the fly menace, stated that the pest was very bad at present. The extent of the infestation was very heavy around the Hospital, sanitary depot, and slaughtering houses.

Complaints had been received of fly breeding on the tip at the saltpan also. Uncovered refuse will breed flies plentifully, but the tip is well covered at present.

Inspections of the three slaughter houses showed that flies were very bad around these places, especially around the boiling-down pots, bones, hides, and other scraps waiting to be treated.

The ingester from the paunches showed fly larvae at all three places. Regarding the disposal of the ingester, from inquiries it was learnt that this is often taken into town and used for fertilising gardens. If this is correct the practice should be promptly stopped.

It was generally agreed at all three slaughter houses that this was the heaviest fly infestation known at the premises. These places also carry sheep and pigs, which are part of the business. Sheep attract flies, and badly kept pig pens also add their quota.

There can be no doubt that the fly infestation is the worst experienced so far to my knowledge.

Whether the removal of the sanitary depot will have the desired effect in eliminating the fly nuisance from Hospital Hill remains to be seen, and only time can satisfactorily answer this quetiosn.

The next fly season will definitely supply the answer.

There is a hold-up in the making of fly-proof cabinets, owing to hinges being unobtainable at present. About twenty cabinets are cut out for assembly, but so far no hinges have come to hand.

Ald. Golding drew attention to the slaughter houses, as mentioned in the report, and the Health Inspector (Mr. Browne) stated the Stock Inspector (Mr. Hardy) would be making an inspection to-morrow (Tuesday).

The report was adopted.

BOYNE VALLEY

PATRIOTIC FUND

An Enjoyable Dance

The Boyne Valley Patriotic Fund held a most enjoyable dance in the Ubobo Hall. Music was supplied by Mrs. Dougall, Mr. L. A. Pownall, and Master Brian Pownall. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. R. H. Waite.

A pyrex casserole (donated by anonymous) was raffled, the winner being Miss Mercia Cole.

The chocolate waltz was won by Miss Gwen Mitten, and the Monte Carlo by Miss Joyce Hill and Mr. Syd Turner.

The prizes for these dances were donated by Mr. Norman Hill and Mr. Harry Cole co-jointly.

The dance takings amounted to £13/13/6.

Donations were received from: H. C. Dougall £2/2/-, H. J. Russell £1/2/-, Mrs. A. C. Streeter £1/1/-, Mrs. C. N. Duckham 10/-, Mrs. W. E. Muspratt 10/-, Mrs. M. Sewell 6/-, Mrs. J. T. Broadfoot 10/-, Miss J. Davies 2/-, Miss M. Gray 2/-, two memberships 4/-, total £20/2/6.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Corporal T. Brunton spent a few days' leave with his wife, Mrs. Brunton, who has left for Southport, where she will spend a three months holiday.

Mrs. H. Wilson, accompanied by her little daughter, Beverley, have arrived in town to spend the Christmas-New Year holidays with her sister-in-law. Mrs. R. Wilson, of Bramston Street.

SUGAR FOR JAM MAKING.

Whether stocks would allow a special issue of sugar for jam making is at present under consideration. Immediately the position is clarified an announcement will be made. It is understood the procedure adopted last year will be followed, even if the amount given is less.

MEAT RATIONING

MEETING AT ROCKHAMPTON

1 lb. a Day Demanded

A meeting was called at Rockhampton on Sunday by the unions operating within the railway service to deal with the proposed meat rationing scale.

Mr. B. O'Brien (District President of the A.R.U.) moved the following resolution: "While this meeting agrees with the general principle of meat rationing as one of the inevitable sacrifices of the people's was against Fascism, we at the same time consider there are serious injustices in the proposed scheme of meat rationing that must be removed in the interests of the people's war effort."

The mover said that an improvement in the proposed scale would be necessary if railwaymen were to be expected to maintain the same war effort for which they had been responsible to date. He was at a loss to know how the authorities arrived at the conclusion that 2¼ lbs. were adequate for railwaymen when it was agreed that 6 to 7 lbs. was necessary for C.C.C. workers.

Mr. V. Cooper (President of the Workshops Federation) said he did not agree that a section of essential workers should be discriminated against. If a higher scale was considered necessary for C.C.C. workers, similar consideration should be extended to railwaymen. Two and a quarter lbs. was inadequate for Australia, and was less than the quota allotted prisoners in Queensland gaols. Rice, dried fruits, etc., had disappeared from the worker's table, and these, if availabl, could have been used as substitutes for meat where obtainable. The flat scale placed those on laborious work in the same class as those on light work. The inability of the available manpower to handle the record number of cattle in the country to-day was said to be one of the reasons for rationing. This aspect should therefore be taken in hand by the authorities.

Mr. F. Campbell (District Secretary of the A.R.U.) contended that they would have to accept the general principle of rationing as a necessary part of their effort in the war to smash Fascism, but this did not mean that they should blindly follow any moves along such lines when put forward by the authorities. Australia has a very serious food problem to deal with at the present moment, and they had to face up to the realities of the position. Some 12,000,000 people were now being fed by the efforts of a section of the working community, who amounted to probably half of those who provided for our peacetime population of 7,000,000. The meeting's intentin should not merely be to give the Federal Government an opportunity of removing the anomalies in the proposed scale, but to indicate quite definitely that they intended to see that such anomalies were removed. The Prime Minister had indicated that "every aspect of the question was very carefully considered," but railwaymen would find it hard to agree that this had been done.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. G. T. McBryde moved: "That this meeting of railway workers demands a minimum ration of 1 lb. of meat per day to each railway worker, as well as the same amount to the worker's wife, housekeeper, etc., and in the event of our demand not being granted we are only prepared to work one day in the week for each pound of meat allowed. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Premier, the Prime Minister, and the member for Capricornia."

Mr. McBryde said he believed it would be a physical impossibility for railway and other manual workers to carry on with 2¼ lbs. per week. They had certain citizen rights, and should demand to be granted those rights. Railwaymen were "soldiers behind the lines," and should be considered as such for the purpose of meat rationing. The people of Central Queensland were at a disadvantage geographically in the matter of food supply, and this point should be brought well under the notice of the Federal Government.

Mr. R. Thomson (Secretary of the Guards' Association), in seconding the motion, said that his 30 odd years' experience on the road as a guard fitted him to speak with some authority as to how the proposed meat ration scale would affect all running men—guards, drivers, firemen. The authorities had no idea whatever as to how such workers would be affected. He considered the authorities should have taken the workers into their confidence and sought their advice before establishing the ration scale.

Mr. A. Baunach (representing a number of maintenance gangs on the North Coast section) said that he had forwarded a signed statement from maintenance men, who were all working 9½ hours a day, indicating their inability to carry on on 2¼ lbs. of meat a week. The Prime Minister's reply merely indicated that it was not the Government's intention to improve the proposed ration scale even for such workers.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Attention was drawn to the number of steers to be seen at rodeos at Rockhampton and elsewhere.

Mr. W. Vaggs (Railway Job Committee, Comet), moved "That we request the Federal Government to make a full inquiry into the alleged withholding of cattle from the market by owners."

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. P. Ward (Secretary Traffic Union), moved "That the committee of representatives of the several unions which organised this meeting remain in existence to deal with matters arising out of representations made from the meeting, and decide on action to be taken failing satisfaction being obtained."

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Brien moved: "That the Trades and Labour Council be requested to investigate the position in the event of certain butchers shops in suburban and country areas closing down because of the advent of meat rationing, and should it be found necessary, action be taken to protect the interests of civilian workers in those areas by making representations to the responsible authority to provide the necessary facilities for meat distribution in those areas."

The motion was carried unanimously.

MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE

GLADSTONE CENTRE

The following is the report of the Gladstone Maternal and Child Welfare Centre and sub-centres for the month ended November 30:—

Attendances during the month: Gladstone 360, Calliope 17, Miriam Vale 27, Mt. Larcom 75.

Number of newborns notified by registrar, 11.

Number of babies visited in hospital, 8.

Number of subsequent visits paid, 11.

Number of new cases attending for the first time, 23.

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GOOD TROPHIES PRESENTED

Future Competitions Keen

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Swimming is proving a popular sport, and the donation of special trophies without the asking by several business houses and sportsmen around the town and district is much appreciated by swimmers.

These donors are catering for all classes of swimmers, whether senior or junior, and every man, boy or girl has an equal chance of winning under the handicap conditions existing.

In future it is the club's intention to have every new swimmer, either name his time for the distances nominated, or the club timekeeper will take his time at his or her request, and by so doing it will assure a fairer go to the new swimmer and also to the other competitors.

Mr. Ringuet or Mr. Groundwater will be only too pleased to meet a swimmer at the baths and take his time.

To-morrow night's swim will be the last before Christmas, and the next will take place on January 6.

This last swim before Christmas promises to be a particularly good night, with the usual sprints, dives, and a special underwater long dive is also on the programme, so the public should see some human submarines.

An effort is being made to announce a special attraction for this night. Look into the small advertisement column for later advices.

NOTES.

(By "Whisper")

It takes a good sport to take a beating, and I was pleased to see all the swimmers toe the mark without a drop out. I must say this for the swimmers, that no matter if they feel they might not be justly treated, they should toe the mark without a murmur.

Naturally, there must be a few discrepancies, but Mr. Janson has them ironed out, and promises a finish with all on the finishing mark, and no chance of dark horses leaving the others standing.

The Rockhampton trip should bring you along boys, and as the selection of this team will be made from the first two swims in January. I do not think your committee will spare any effort to make this a worthwhile trip, and every swimmer outside of the chosen team can nominate in the open events.

Scotty, Force and Phillips junr. did dish out the good stuff in comedy turns, and the crowd really appreciates this.

COMFORTS FUND

MONTHLY STREET STALL

The usual monthly street stall in aid of the joint A.C.F. and Patriotic Appeal Fund will be conducted in the Grand Hotel buildings on Friday, December 17.

The energetic convenors (Mesdames C. W. Macfarlane and J. W. Garrett) would appreciate donation of jam, fruit cakes, vegetables, sweets, or any other home manufacture or articles for sale on that date.

Donations may be left with the convenors, or at the Gladstone Cash and Carry.

WANTED KNOWN, Etc.

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GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL.

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Legal action will be taken against the Keeper of any Dog who shall neglect to Register the same on or before 31st December, 1943.

(Signed) V. P. BRESLIN,
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Gladstone, 14th December, 1943.

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We think you will agree with us that never at any time in the history of the Fund has there been such need to keep our boys supplied with comforts on account of the unhealthy tropical conditions under which they have to live.

We have many men to service there now, so we will all need to continue our work for them, and if possible, do more, and at the same time obtain the help of fresh members to increase our output.

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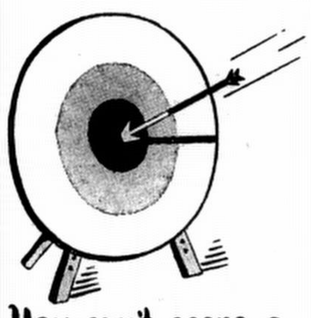

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A.C.F. A NECESSITY

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She goes on to say:—

"The happy relationship that exists between A.C.F. branches and headquarters is extremely stimulating, and helps us all to try to carry on the service which we all know has now become a necessity.

"Truly, the women are playing a noble part in this struggle; not only are they absorbed in their household duties, which in these days of rationing have become most burdensome, but many women have had added to their cares their husbands business affairs, and the control of farms, etc.

"With these extra responsibilities, however, they still find time for the A.C.F., and undertake sewing, knitting, collection of money, conduct of raffles in order that comforts may go forward in quantities necessary for equal distribution to all members of the Services.

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Early in the war three Australian States, viz., New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, entered into an arrangement with the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army to carry out all field work and supervise the hostels and recreations centres which were established—A.C.F. providing the finance, Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army the service.

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DECEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
11	9.12	9.20	.....	2.40	3.39
12	9.50	10.00	.....	3.17	4.25
13	10.30	10.38	.....	3.53	5.09
14	11.06	11.32	.....	4.31	5.51
15	11.45	——	.....	5.10	6.34
16	12.04	12.21	.....	5.50	7.18
17	12.47	1.00	.....	6.36	8.02
18	1.36	1.40	.....	7.27	8.48
19	2.31	2.28	.....	8.25	9.37
20	3.35	3.22	.....	9.30	10.27
21	4.41	4.26	.....	10.31	11.16
22	5.45	5.32	.....	11.35	——
23	6.40	6.36	.....	12.04	12.34
24	7.28	7.23	.....	12.50	1.31
25	8.12	8.12	.....	1.33	2.24
26	8.55	8.58	.....	2.15	3.15
27	9.38	9.45	.....	3.00	4.07
28	10.20	11.32	.....	3.44	5.00
29	11.06	11.20	.....	4.30	5.50
30	11.50	——	.....	5.20	6.44
31	12.10	12.38	.....	6.13	7.35

THE MOON.

First Quarter	December 4
Full Moon	December 12
Last Quarter	December 20
New Moon	December 27

JANUARY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	1.04	1.26	.....	7.11	8.30
2	2.01	2.21	.....	8.15	9.24
3	3.09	3.21	.....	9.21	10.16
4	4.20	4.29	.....	10.34	11.10
5	5.35	5.39	.....	11.42	——
6	6.37	6.39	.....	12.01	12.49
7	7.30	7.31	.....	12.48	1.49
8	8.14	8.19	.....	1.32	2.41
9	8.54	9.00	.....	2.14	3.27
10	9.32	9.42	.....	2.54	4.09
11	10.08	10.22	.....	3.32	4.49
12	10.44	11.01	.....	4.10	5.26
13	11.19	11.40	.....	4.50	6.04
14	11.52	——	.....	5.29	6.40
15	12.19	12.26	.....	6.10	7.18
16	12.59	1.00	.....	6.54	7.58
17	1.41	1.38	.....	7.41	8.40
18	2.34	2.22	.....	8.40	9.30
19	3.35	3.20	.....	9.47	10.24
20	4.46	4.33	.....	10.55	11.17
21	5.55	5.49	.....	——	12.04
22	6.55	6.55	.....	12.11	1.06
23	7.46	7.50	.....	1.03	2.05
24	8.35	8.44	.....	1.54	3.00
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The organisation plan provides for a membership fee of 5/- a year, but donations to the funds may be made to any amount.

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This provision is based on the great and useful part which individual enterprise has played in developing the world's resources, in stimulating production and invention, and in bringing a better standard of living and comfort to the people. Continuation of this system is advocated, but under proper safeguards and control to prevent exploitation and ensure proper and equitable distribution of goods and services for the people's use.

This is the Queensland People's Party's reply to socialisation and other "isms."

In view of recent criticism, it is worth notice that the policy of the new party will be to challenge all or any differential treatment of Queensland by the Commonwealth Government, so as to prevent the neglect of Queensland interests. Just and equitable consideration of the State's needs on the same basis as those of other States will be sought, as envisaged by the sponsors of Federation.

In this connection the policy will uphold the principle of government by legislation and oppose all attempts at government by regulation. The organisation will resist encroachments by bureaucracies, and insist on the supremacy of the elected Parliament in all matters of government.

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Health occupies great prominence in the policy. Health services expansion will be advocated, and an endeavour will be made to educate the public on health precautions, so that prompt steps may be taken to combat disease, whether personal or endemic.

Some stress is laid on the necessity to decentralise hospital and medical services in city and country. The policy envisages extension of the existing hospital services, new clinics, and separate maternity hospitals where possible.

EDUCATION FACILITIES.

Liberalisation of the present education system is proposed, to provide the greatest opportunity for scholars' self-development and self-improvement; by increasing and improving the educational facilities; and by raising the school leaving age by progressive steps and by a comprehensive revision of the curriculum for primary and secondary schools to provide for a wide range of course, including a common core of cultural subjects, together with such differentiation of courses as will cater for differing aptitudes, interests, needs and abilities. Special attention will be given to special training for life and citizenship and a deeper appreciation of the arts, and for training in a wide use of leisure.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INDUSTRIES.

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DONATIONS.

The following donations have been received since last meeting:—

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MUTUAL LIFE SOCIETY

Sound Progress

Melbourne, December 16.

The 67th annual meeting of the Society was held to-day. The Chairman (Mr. J. T. Thompson) said that as nearly 1700 of the staff had been released for war service, thus disturbing normal activities, the issue of 100,450 policies, ordinary and industrial, assuring £10,654,229, and the completion of accident department new business assuring £2,427,106 were satisfactory results.

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A further reserve of £185,000 had been made for unforeseen contingencies, and the possible consequences of the war, while bonuses on the same scales as for 1943 had been approved. These bonuses will be credited in the Society's records to participating policies, and will commence to operate from 1st January, 1944.

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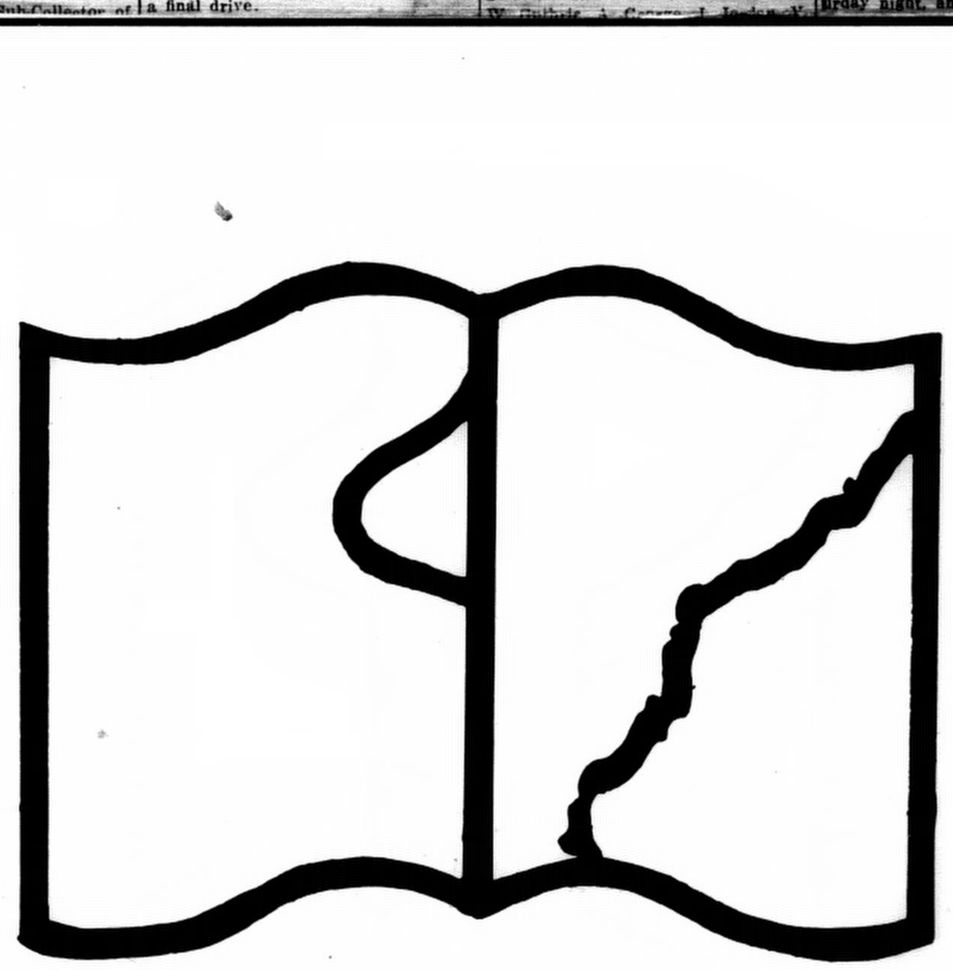

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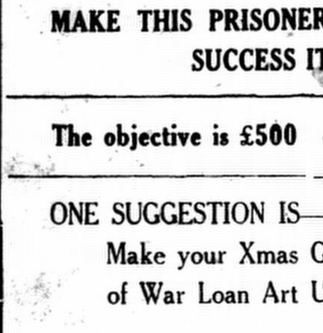

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An appeal is now launched, asking for subscribers prepared to take whole books of tickets £2, or half books £1 (twenty tickets to a book). Subscribers, including those who have sold complete books, will be acknowledged through the press. Offers will be taken by the Secretary (Mr. V. A. Summers), P.O. box 117, or 'phone 163.

The Art Union, by publicity and subscription, assisted the Fourth Liberty Loan, and its part now is to assist the prisoners of war. The business houses, who donated the prizes, have made the major contribution.

It is hoped the present appeal may be well supported. All you have to do is to make an immediate remittance to the Secretary and your tickets will be to hand by return mail.

A.L.P. MEETING.

At a well attended meeting of the A.L.P. Ald. H. Anderson presided. Mr. L. R. Weiske spoke on his appointment to the Harbour Board, and stated he would always do his best for the benefit of the Harbour and interests of the public generally. A discussion took place on the question of the sanitary and rubbish dumps. These have now been removed to more suitable places. The branch, it was stated, owes a debt of gratitude to Drs. Skinner and Byrne for their work in connection with the matter. The Potato Controller is to be requested to make a better distribution of potatoes. The Town Council is to be asked what would be the position in the event of a fire while the water was turned off. Who would be responsible? As this was the last meeting for the year the Chairman concluded by wishing all present the compliments of the season.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

216 CASES ATTENDED

Cars Travelled 979 Miles

Mr. A. T. Power presided over the monthly meeting of the Brigade, and there were also present: Messrs. A. S. Fry, W. O'Reilly, H. N. Ballantine, and W. V. Coase (secretary). An apology was received from Mr. W. Ross.

The Chairman read the report of the auditor, and said it was most satisfactory.

The Chairman wished members the compliments of the season.

The Chairman moved that seasonal greetings be extended to the Superintendent, Bearer, Hon. Bearers, Ladies' Committee, and also to those who had assisted the Ambulance during the year. Seconded by Mr. O'Reilly and carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Superintendent (Mr. W. V. Coase) reported that during the month of November the Brigade attended 43 accidents, 150 transports, 23 office cases, total 216 cases.

The cars travelled 979 miles during the month, and visited the following places for cases: Meat Works 3, Parmundu, Rockhampton turn-off, Calliope 2, Many Peaks, Golembil Rd., Marrawing, Nagoorin, Many Peaks Rd., and Toolooa.

DONATIONS.

The following donations have been received since last meeting:—

N. N. Taylor £1/1/6, M. J. Clarris 10/-, Thos. Rees 5/-, James McGregor 10/-, Mrs. Leadbetter 4/-, Mrs. B. Fisher 5/-, Alia Zonge 10/-, Miss Salgardo 2/-, Mrs. H. J. Perry 5/-, Pastime Cricket Club dance (per N. Campbell, captain) £7, Mesdames M. McLeod and E. Padget (proceeds of dances) £44/4/2, Ladies' Committee £17/18/11, Taragoola Sports Committee (per Jack Bruce and M. Moran, hon. secretaries) £33, School of Arts dance, Yarwun (per Jackson Boyle, hon. secretary) £4/9/11, Mrs. E. Cooper 2/-, Mrs. J. Holmes 4/-, A. T. Power 4/-, C. Wood 2/-, Mrs. A. T. Diete 5/-, Stan Clapham 5/-, Mrs. Boge 4/-, Mrs. M. H. Farmer £1/1/-, E. R. Whetter £1, Mrs. Jones 4/-, Mrs. James senr., 2/-, Shirley Stoneley 2/-, Mrs. A. New 5/-, Mrs. M. Bengston 10/-, J. Bates 10/-, Vacuum Oil Company 10/6, Bearers' euchre £2/15/-, W. A. F. McDonald £1/10/-, staff and scholars of Gladstone State and High School (per F. C. Thompson, headmaster, £3/10/-, Mrs. Helen Geddes 10/-, Mrs. E. F. Watt, Nagoorin (proceeds of euchre) £20.

J. Carruthers, N. Casey, R. V. Condon, J. Curran junr., C. Coleman, J. Chreese, R. Curtis, W. Coe, Les Dennis, C. Dicker junr., £1/0/4 each.

Joe Dicker, J. Devaney, Bert Dale, H. Dicker, Les Doble, J. Dolan, J. Dahtler, W. Dolan, K. Driver, R. Dennis, W. Devaney, C. Flanagan, F. Ford, A. V. Fry, B. Flenady, N. Fitzgerald, Frank Farmer, Pat Fitzgerald, W. Guthrie, A. George, J. Jordan, V. Graham £1/0/3 each.

SEASONAL GREETINGS.

This being the last meet for the year the Superintendent wished the Chairman, committee, bearer and hon. bearers a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

In company with the Chairman he visited Benaraby for the sports, part proceeds going to the Ambulance, which will amount to approximately £30.

The report was adopted.

MR. FORDE'S REPRESENTATIVES

Gladstone Visited

Major H. V. Howe, military secretary, and Mr. R. J. Gibbons, private secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. F. M. Forde), have completed a three day visit to Gladstone and district, after receiving numerous deputations, interviews, etc., principally with industrial bodies.

Several interviews dealt with man power problems and applications for releases from the Army for primary and essential industries.

Messrs. Darling, Vock and Caterson, officers of the A.M.I.E. Union, dealing with industrial objections to meat rationing, pointed out the unnecessary waste of meatworks by-products. They stated that pigs' heads, trotters, neck bones, tripes, and sheep's brains were being dumped into pots for fertiliser prod[illegible] loss was substantial, from ave[illegible] 1400 cattle and up to 2000 sh[illegible] killed each week in season.

T. & G.

MUTUAL LIFE SOCIETY

Sound Progress

Melbourne, December 16.

The 67th annual meeting of the Society was held to-day. The Chairman (Mr. J. T. Thompson) said that as nearly 1700 of the staff had been released for war service, thus disturbing normal activities, the issue of 100,450 policies, ordinary and industrial, assuring £10,654,229, and the completion of accident department new business assuring £2,427,106 were satisfactory results.

The income had grown to £7,424,880, an increase of £317,545. £3,170,[illegible] was paid to policyholders, £2,130,912 being paid in maturity claims. Expenses were substantially lower than for the previous year. £100,000 had been transferred to the General Contingency Fund.

The funds increased by £2,681,349. Mr. Thompson drew an analogy between the Society's business and that of a superannuation fund which is comprised of a number of members who co-operate for their mutual protection and provision of mutual benefits at retirement or death. In each case the funds are held for the purpose of meeting liabilities to the members while they belong solely to the members. A life society is not a wealthy institution. The funds of this Society, £40,889,551, required for meeting claims, are held in respect of over 1,200,000 policies, the average amount per policy being very small.

More than £10,000,000 had been subscribed to war loans, £4,090,000 being contributed last year. The Board is prepared as a contribution to post-war rehabilitation, to embark on a housing scheme on a large scale. Members will expect to have first claim on the funds when the time is opportune for the Society's plans to be put into operation.

A further reserve of £185,000 had been made for unforeseen contingencies, and the possible consequences of the war, while bonuses on the same scales as for 1943 had been approved. These bonuses will be credited in the Society's records to participating policies, and will commence to operate from 1st January, 1944.

The Chairman, after extending the sympathy of the Board to the relatives of members of the staff who have been wounded or killed in active service, expressed appreciation of the efficient services of both the field and indoor staffs.

CALLIOPE

Ambulance Dance

The monthly Ambulance dance and euchre was held at Calliope last Saturday night, and in spite of weather conditions the function was largely attended.

Dancing, as usual, was kept going in full swing by Hon. Bearer G. Curran, who acted as M.C. Miss M. Archay played excellent dance music, and was assisted by Mr. Don Cameron and Miss B. Rideout, who played the extras.

Monte Carlo was won by Mrs. C. Brown and Mr. W. Holmes, and the spot one-step by Mrs. Michel and Mr. Jack Myine.

Euchre was again in the capable hands of Mr. Sam Dickenson, and the lady's prize was won by Mrs. Tom Wright and the gent's by Mr. J. Kerocos.

Groceries (raffled) was won by Mrs. Cameron, of Dan dan, with ticket No. 1237, and the water melons by Miss M. Archay, of Calliope, with ticket No. 1655. These were donated by Mr. W. Watt, of Nagoorin.

Raffle ticket selling was in the hands of Hon. Bearer A. R. Barker and Mr. Joe Bensted junr.

On behalf of the Brigade the M.C. thanked the people for their assistance at the dances held at Calliope during the year, and hoped they would continue to come along next year. He wished them all a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

The next dance will be held at Calliope on Saturday night, January 8.

CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE.

A dance will be held in the Trocadero on Xmas Eve in aid of the Red Cross. Streamers, blowers, balloons, and other novelties have been pro[illegible] "mistletoe." [illegible] and the [illegible] promised an ex[illegible]

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Bad fielding and catching are still bad factors. One would think that some players are too frightened to bend to field a ball, while others try with one hand. Some use their feet, but remember, your hands are still the safest.

When will captains name one player to go for a catch, not two or three, and then they all stop waiting for the other to take it. Good batsmen don't give too many chances, so grasp every chance you can.

Good returns to the wicket mean a lot to the keeper, and perhaps a wicket, as was shown last Sunday.

Another factor that can be improved upon is the running between the wickets. Too much indecision. One man calls, and one man only. Watch your partner, not the whole field, when running.

I believe the Association is trying to get a game with Rockhampton over the Xmas holidays, but will let you know about that later. So adieu until next week.

VALLEYS.—1st Innings.

F. Clohessy l.b.w. Tanner	16
T. Curran b. C. Stitt	2
G. Otto, run out	20
M. Lester c. Joyce b. Ross	30
A. Jones b. Ross	1
B. Ryalls c. C. Stitt b. Beale	6
C. Schmidt b. Campbell	2
J. Jefferis, l.b.w. Beale	2
V. Smith b.o.w. Ross	7
J. Hadgraft not out	18
P. Johnstone b. Beale	0
Sundries	6
Total	110

Bowling: C. Stitt 1 for 15, Costello 0 for 13, Ross 3 for 25, Tanner 1 for 20, Campbell 1 for 14, Beale 3 for 17.

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N. Campbell run out	22
C. Tanner c. Clohessy b. Ryalls	6
J. Busteed c. Smith b. Ryalls	2
G. Beale b. Ryalls	22
T. Costello c. Schmidt b. Ryalls	13
D. Joyce run out	5
C. Stitt l.b.w. Ryalls	7
C. Jefferies st. Jefferis b. Ryalls	0
T. Duncan b. Hadgraft	1
A. Edwards not out	0
Sundries	7
Total	89

Bowling: P. Johnstone 0 for 9, A. Jones 0 for 25, Ryalls 7 for 34, Hadgraft 1 for 14.

VALLEYS.—2nd Innings.

F. Clohessy c. Tanner b. Beale	39
G. Otto c. Ross b. Beale	37
T. Curran b. Beale	11
M. Lester b. Tanner	6
A. Jones b. Beale	2
B. Ryalls l.b.w. Beale	4
C. Schmidt b. Tanner	18
J. Jefferis b.o.w. Tanner	7
V. Smith c. Joyce b. Beale	0
P. Johnstone c. Jefferies b. Tanner	1
J. Hadgraft not out	0
Sundries	6
Total	131

Bowling: Beale 6 for 61, Ross 0 for 28, Campbell 0 for 22, Tanner 4 for 14.

PASTIMES.—2nd Innings.

K. Ross not out	53
G. Beale b. Jones	9
T. Costello l.b.w. Schmidt	44
A. Edwards not out	3
Sundries	1
Total, 2 for	110

Bowling: Curran 0 for 16, Jones 1 for 38, Lester 0 for 12, Schmidt 1 for 21, Clohessy 0 for 22.

MEAT FOR RAILWAY MEN.

A deputation of railway men will meet the Minister for Customs in Melbourne on Monday and demand a higher meat ration. Railway unionists feel that loco. men who work under unusual and irregular conditions are entitled to a bigger ration than 2¼ lbs.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Various Matters Dealt With

Mrs. E. W. Phillips presided over the monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the C.W. Association.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer for those bereaved and our fighting forces.

CREDIT BALANCE.

The financial statement revealed a credit balance of £47/18/10, and the Seaside Home and General Account £59/0/10½.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence included letters stating that the annual State conference would be held early in March.

Mrs. Burnham expressed her thanks to members.

Port Curtis Development League advised that the constitution called for only one delegate.

Central Executive notified that the seaside cottage was under the branch's care, and it was in their own hands to make decisions.

Town Council granted permission to lock the lavatory.

TRAVELLERS' AID.

Mrs. Hughes reported giving refreshments to eight children and one adult going through from Boulia (Western Queensland) to the Opthalmic Home for eye treatment.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

Mrs. Kearney forwarded a mystery parcel (a spray of flowers) from N.S. Wales, and this was won by Mrs. Fleetwood.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

It was decided to give each patient in hospital a small Xmas cheer gift, and Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Baynton will be the hospital visitors.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

Camouflage nets were railed to Rockhampton, and an acknowledgment from the convenor (Mrs. May) was received.

RECESS.

The branch will go into recess, and the next meeting will be held in February, and the date will be advertised in the "Observer."

COMPLIMENTS.

The President wished members the compliments of the season.

HEAVY FINES.

For having sold a bottle of lemonade for 5d, or 1d more than the maximum fixed price, P. Murphy, a Brisbane shopkeeper, was fined £15 with £2/8/- costs. Henry William Wightman, on a similar complaint, was fined £10, with £2/11/- costs. W. Winters was fined a total of £25 with £4/15/- costs on two charges of having sold apples above the maximum price.

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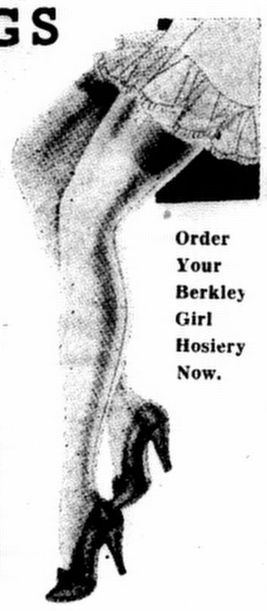

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GLADSTONE TOWN COUNCIL.

REGISTRATION OF DOGS.

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Legal action will be taken against the Keeper of any Dog who shall neglect to Register the same on or before 31st December, 1943.

(Signed) V. P. BRESLIN,
Acting Town Clerk.

Gladstone, 14th December, 1943.

RAZOR Blades last longer by using the Keena Sharpener. Only 1/4 each. Get one while stocks last. E. J. Masterson, Chemist, Gladstone.

WANTED KNOWN, etc.

AMBULANCE Old Time Dance, next Wednesday Night, Empire Theatre, by Mesdames M. McLeod and E. Padget.

AMBULANCE Xmas Hampers.—Tickets only 6d. First Prize on view

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FOR SALE.—Excellent Mixed Business, good takings, complete with Refrigerator and all Plant. Price, including Freehold, £750. Please apply Lance R. Weiske, Agent.

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On the day's play some comment is necessary.

Why do captains who win the toss always send the opposition to bat? On turf I can believe it: on concrete I cannot.

Bad fielding and catching are still bad factors. One would think that some players are too frightened to bend to field a ball, while others try with one hand. Some use their feet, but remember, your hands are still the safest.

When will captains name one player to go for a catch, not two or three, and then they all stop waiting for the other to take it. Good batsmen don't give too many chances, so grasp every chance you can.

Good returns to the wicket mean a lot to the keeper, and perhaps a wicket, as was shown last Sunday.

Another factor that can be improved upon is the running between the wickets. Too much indecision. One man calls, and one man only. Watch your partner, not the whole field, when running.

I believe the Association is trying to get a game with Rockhampton over the Xmas holidays, but will let you know about that later. So adieu until next week.

VALLEYS.—1st Innings.

F. Clohessy l.b.w. Tanner	16
T. Curran b. C. Stitt	2
G. Otto, run out	20
M. Lester c. Joyce b. Ross	30
A. Jones b. Ross	1
B. Ryalls c. C. Stitt b. Beale	6
C. Schmidt b. Campbell	2
J. Jefferis, l.b.w. Beale	2
V. Smith b.o.w. Ross	7
J. Hadgraft not out	18
P. Johnstone b. Beale	0
Sundries	6
Total	110

Bowling: C. Stitt 1 for 15, Costello 0 for 13, Ross 3 for 25, Tanner 1 for 20, Campbell 1 for 14, Beale 3 for 17.

PASTIMES.—1st Innings.

K. Ross b. Ryalls	4
N. Campbell run out	22
C. Tanner c. Clohessy b. Ryalls	6
J. Busteed c. Smith b. Ryalls	2
G. Beale b. Ryalls	22
T. Costello c. Schmidt b. Ryalls	13
D. Joyce run out	5
C. Stitt l.b.w. Ryalls	7
C. Jefferies st. Jefferis b. Ryalls	0
T. Duncan b. Hadgraft	1
A. Edwards not out	0
Sundries	7
Total	89

Bowling: P. Johnstone 0 for 9, A. Jones 0 for 25, Ryalls 7 for 34, Hadgraft 1 for 14.

VALLEYS.—2nd Innings.

F. Clohessy c. Tanner b. Beale	39
G. Otto c. Ross b. Beale	37
T. Curran b. Beale	11
M. Lester b. Tanner	6
A. Jones b. Beale	2
B. Ryalls l.b.w. Beale	4
C. Schmidt b. Tanner	18
J. Jefferis h.o.w. Tanner	7
V. Smith c. Joyce b. Beale	0
P. Johnstone c. Jefferies b. Tanner	1
J. Hadgraft not out	0
Sundries	6
Total	131

Bowling: Beale 6 for 61, Ross 0 for 28, Campbell 0 for 22, Tanner 4 for 14.

PASTIMES.—2nd Innings.

K. Ross not out	53
G. Beale b. Jones	9
T. Costello l.b.w. Schmidt	44
A. Edwards not out	3
Sundries	1
Total, 2 for	110

Bowling: Curran 0 for 16, Jones 1 for 38, Lester 0 for 12, Schmidt 1 for 21, Clohessy 0 for 22.

MEAT FOR RAILWAY MEN.

A deputation of railway men will meet the Minister for Customs in Melbourne on Monday and demand a higher meat ration. Railway unionists feel that loco. men who work under unusual and irregular conditions are entitled to a bigger ration than 2¼ lbs.

C.W. ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

Various Matters Dealt With

Mrs. E. W. Phillips presided over the monthly meeting of the Gladstone branch of the C.W. Association.

SILENT PRAYER.

The meeting opened with "My Creed," followed by a silent prayer for those bereaved and our fighting forces.

CREDIT BALANCE.

The financial statement revealed a credit balance of £47/18/10, and the Seaside Home and General Account £59/0/10½.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence included letters stating that the annual State conference would be held early in March.

Mrs. Burnham expressed her thanks to members.

Port Curtis Development League advised that the constitution called for only one delegate.

Central Executive notified that the seaside cottage was under the branch's care, and it was in their own hands to make decisions.

Town Council granted permission to lock the lavatory.

TRAVELLERS' AID.

Mrs. Hughes reported giving refreshments to eight children and one adult going through from Boulia (Western Queensland) to the Opthalmic Home for eye treatment.

MYSTERY PARCEL.

Mrs. Kearney forwarded a mystery parcel (a spray of flowers) from N.S. Wales, and this was won by Mrs. Fleetwood.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

It was decided to give each patient in hospital a small Xmas cheer gift, and Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Baynton will be the hospital visitors.

CAMOUFLAGE NETS.

Camouflage nets were railed to Rockhampton, and an acknowledgment from the convenor (Mrs. May) was received.

RECESS.

The branch will go into recess, and the next meeting will be held in February, and the date will be advertised in the "Observer."

COMPLIMENTS.

The President wished members the compliments of the season.

HEAVY FINES.

For having sold a bottle of lemonade for 5d, or 1d more than the maximum fixed price, P. Murphy, a Brisbane shopkeeper, was fined £15 with £2/8/- costs. Henry William Wightman, on a similar complaint, was fined £10, with £2/11/- costs. W. Winters was fined a total of £25 with £4/15/- costs on two charges of having sold apples above the maximum price.

How Your Christmas Present Helps Australia

Every penny you use to buy War Savings Certificates, 6d. War Savings Stamps and 5/- National Savings Stamps goes to buy equipment and arms for our men in the services. Your presents this year, therefore, help Australia as well as please their recipients.

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Johnny's but one of many boys and girls all over Australia who want the patriotic gifts that help Australia too. Make sure that amongst your youngsters' presents there's a War Savings Certificate, some War Savings Stamps or 5/- National Savings Stamps. If everyone does this, millions of pounds will become available as a grand contribution to Victory.

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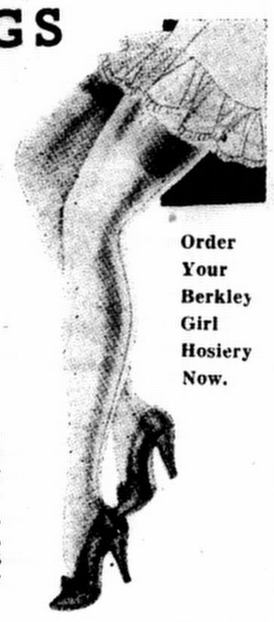

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Legal action will be taken against the Keeper of any Dog who shall neglect to Register the same on or before 31st December, 1943.

(Signed) V. P. BRESLIN,
Acting Town Clerk.

Gladstone, 14th December, 1943.

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FOR SALE.— Three Polled Hereford Bulls, No. 7's, good condition and good quality. Price 12 guineas cash. Particulars at Weiske's.

HONEY for Sale, any quantity, 60lb. tin 30/-, 7lbs. 4/-, on rail. Supply own container. Apply Bruce Ind, Taragoola.

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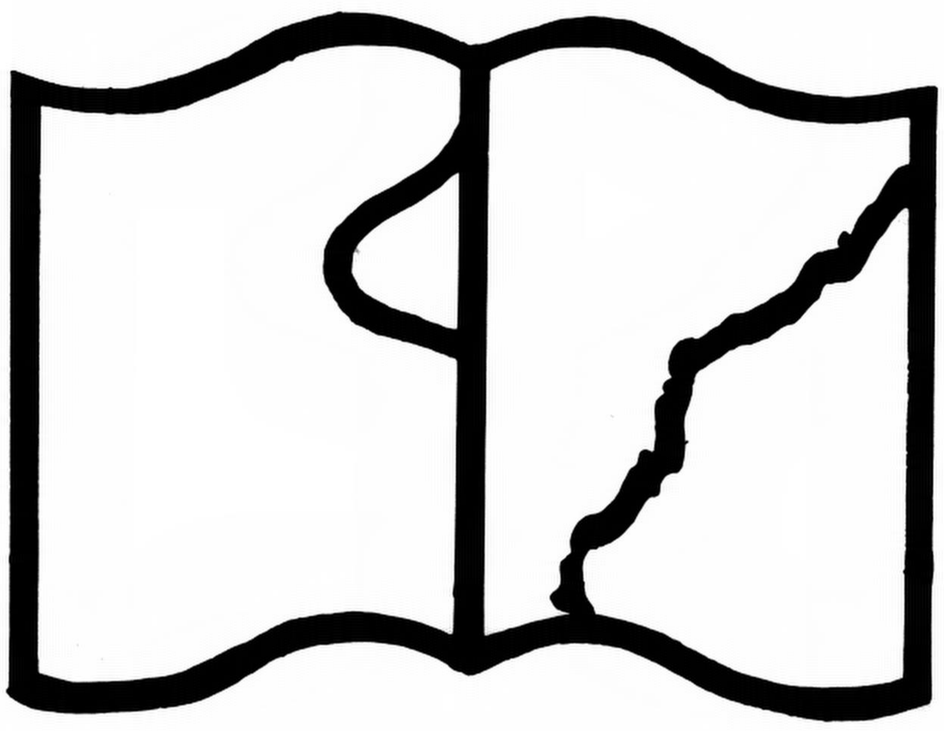

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In fact, he is such a big shot in union circles that he was invited to say a few words over the Australian Broadcasting Commission's network.

He utilised his time in an attack on preference to returned soldiers. Preference to returned men was a pernicious thing, he said, because in a properly ordered community there should be jobs for everyone.

What he did not mention was the fact that, while unions condemned preference to returned soldiers they wholeheartedly endorsed preference to unionists.

That doesn't sound quite right, does it?

Now, if the unions are not prepared to throw overboard preference to trade unionists, why should they attack preference to returned soldiers?

There are a good many of us returned from this war and the last who feel that preference is a hollow mockery in the form that it has been practised up to date. We are willing to take our chance of getting a job.

But we are not willing to have preference to unionists put into practice as a move to keep us out of jobs.

Particularly, as many of the unions are not admitting new members now, and many more will have closed their books before the war ends.

There are 800,000 people in the services, and a very great percentage of them are not unionists. This cannot be denied, because on present figures, which are greatly inflated by war work, there are only a million unionists in Australia.

And most of them are in civilian jobs.

We see no reason why they should be given preference over servicemen for jobs after the war.

released for war serivce, thus disenough for everybody after the war, then let Mr. Clarey and the other union and political bosses toss out union preference, and let the unionist take his chance for a job on his ability.

But if they don't think the jobs will go round, then let them come right out into the open and say that, in their opinion, a man who pays his union dues and strikes when he is told, is more worthy of a job than the man who has fought for his country. That would at least be honest.

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Behind every military victory on land, sea, and air, is a story of information gained which enabled the commander to surprise the enemy, attack him with superior forces, and to defeat him.

This is as true of the Coral Sea, of the Midway Island, and the Bismarck Sea battles as it is of Kokoda, Buna, Gona, and Alamein.

It must not be supposed that the merits of surprise as an essential element of victory are known only to the commander on our side.

Enemy commanders also have grasped the idea, and so every enemy commander also employs an Intelligence Service whose possitive role is to collect information about our resources and our intentions, so that he, the enemy commander, can surprise and defeat our forces, and thus earn the blessing of the Son of Heaven.

Thus we have a continuous battle of wits going on between the Intelligence Services of the combatants, each service striving to obtain information about its enemy, and each striving likewise to prevent the enemy Intelligence Service gaining this information. And that is the negative, but no less important function of intelligence, to prevent the enemy getting this information.

This article, being the first of a series, is more by the way of an introduction to those to follow.

In the following articles you will be told something as to how intelligence operates, illustrated by facts.

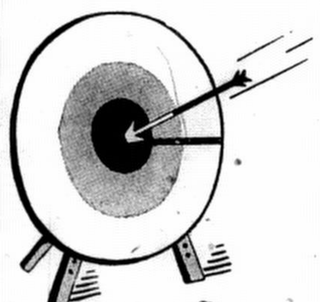
Remember, loose lips lose lives!

APPEAL FOR BOOKS AND CARDS

The Australian Comforts Fund is urgently appealing for books, magazines, playing cards, or any other indoor games or sporting material for the men of the fighting forces.

The men in the front line or outposts are entitled to these amenities of life, and the Fund asks residents to do their best to supply these articles.

Mr. A. W. Young, Gladstone Cash and Carry, has kindly consented to take possession of these donations, so please forward all you can without delay, and thus help the Fund to help the boys.



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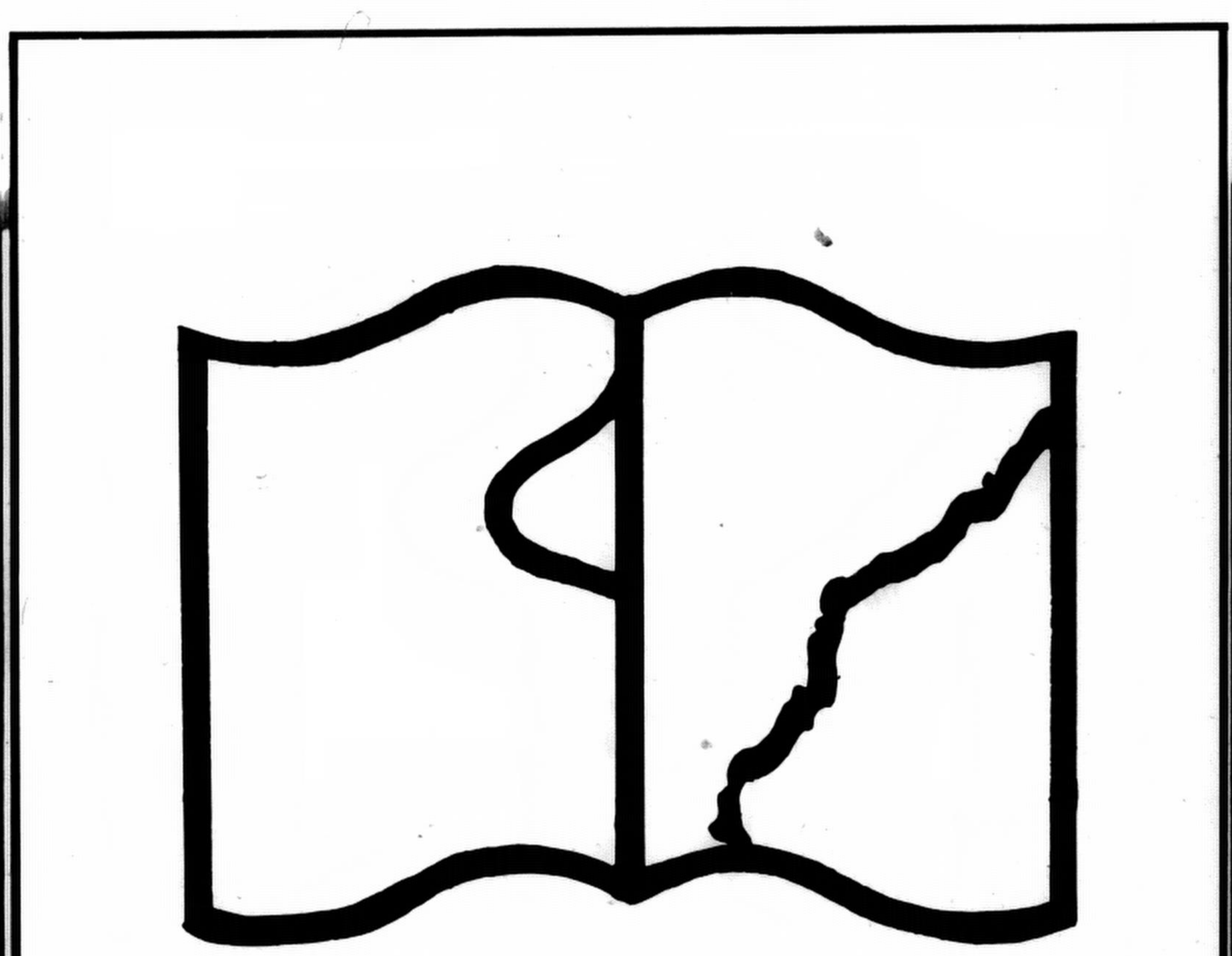

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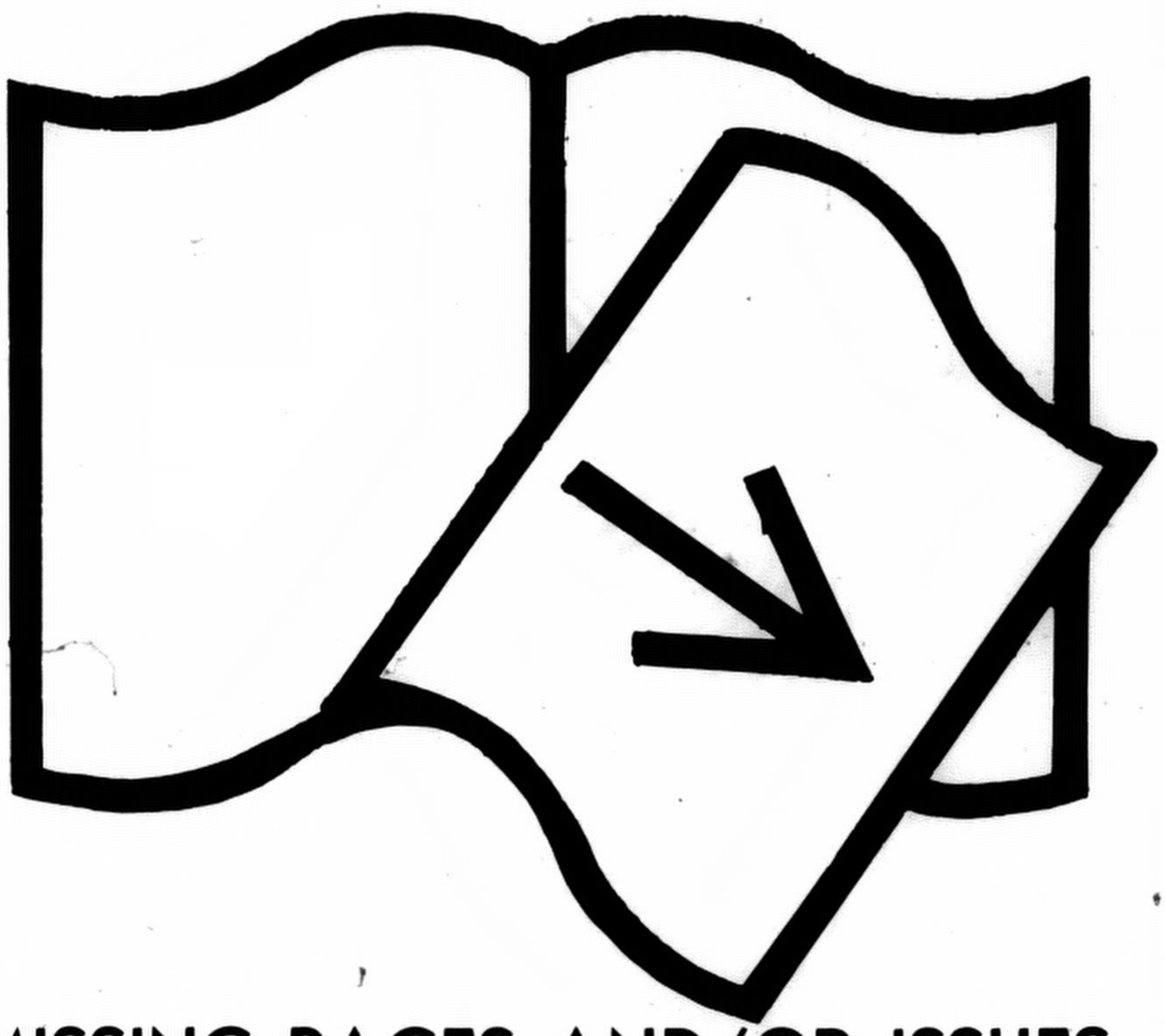

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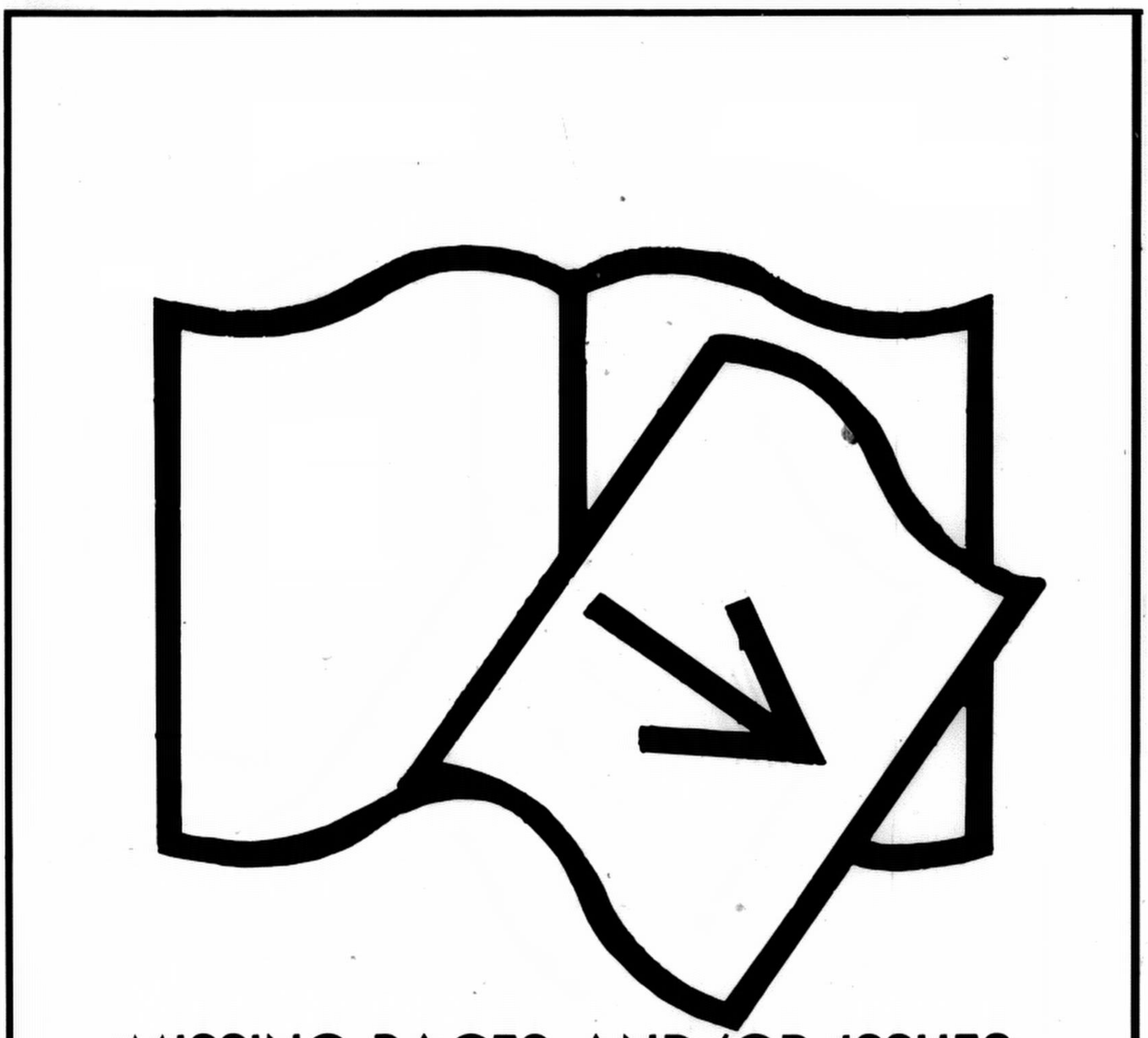

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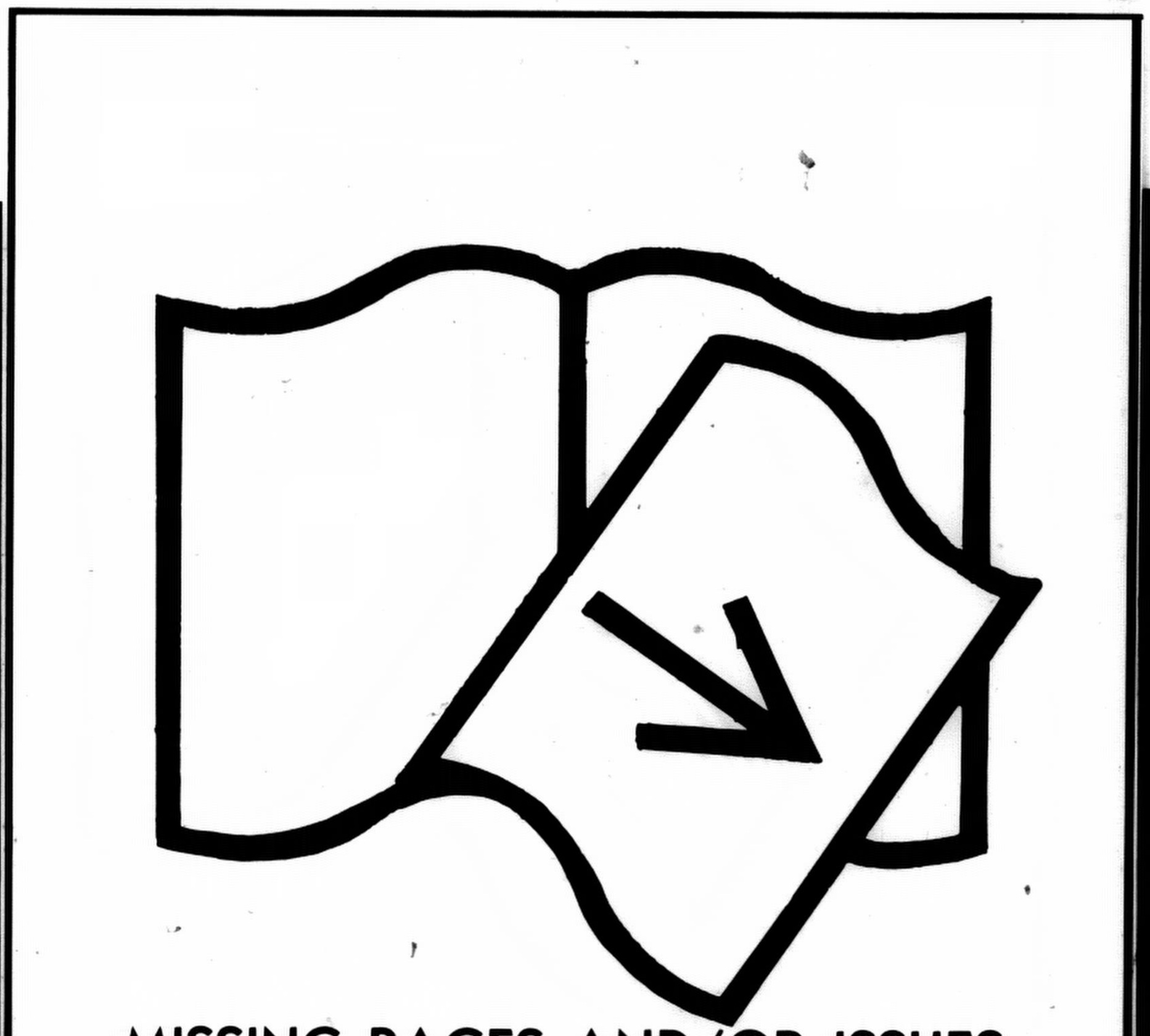

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"Loose Lips Lose Lives"

(No. 1)

This, and other similar articles to follow, has been compiled by Military Intelligence, A.M.F. They are being published with the hope that the public, whose co-operation is so necessary in so many directions of this war effort, may be encouraged to greater deligence in thwarting the enemy's search for information.

All the illustrations are based on fact. They are more than that, they are facts. In some cases, names, places, times or other circumstances have been altered in the telling, to protect innocent people from possible injury: and in other cases similar alterations have been made so that the enemy may not be presented even in these articles with easily acquired information.

For the reader may be assured that at some future time during this war, despite the vigilence of our Intelligence Service, a copy of these articles will have been translated into Japanese, and will have been read diligently by bespectacled Intelligence Officers sitting behind desks at Tokyo.

A commander in the field without an Intelligence Service would be like a blind boxer in the ring; his opponent could prance around him with impunity and would be able to deliver the knock-out blow when and where he wished.

The positive role of Intelligence is to be the eyes, ears and other senses of the Commander, collecting and presenting to him in logical form every scrap of information that can possibly be obtained about the enemy.

The essence of a Commander's plan can always be resolved to this simple feature—to concentrate his resources in greatest strength for striking where the enemy is weakest. Thus is complete victory in the field possible to any commander.

This is the fundamental rule of military strategy on the sea, in the air, on land.

Thus the positive role of intelligence fundamentally is to collect information about the enemy, pass it on to the commander, who will then decide where and when to strike.

Behind every military victory on land, sea, and air, is a story of information gained which enabled the commander to surprise the enemy, attack him with superior forces, and to defeat him.

This is as true of the Coral Sea, of the Midway Island, and the Bismarck Sea battles as it is of Kokoda, Buna, Gona, and Alamein.

It must not be supposed that the merits of surprise as an essential element of victory are known only to the commander on our side.

Enemy commanders also have grasped the idea, and so every enemy commander also employs an Intelligence Service whose possitive role is to collect information about our resources and our intentions, so that he, the enemy commander, can surprise and defeat our forces, and thus earn the blessing of the Son of Heaven.

Thus we have a continuous battle of wits going on between the Intelligence Services of the combatants, each service striving to obtain information about its enemy, and each striving likewise to prevent the enemy Intelligence Service gaining this information. And that is the negative, but no less important function of intelligence, to prevent the enemy getting this information.

This article, being the first of a series, is more by the way of an introduction to those to follow.

In the following articles you will be told something as to how intelligence operates, illustrated by facts.

Remember, loose lips lose lives!

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The following predictions are given in standard time, and not in Australian daylight saving time. Adjustment to the table must be made by adding one hour to the times given.

DECEMBER.

Date	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water a.m.	Low Water p.m.
18	1.36	1.40	.....	7.27	8.48
19	2.31	2.28	.....	8.25	9.37
20	3.35	3.22	.....	9.30	10.27
21	4.41	4.26	.....	10.31	11.16
22	5.45	5.32	.....	11.35	——
23	6.40	6.36	.....	12.04	12.34
24	7.28	7.23	.....	12.50	1.31
25	8.12	8.12	.....	1.33	2.24
26	8.55	8.58	.....	2.15	3.15
27	9.38	9.45	.....	3.00	4.07
28	10.20	11.32	.....	3.44	5.00
29	11.06	11.20	.....	4.30	5.50
30	11.50	——	.....	5.20	6.44
31	12.10	12.38	.....	6.13	7.35

THE MOON.

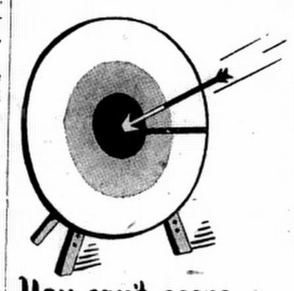
Last Quarter ..... December 20
New Moon ..... December 27

JANUARY.

Date.	High Water a.m.	High Water p.m.		Low Water. a.m.	Low Water. p.m.
1	1.04	1.26	.....	7.11	8.30
2	2.01	2.21	.....	8.15	9.24
3	3.09	3.21	.....	9.21	10.16
4	4.20	4.29	.....	10.34	11.10
5	5.35	5.39	.....	11.42	——
6	6.37	6.39	.....	12.01	12.49
7	7.30	7.31	.....	12.48	1.49
8	8.14	8.19	.....	1.32	2.41
9	8.54	9.00	.....	2.14	3.27
10	9.32	9.42	.....	2.54	4.09
11	10.08	10.22	.....	3.32	4.49
12	10.44	11.01	.....	4.10	5.26
13	11.19	11.40	.....	4.50	6.04
14	11.52	——	.....	5.29	6.40
15	12.19	12.26	.....	6.10	7.18
16	12.59	1.00	.....	6.54	7.58
17	1.41	1.38	.....	7.41	8.40
18	2.34	2.22	.....	8.40	9.30
19	3.35	3.20	.....	9.47	10.24
20	4.46	4.33	.....	10.55	11.17
21	5.55	5.49	.....	——	12.04
22	6.55	6.55	.....	12.11	1.06
23	7.46	7.50	.....	1.03	2.05
24	8.35	8.44	.....	1.54	3.00
25	9.20	9.32	.....	2.44	3.52
26	10.05	10.20	.....	3.32	4.44
27	10.50	11.07	.....	4.24	5.32
28	11.35	11.56	.....	5.15	6.20
29	——	12.20	.....	6.05	7.08
30	12.47	1.06	.....	7.00	7.56
31	1.40	1.55	.....	7.58	8.45

THE MOON.

First Quarter ..... January 3
Full Moon ..... January 10
Last Quarter ..... January 19
New Moon ..... January 26



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PREFERENCE TO SOLDIERS

A Hollow Mockery

(By "Returned Soldier")

One of the Victorian delegates to the Labour Party's Federal Conference is Mr. P. J. Clarey, M.L.C. and trade union big shot.

In fact, he is such a big shot in union circles that he was invited to say a few words over the Australian Broadcasting Commission's network.

He utilised his time in an attack on preference to returned soldiers. Preference to returned men was a pernicious thing, he said, because in a properly ordered community there should be jobs for everyone.

What he did not mention was the fact that, while unions condemned preference to returned soldiers they wholeheartedly endorsed preference to unionists.

That doesn't sound quite right, does it?

Now, if the unions are not prepared to throw overboard preference to trade unionists, why should they attack preference to returned soldiers?

There are a good many of us returned from this war and the last who feel that preference is a hollow mockery in the form that it has been practised up to date. We are willing to take our chance of getting a job.

But we are not willing to have preference to unionists put into practice as a move to keep us out of jobs.

Particularly, as many of the unions are not admitting new members now, and many more will have closed their books before the war ends.

There are 800,000 people in the services, and a very great percentage of them are not unionists. This cannot be denied, because on present figures, which are greatly inflated by war work, there are only a million unionists in Australia.

And most of them are in civilian jobs.

We see no reason why they should be given preference over servicemen for jobs after the war.

released for war serivce, thus disenough for everybody after the war, then let Mr. Clarey and the other union and political bosses toss out union preference, and let the unionist take his chance for a job on his ability.

But if they don't think the jobs will go round, then let them come right out into the open and say that, in their opinion, a man who pays his union dues and strikes when he is told, is more worthy of a job than the man who has fought for his country. That would at least be honest.

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